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Bruce C Nuclear Project
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Via email: Bruce@iaac-aeic.gc.ca

RE: Brockton Submission to IAAC & CNSC on the Initial Project Description for the Bruce C New Nuclear Project

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Municipality of Brockton welcomes the opportunity to provide comments on the Initial Project Description (IPD) for the Bruce C Nuclear Project. The proposed Bruce C Nuclear project site is located less than 30km from the borders of the Municipality of Brockton and is a positive investment in the future of energy in Ontario. The project has a direct impact on our community and our residents. These comments have been prepared in response to IAAC's request to receive input from the parties that have an interest in the project.

It is understood IAAC is interested in how the project could affect the communities and is seeking to understand what is important to the communities. IAAC has also requested input on whether there are challenges that might prevent parties from participating in the process. This submission should help shape the guidelines that will direct the matters that need to be addressed by Bruce Power through the Impact Assessment process.

The Municipality of Brockton is located in Bruce County, with more than half of Brockton's residents residing in Walkerton. Walkerton is only a half hour drive to the beautiful Lake Huron Shorelines and forty minutes to Bruce Power. Brockton is a regional hub of Bruce County offering top notch schools, childcare, health care and government services with a vibrant downtown. In recent years, Walkerton has seen a significant increase in residential housing as a result of Bruce Power employees residing in our full-service community and an influx of residents from neighbouring communities. The Municipality has a long-standing relationship with Bruce Power and we are eager to assist in the success of the Bruce C Project by ensuring our community has the necessary infrastructure and services to support the continued growth.



We have outlined the areas of consideration that will be essential to ensure positive success of this exciting and large-scale project in the region that brings significant investment to the region.

Anticipated Impacts:

Economic Development

The Municipality of Brockton supports the government of Ontario's goal to electrify the economy and invest in clean energy, including nuclear. There will be a direct and indirect impact to provide economic stability in the region which will reflect positively throughout the region. The Bruce C Project will be a strong economic driver for the region.

Environmental Impacts

The Municipality of Brockton understands extensive studies have occurred in the past and the importance of continued environmental and human health considerations as the Bruce C project advances remain important.

Socio-economic Impacts

There will be increased demand on infrastructure and services delivered by the Municipality and other levels of government that impact the residents:

- Community and recreational infrastructure and services
- Emergency management planning and response
- Emergency services – fire, police and paramedics
- Growth management & land use planning services
- Housing, including market-housing and affordable community-based housing
- Roads and transportation infrastructure
- Sewer and water infrastructure
- Traffic and safety
- Waste management
- Childcare Services
- Public transportation(transit)
- Broadband internet and cellular coverage
- Local health care and hospitals (doctor recruitment)
- Public and Secondary Schools
- Post-secondary education
- Human Social Services
- County and Provincial highways
- Employment Services

- Immigration Services
- Long-term Care

The infrastructure and services delivered by municipalities and the upper tiers are critical to the success of nuclear and energy infrastructure projects and require ongoing investment.

Financial Impacts

There is a need to prepare communities for growth with ongoing support through Bruce Power's robust programs. These support communities and will require further enhancement as this project evolves. By investing in neighbouring communities, such as The Municipality of Brockton and contributing to community projects, it supports them as an employer and their employees. As part of the Clean Energy Frontier Region, municipalities being asked to play a vital role in Ontario and Canada's clean energy future, and require greater financial resources to invest in the infrastructure and services the underpin successful economic transition to clean energy, electrification and nuclear expansion.

Cumulative Impacts

While it is understood the Impact Assessment is only able to consider the potential Bruce C project, it is important for IAAC and CNSC to understand there is the possibility for cumulative socio-economic impacts with multiple energy projects being proposed in the region. Those projects include a prospective nuclear deep geological repository, a pumped storage facility, and a large-scale battery storage facility with additional solar, wind and battery projects being proposed by the province. While our comments focus on the anticipated impacts of the Bruce C Project, the Municipality of Brockton is conscious of the possible cumulative impacts based on the scale of potential projects in the region.

The Municipality of Brockton Council is a strong proponent of the benefit of nuclear to the community and the region. We support the work Bruce Power is advancing for the Bruce C Project and intend to be an active and engaged participant in this significant investment in the energy future of Ontario. We appreciate the opportunity to be engaged and provide comment on the Initial Project Description through the formal Impact Assessment process. The Municipality looks forward to continuing to engage with Bruce Power and the IAAC and CNSC throughout the process.

Sincerely,



Chris Peabody
Mayor