

## OPG in Bruce County - Community Update – October 2018

### Making the rounds:

Delegations from Ontario Power Generation (OPG) visited six Bruce-area municipal councils over the past month, to update mayors and councillors on our activities and operations at the Western Waste Management Facility. News coverage of these municipal briefings – as well as the questions from councillors – focused mainly on [expansion](#) of the site to add storage capacity, and on OPG's continuing and [respectful engagement](#) with Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON). OPG has committed that it will not build its proposed Deep Geologic Repository for low- and intermediate level waste at the Bruce site without SON support.

### Raising the roof:

Volunteers from OPG's Nuclear Waste Management team recently spent two days installing siding and flooring in new homes being built by [Habitat for Humanity Grey Bruce](#), on the Bruce Peninsula. For those of us who joined the effort, it was a joy to know that these four new homes, at the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation community at Neyaashiinigmiing, will be occupied by families before the end of this year.

### Making the grade:

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) has posted online, for public review, a draft of its [Regulatory Oversight Report for Canadian Nuclear Power Generating Sites: 2017](#). It gives OPG's waste facilities at the Bruce site an over-all rating of "satisfactory," the same as the year before. A satisfactory rating means safety and control measures are sufficiently effective, and compliance with regulatory requirements meets requirements and CNSC expectations. The CNSC will hold a public hearing on the report, with a live webcast, in Ottawa on November 8, 2018.

### Around Ontario:

- **Open doors:** Join us at the Darlington Refurbishment Open House, on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 1855 Energy Drive in Courtice, Ontario. Learn more about Canada's largest clean-energy project and the skilled professionals who are helping to power Ontario's future. Enjoy a virtual reality tour inside a nuclear facility and take a selfie in front of the world's first, full-scale reactor mock-up. [Details are at the OPG website](#).
- **Strong partnership:** OPG and the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne recently acknowledged the [10th anniversary](#) of the signing of their final-settlement agreement. "We have continued to build upon our partnership and relationship as good neighbours and as friends," said Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Grand Chief Abram Benedict. "Our community and Council takes great pride in the relationship we have with OPG and we look forward to many more years of positive outcomes."
- **Lovers of plovers:** The piping plover, a small and cute migratory shorebird, is slowly making a comeback on sandy beaches of Ontario's Great Lakes, including Lake Huron. After disappearing in the 1970s, they began to return after 2007, thanks to the tireless work of volunteers, biologists and local stewardship groups. To that end, [OPG is supporting](#) a new "Bring Back the Wild" campaign by Earth Rangers to raise funds for bird studies and help further protect the piping plover.

As always, if you have any questions, please give me a call.

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