

Ambassador for Safety Award

The Safe Communities of Pickering-Ajax (SCOPA) presented Ontario Power Generation (OPG) with its Ambassador for Safety Business Partner Award during a recent safety conference held in Ajax in early October.

"Their commitment to safety and protection of the environment is uncompromising and absolute," said SCOPA's Jim McKinnon.

"Last but not least, and I admire this, OPG believes that a target of zero injuries is achievable. This is not only good business sense, it shows a commitment to protecting their employees and sending them home as healthy as they arrived at work," Mr. McKinnon said.

The conference was hosted by the Industrial Accident Prevention

Association on Oct. 9 and drew about 300 delegates from across the province.

OPG was proud to be one of the founding partners when SCOPA was formed on Nov. 25, 1998. As SCOPA approaches its 10-year anniversary, OPG continues to be a proud contributing partner.

SCOPA's outreach in our communities is extensive. They offer health and safety programs with a focus on small business, youth, seniors, and crime prevention.

SCOPA is a tremendous community-based organization that is making a real difference where we work and live, here in Pickering and Ajax.



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Greg Jackson (Manager of Safety Strategy) and Olwen Gover (Senior Communications Advisor) of Ontario Power Generation accept the Ambassador for Safety Business Partner Award, presented by Jim McKinnon of Safe Communities of Pickering-Ajax.

Sunshine for Tuesdays on the trail



1,500 people. Along with community partners and environmental experts, families explored habitats, played games and made crafts.

Kids of all ages enjoyed discovering the woodlot imps and other sculptures in the park, creating their own wooden keepsakes, finding frogs and turtles in our newly created wetland, investigating the world of insects, building the best sandcastles, and experiencing a bit of early life in Pickering. Again this year, the Tuesdays on the Trail program proved to be great fun for the whole family.

Thank you to all of the children who helped make these events so much fun, and of course special thanks to our valued community partners who help to make our community a great place to live and work.

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We're already finalizing our events as part of the City of Pickering's Winterfest and March Break. Mark your calendar for our Senior's event with a holiday movie and light lunch on Dec. 10 and our family event celebrating holidays in December to be held on Dec. 13 at our Information Centre. Pre-registration will be required. Watch our next editions of Neighbours for more details. You can also call us at 905-837-7272 or e-mail us at cheryl.johnston@opg.com.

For eight Tuesdays in July and August, the Pickering Waterfront Trail and Alex Robertson Park were buzzing with fun and educational environmental activities. And if you can believe it – there was no rain!

The Tuesdays on the Trail program, offering free summer activities to our community, was enjoyed by more than

Neighbours

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Plugging into clean power

Ontario Power Generation (OPG) and General Motors Canada (GMC) are working together to drive home the message that plug-in electric cars are on the horizon, and they will be powered by an Ontario electricity system that will become increasingly cleaner.

Vehicles such as GM's new electric car, the Volt, will be powered by clean electricity sources such as hydroelectric, wind, solar and nuclear.

GM's new electric car scheduled to be on the road in late 2010, will be able to travel 65 kilometres on a single battery charge. With the on-board fuel-powered generator, the battery can be recharged while driving, extending the car's range to more than several hundred kilometres.



OPG Chief Nuclear Officer Tom Mitchell at the Canadian unveiling of the new Chevrolet Volt, with Ontario Minister of Transportation Jim Bradley (left) and GM Canada VP of Corporate Affairs David Paterson.

"We're really excited to team up with GM and to be able to feature this innovative electric vehicle that will recharge at night with low emission electricity when you plug it in," said Bruce Boland, SVP Corporate Public Affairs. "We are also proud of our role in providing clean nuclear and hydro power that is the foundation for the electricity system that will power these electric cars."

To view some of the shared messaging, please visit www.opg.com/plug/index2.asp.

Top Employees make Top Employers

Ontario Power Generation (OPG) has once again been named as one of Canada's Top 100 Employers for 2009. Canada's Top 100 Employers is an annual guide to "best practices" in recruitment and retention. To be chosen, an organization must be a leader in its industry in attracting and retaining quality employees. For the second year in a row, OPG was chosen from among thousands of organizations across Canada, from every region of the country and every major industry.

OPG has also been chosen as one of Greater Toronto's Top 75 Employers for 2009. This is the third year in a row that OPG has won this regional competition.

"I am proud of this recognition and of the 11,500 individuals who contribute to making our business a success," said OPG President and CEO, Jim Hankinson.



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You asked us:



What is the impact of nuclear stations on property values?

