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## Port Hope Council – Sept 15

### Three delegations — Cameco, — Highland Shores Children’s Aid Society (HSCAS) — Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL).

Article by Bill Hornbostel

First was the presentation by Dale Clark, Vice President of Cameco, on a proposed change to the Vision in Motion project. The change would cancel both the Choate Street Extension and the fence relocation in the harbour’s turning basin.

“This change is possible,” said Clark, “because we are now confident that the new harbour wall that is being constructed by CNL [Canadian Nuclear Laboratories] will result in about seven metres of additional land in the turning basin area around our property. With that addition, there is enough land in this area for a trail or a boardwalk, or a pathway to be created if desired, as currently envisioned in the Waterfront Master Plan, and it is possible to do this without having to move the existing Cameco fence line in this area as we previously thought.”



Dale Clark

Clark noted that making these changes would affect two legal agreements with the Municipality.

Following Clark’s presentation, Councillor Jeff Lees asked about Cameco’s plans for the former waterworks site and the former Oliver’s garage. On the waterworks site, Clark said, “This does change the plans that we have had for that area. And so that allows us... the opportunity to talk and to

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collaborate.” On the garage, he said, “We don’t have current plans to remove that, that we use for current storage.”

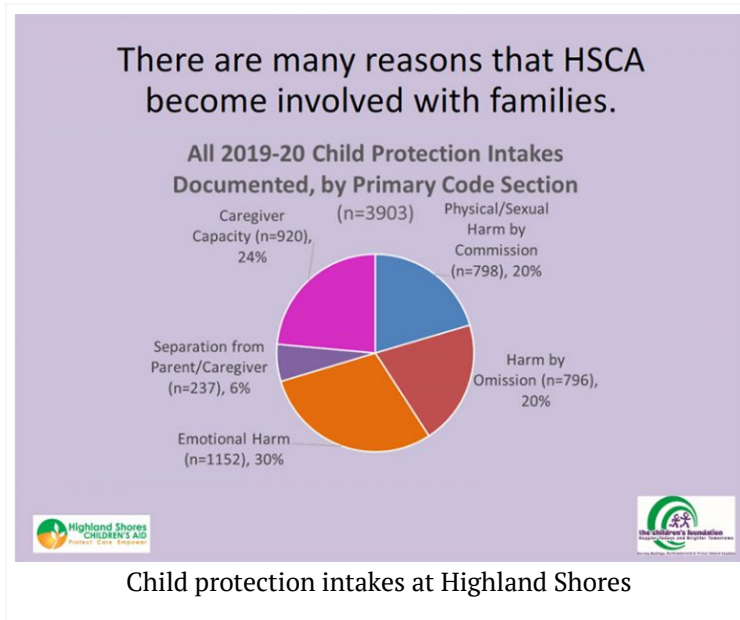


**Sandwiched between the nuclear industry presentations were Duane Durham and Erin Beatty from HSCAS, talking about October as Child Abuse Prevention Month.**

“Every October, Children’s Aid Societies, in partnership with social service organizations, government, and community members across Ontario run a provincial awareness campaign called **Dress Purple Day**,” said Beatty. “On October 27, we dress in purple to show families facing challenges that we care, and we can help. Its aim is to raise awareness about the supports that are available and how to access them. It’s also encouraging all Ontarians to do their part in supporting vulnerable families in their local community.”

“The majority of children receiving service from Highland Shores Children’s Aid is a result of families being unable to meet the children’s physical and emotional needs,” Beatty said. “Some of the difficulties that our families face include mental health concerns, addiction, social isolation, trauma, and extreme financial stress.”

“If you have any reason to believe that a child or youth is in need of protection, or is that a risk of harm, use your voice to speak up for them and make a call to Highland shores Children’s Aid; we can help,” said Beatty. “Our goal is to keep children at home with their families when it is safe to do so.”



Beatty added, “The main reason children were admitted to care in 2019 and 2020 is caregiver capacity. Analysis and admission to care spoke to the complexity of needs in children, resulting in a number of situations where children come into care due to lack of service rather than child protection concerns.”

For more information about the campaign, you may visit the Ontario Association of Children’s Aid Societies website, [oacas.org/dresspurpleday](http://www.oacas.org/dresspurpleday/) (<http://www.oacas.org/dresspurpleday/>); for more on HSCAS, you may visit [highlandshorescas.com](https://highlandshorescas.com/) (<https://highlandshorescas.com/>).

