

What does the CAC talk about?

All meetings include an update from the Site Vice President or his alternate and an update on OPG's community activities from the Public Affairs Manager. Several additional topics are presented and discussed at each meeting. In 2003, the following topics were addressed:

- Ecological risk assessment
- Issues relating to contaminated lands
- Licence renewal
- Pickering Nuclear Environmental Performance Report
- Unscheduled shutdowns
- Communication policy
- Waste management facility environmental assessment (EA)
- Tritium investigation
- Human performance
- Green Power
- Radiological monitoring
- Review of progress on CWG issues
- Talk by Elizabeth Dowdeswell, President, Nuclear Waste Management Organization
- August blackout response
- Potential public alerting video approach in Durham Region
- Pickering 4 Operations report
- Proposed public website on radiological monitoring
- Emissions monitoring
- Issues relating to Environmental Assessment of Pickering A's Return to Service
- Pickering B review
- Dry fuel storage update
- OPG commitments regarding woodlot site
- Media relations

What is happening with the CWG issues?

At its inception, the CAC determined that its main responsibility was to focus on current and emerging concerns about Pickering Nuclear. Part of this responsibility

was to obtain basic, general information about nuclear technology and day-to-day plant operations.

This information, obtained over many meetings, provided a broad overview of actual and potential environment, health and safety impacts of plant operations. As well, the group was committed to taking up the specific issues inherited from the Community Working Group, but in a way that did not overwhelm current agendas. By clustering issues with similar content, e.g. environmental assessment or groundwater management, the CAC has made steady progress in obtaining information and commenting on these questions.

At this point, the CAC has addressed over a hundred of the CWG issues through the clustering approach. Of the approximately 50 residual issues, some have already been addressed through information distributed among various presentations to the CAC over the last three years and some public reports.

In 2004, the CAC will determine which issues have already been addressed through information previously provided and which issues still require formal presentations. The latter will be taken up as expeditiously as possible.

What is the CAC planning to do in 2004?

The primary focus will be to address matters of current concern to the plant and the community, on which CAC advice is sought by senior management on a timely basis. Among the broader challenges for 2004:

- Review membership of the CAC and introduce new members
- Integrate the follow-up reports on the CWG issues already addressed with OPG's regular environmental reporting to the community and the CAC.

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REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY UPDATE 2003 by the Community Advisory Council To Senior Management of OPG's Pickering Nuclear Generating Station

What is the CAC?

Since 1999 a group of citizens living or working in or near Durham Region has been providing candid but constructive advice to senior managers at Pickering Nuclear. Known as the Community Advisory Council (CAC), the group focuses on issues of concern to plant and community. CAC members have found that Ontario Power Generation management has listened to their advice and made their views an important part of company decision-making. Attendance at the monthly meetings is always high, because Council members believe they are making a positive difference in the way Pickering Nuclear operates and interacts with the community.

How did the CAC originate?

In 1998, responding to concerns expressed by the community, Pickering Nuclear established a Community Working Group. The CWG met over a period of five months to identify environmental issues from a public perspective. This work culminated in October 1998 with the tabling of a report itemizing a set of issues or questions asking: what are the environmental effects of normal operations at Pickering Nuclear and of potential spills, leaks or accidents?

The inventory covered issues common to any industrial setting as well as issues unique to nuclear plants. The exhaustive level of detail, and the fact that many of the topic areas were interrelated or overlapping, resulted in a total of 160 individual items being tabled. As a whole, however, the questions formed a comprehensive inventory of environmental issues at the Pickering site as understood by the CWG. Ontario Power Generation accepted that this list of questions and concerns needed to be responded to.

At the same time, OPG recognized a larger need to open up a more productive dialogue with neighbouring communities about the operations at the nuclear site.

In 1999, the Community Advisory Council was formed, with a broader mandate to participate in an ongoing dialogue with Pickering Nuclear and to provide an advisory function to senior management at the site. The CAC involved some members of the CWG as well as engaged representation from other community groups. With an approach to "working together for the common good", the CAC has reached out to additional community groups to encourage new members.