**“Things are bigger than we expected”**


The final delegation was from Scott Parnell, General Manager of the Historic Waste Management Program, and Richard Sexton, President and CEO of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (AECL). AECL is responsible for the safety of the Port Hope Area Initiative and the oversight of CNL.

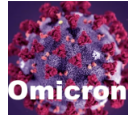
Parnell stated that CNL has asked the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) allow a change in the cleanup criteria for the Port Hope Area Initiative (PHAI). **Specifically, CNL has requested that the permitted concentration of arsenic be changed from 18 micrograms per gram (µg/g) to 100, and that for uranium be changed from 23 µg/g to 35.**


Sexton said, “It’s important to recognize that the current levels were established well before CNL and the community had an opportunity to fully understand what was actually involved.”




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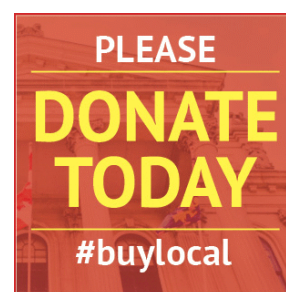
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“The real-life experience gained by completing a number of remediation activities in Port Hope, has made it very apparent to CNL, AECL, and many of the property owners, that the application of the generic cleanup levels as currently defined are frankly impractical and likely have a significant and likely will have a significant negative impact on both the natural and built characteristics of the town,” continued Sexton.

Parnell spoke about how CNL adopted “generic criteria” for the project. “The generic is typically more conservative because it doesn’t take into account any site-specific parameters,” he said.



Scott Parnell

“As we’ve gone along, and we’ve done more testing, we’ve done remediation, we’re getting out in the field, things are bigger than we expected,” continued Parnell. “We’re getting into things that could have unintended environmental consequences: more demolition, more tree removal, and potential negative impact to heritage features and just the natural character of the community.”



Richard Sexton

“The legal agreement lays out the criteria for the work that needs to be done; it wasn’t sent out as a regulatory order by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission,” Parnell added.

Parnell spoke about a public engagement process for changing the cleanup criteria. **“We want to know what concerns people have so that we can address them and make sure that we have the answers to those questions that are out there, and build some confidence in the stakeholders and [make sure the] information we have is accurate and available to everybody,” said Parnell.**

“We’re going to go about media campaigns, we’re going to have stakeholder liaisons, focus groups, some specialized meetings and just kind of roll out a whole lot of different opportunities for people to combine their input to the overall process,” continued Parnell. “And we want everybody in the community to join the conversations.”

Following the presentation, Lees asked how long the process with the CNSC would take. Parnell replied, “Ideally, we get it in front of the CNSC in the Spring and they make a decision, probably in early Summer. So, it would be a matter of six to eight months.”



## Two reports

Council received two reports directly. The first, from the **Asset Manager and GIS Coordinator**, informed Council about a **\$50 million program of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (and funded by Infrastructure Canada), the Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP)**. The program offers

funding to build up asset management programs, up to a maximum of \$50,000, and the deadline is September 22. Staff recommend applying for the grant “to obtain an objective level of service review.” Council passed a resolution in support of an application to the program.

In the second report, **the Tax and Revenue Manager wrote about the ability of Council, under sections 357 and 358 of the Municipal Act, to cancel, reduce, or refund taxes under certain circumstances.** This is normally delegated to the Budget Committee, but it has not because of COVID-19 cancellations. Council passed a resolution based on the report, writing off \$837.08 in taxes, of which the municipal portion is \$499.06.

**Council passed five other resolutions. The first adopted a new closed-meeting policy.** The second authorizes Staff to submit a grant application for additional funding for COVID-19 costs under Phase 2 of the Safe Restart Agreement. The third maintains current fees for the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture. The fourth issues a statement of support for the Municipality of West Grey’s resolution decrying systemic racism and in favour of anti-racism. The fifth appointed Rod Stewart to the Heritage Port Hope Advisory Committee.

**Council also passed two by-laws.** The first appointed David Smith to be Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of Port Hope. The second amended the Traffic and Parking By-Law to prohibit parking on the east side of Sylvan Glen Road, 150 metres north and south of the Ganaraska River.

**The Committee of the Whole received reports from Corporate Services, Community Development, Parks Recreation and Culture, and Works and Engineering.**

The first report from Corporate Services recommended a by-law to have a ten-year License Encroachment Agreement between the Municipality and David Charles Stambrook for encroachments at 83 Charles Street (the eaves, portico, and parts of the house).

The second report was the Second-Quarter Environmental Monitoring Results report from Cameco. This report noted the shutdown of the uranium conversion facility between April 15 and May 18 due to COVID-19, as well as incidents of exceeding limits: gamma radiation limits at one fence station, and two incidents of exceeding uranium levels at high-volume air samplers.

Community Development provided four reports to the Committee the first recommended a resolution to approve a Draft Plan of Subdivision off County Road 65 in Osaca; a lengthy discussion about developers renewing such plans without building anything followed. The second report recommended a resolution to amend the film policy to include new requirements for the COVID-19 pandemic. The third report provided notification of a Committee of Adjustment hearing to transfer a slice of property from 92-94 Pine Street South to 96 Pine Street South; the hearing will be on September 17 at 4:30pm on Zoom.

The fourth report outlined the case for a Municipal Services Corporation (MSC) for “serving as necessary means to advance sustainable, community and economic development plans and priorities.” The working name for the MSC is “Port Hope Community Investment Corporation.”

The report states, “The proposed MSC, an arm’s length, corporation with an independent Board of Directors, can serve as a means for the Municipality to support development projects, where it has a clear interest, to avoid situations where it may find itself fettering its own discretion.”

The report recommended a resolution to: post a draft Municipal Services Corporation Business Case on the Municipal website for a 30-day comment period; prepare a report to Council on the comments; and complete legal documents, budget, and timetable to establish the corporation as part of the report.

The Committee had a lengthy discussion about the purpose, process, and timing of the proposed MSC. The Committee voted down the recommendation in the report for moving forward with the MSC, and then voted in favour of having staff prepare a draft business case for the MSC for presentation to the Committee on October 6.

Parks, Recreation, and Culture gave two reports to the Committee. The first was an event activity report; while COVID-19 disrupted event programming, “[d]epartment programs are scheduled to resume on a modified schedule on September 14 and arena programming on September 21. Staff are currently reviewing and planning for a safe return to older adult programming relating to the Ruth Clarke Activity Centre (RCAC) and are working with the RCAC Board to resume modified programs at the Town Park Recreation Centre until safe return to the RCAC is feasible.”

The report added, “Details about the modified Halloween programming, Candlelight Festival and Santa Claus Parade will be shared with the community through a promotional campaign as we approach October and November. These events will not look the same as last year, but they will not be cancelled thanks to

the supportive and creative work of community partners such as the HBIA, Critical Mass, and the Port Hope Rotary Club.”

The second report from PRC recommended a resolution identifying part of the Waterfront Trail (along Lake Street, between Hope Street and the Sculthorpe Marsh) as an official and certified monarch butterfly waystation, to be dedicated to **Rod Parrott**.

The report from Works and Engineering recommended by-laws to name and assume the extension of Pemberton Drive and establish it as a public road, establish the 0.3 metre reserve along the road, and amend the Traffic and Parking By-Law to put in stop signs at the two ends of Pemberton Drive.

To watch the full video of the Council and Committee of the Whole meetings (including virtual meetings), you may visit the Port Hope YouTube channel, youtube.com/user/MunicipalityPortHope (https://www.youtube.com/user/MunicipalityPortHope). Zoom meetings are now also being livestreamed on the same YouTube channel.

For agendas, minutes, and calendar of meetings, you may visit Port Hope’s Council Portal, porthope.civicweb.net/Portal (https://porthope.civicweb.net/Portal/).

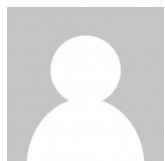
The agendas for both Council and Committee of the Whole meetings gives instructions to users both on how to log into the virtual Zoom meeting by either computer or phone, and how to ask questions during question period.

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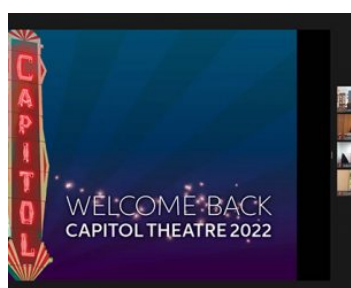
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