Terms of reference

www.opg.com/ops/Pickcac/N_PickCommAdv.asp



Members of the Community Advisory Council, from left to right, **Front:** Jim Dike, Joe Mroueh, Renrick Ashby, Liz Oliver, John Earley. **Rear:** Kevin Heritage, Jennifer Klepadlo, Joe Hunwicks, Gord MacPherson. *Not in photo:* Al Goodall, Lloyd Murray, James Parker

What does the CAC do?	Achievements through Dialogue
Offers advice to Ontario Power Generation (OPG) regarding health, safety, the environment and other topics, in response to managers’ presentations on company initiatives.	■ In 2003, CAC members gained important information from, and commented on more than 20 presentations from OPG managers and outside experts. These presentations – including several that focused on unexpected events at Pickering Nuclear – helped to keep OPG accountable to the CAC and the community.
Advises senior management at Pickering Nuclear on community concerns and flags potential problems in the relationship between plant and community.	■ In discussing a proposed location for OPG’s new nuclear headquarters in Durham Region, the CAC emphasized environmental and biodiversity commitments the company had made to the community regarding this land. Upon hearing reasoned arguments from a community perspective as presented by the CAC, OPG eliminated one proposed location from consideration. ■ Concerns expressed by the CAC resulted in a new policy of prompt disclosure of information to the general public regarding reactor shutdowns.
Reviews OPG’s performance in responding to the issues identified by the Community Working Group (the predecessor of the CAC).	■ To date, the CAC has discussed and agreed on a disposition for two thirds of the environmental issues identified by the CWG (<i>see details elsewhere in this report</i>).
Brings forth the views of stakeholder groups in the community and continues to raise new questions with OPG regarding environmental impacts and other areas.	■ Since January 2001, the CAC has raised 52 topics. OPG has responded to 41 of these by way of a report, an update or a presentation. All of the 11 outstanding topics are currently scheduled for 2004 meetings.

How are CAC members able to understand technical nuclear issues?

The process of nuclear power generation is complex, as is the operation of any large industrial facility. The CAC approach is to push OPG to communicate issues and progress in non-technical language, so that Council members can provide advice from an informed perspective. There is a two-way flow of information, as the management of Pickering Nuclear also needs to understand community concerns and attitudes, and incorporate community advice into decision-making activities at the site.

At no time does the CAC seek to displace direct communications between OPG and local municipal governments. The CAC is managed by an external facilitator and the process is funded by OPG.

Where does the CAC meet and when?

Meetings take place on the third Tuesday of the month (except in August) at the Pickering Nuclear Information Centre Auditorium. The meetings start at 6:00 pm and finish at 9:00 pm and are open to the public. From time to time, the CAC participates in facility tours to ensure a fuller understanding of the topics addressed on the agenda.

Where can I find the minutes?

Once they are approved by the CAC, minutes are posted on the website at:

www.opg.com/ops/Pickcac/N_PickCommAdv.asp

They are also available at public libraries in the Region.

Who are the members?		
CONSTITUENCY		MEMBERS
City of Pickering		Joe Hunwicks Tom Melymuk (<i>former member</i>)
Town of Ajax		Kevin Heritage
Durham Region		Lloyd Murray
Toronto Regional Conservation Authority		Gord McPherson
Fairport Beach Community Association		Paul White (<i>former member</i>)
Pickering East Shore Community Association		John Earley
West Rouge Community Association		Liz Oliver
Durham Nuclear Health Committee		Youssef Mroueh
Durham College		John McKenzie White (<i>former member</i>)
Business		Jennifer Klepadlo James Parker
Citizens at Large:	Ajax	Renrick Ashby Al Goodall
	Scarborough	Jim Dike
	Youth:	Mandy Chong (<i>former member</i>) Jamie Mitchell (<i>former member</i>)

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Every reputable company strives to be an excellent corporate citizen with the communities in which they operate. Ontario Power Generation is no different.

In order to achieve that goal in communities surrounding our Pickering Nuclear operations, it is especially important to be tuned into the needs of residents.

To that end, OPG is proud to have been able to tap into the views of local residents through the Community Advisory Council. Its members provide us with a unique insight into the opinions and attitudes of the citizenry to our current operations and future plans.

We rely on the CAC members to be up front and tell us when we are on track, and even more importantly, to let us know



Pat McNeil
Senior Vice-President,
Nuclear Strategy and Support

Above all, I feel that we have been able to treat each other with respect as we try to reconcile technical considerations with human wants and needs.

Our history to date has been highlighted by success and we look forward to continued input from this very valuable and valued group of dedicated individuals.

when they think we are headed in a wrong direction. They have not failed us in that mission.

The council’s advice and guidance is treated with respect and taken under serious consideration at all times. We have come to rely on the council as a valid and responsible sounding board for our ideas and proposals.