Studies and research on property values have shown no substantial change based on proximity to the Pickering or Darlington Nuclear sites. In fact, property values in communities with nuclear facilities have generally shown increases in land values attributed to the demand for housing related to the employment opportunities these facilities create.

The latest Colliers data (a comprehensive industry report) confirms this, with Pickering detached dwelling units commanding the highest average price in Durham Region.

The nuclear stations in Durham Region provide large numbers of well-paid careers, tax revenue, and corporate citizenship contributions to strengthen the social and economic infrastructure.

Annual Report Meeting

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) is holding public meetings to discuss its Annual CNSC Staff Report for 2007 on the Safety Performance of the Canadian Nuclear Power Industry. In Pickering, the meeting will be held at the East Shore Community Centre on November 24, beginning at 7 p.m.

In summary, CNSC staff concludes that OPG and the rest of the Canadian nuclear power industry operated its nuclear power plants safely in 2007. For more information, please visit the CNSC website at www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca.



The recent Take Pride in Pickering event saw some 200 community volunteers plant almost 650 trees and shrubs in Alex Robertson Park to fill in a gap in the wildlife corridor across the site. Over 7,000 trees and shrubs have now been planted. The newly formed Environmental Stewardship Pickering partnership (OPG, City of Pickering, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, Pickering East Shore Community Association and others) hopes to expand this environmental enhancement program across the City of Pickering. Watch upcoming editions of Neighbours to see how you can get involved. You can also phone Chris Walker at 905-839-1151 ext. 8358 or e-mail him at c.walker@opg.com.

Committed to Safety and Reliable Production



A message from Mark Elliott, Site Vice President, Pickering A

It was a busy summer in our station and industry experience shows the risk of employee injuries increases during vacation periods.

I am pleased to report that Pickering Nuclear employees retained their focus on safety over this period which represents almost 3 million hours worked without a lost-time injury.

At the recent Industrial Accident Prevention Association's annual Spirit Conference held in Ajax, OPG received recognition from the Safe Communities of Pickering-Ajax (SCOPA) with its Ambassador for Safety Business Partner Award. Jim McKinnon, SCOPA Chair, said that as a community partner OPG has "demonstrated a leadership role in supporting injury prevention and safety promotion programs."

Mr. McKinnon went on to say, "OPG believes that a target of zero injuries is achievable. This is not only good business sense, it shows a commitment to protecting their employees and sending them home as healthy as they arrived at work."

This type of recognition from a group such as SCOPA that has done so much to improve our community safety is a source of pride for me and all my co-workers at OPG. It reinforces that our commitment to safety as our first priority at all times is the right approach and compels us to redouble our efforts.

We are also committed to reliably producing electricity for our province and I am pleased to report that Unit 4 has been operating particularly well. Its capability factor as of the end of August was just over 93%. You may recall that Unit 4 was the first of the two Pickering A units to be returned to service and the investment is really starting to pay dividends. We expect the story to be the same for Unit 1 as we continue to gain operating experience. Its capability factor is lower primarily due to a two-month maintenance outage on a fuelling machine.

For the same period on the Pickering B side, Unit 5 has a capability factor of just over 92% and Unit 6 has a capability factor of just over 94%. Again, that is very good performance. Unit 7 and 8 were due for their scheduled major maintenance outages this year and have also had unplanned outages so their production numbers are tracking lower.

For the first half of this year, Pickering Nuclear produced about 13% of the electrical needs for our province or about 9.9 terrawatt hours.

Paul's Way



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"I choose the United Way of Ajax-Pickering-Uxbridge as my way to contribute as a volunteer because I feel it's the best way to make a difference in my community," said Paul Truong.

The United Way touches the lives of one out of every three people in

our community, explains Paul, and is a leader in social services and advocacy for everyone with a focus on youth, seniors, women, and mentally challenged.

Paul is currently the Chair of the Board for our local United Way and has served with them since 1999. He also volunteers with Durham Regional Police Services, Canadian Community Scholarship Fund, and as an ambassador for Ontario Power Generation (OPG) at a variety of OPG-sponsored events such as Canada & Technology Science Fairs. Paul's years of volunteer efforts have been recognized by our provincial and federal governments.

By day, Paul is a project manager with Business Services and Information Technology Division and works out of our 889 Brock Road building. "I've always wanted to give back to my community and working for OPG has inspired me to do even more," says Paul. "Our company is not just a good corporate citizen, but it encourages its employees to get involved too."

A few other OPG employees are also volunteers with the United Way of Ajax-Pickering-Uxbridge. Carrie-Anne Atkins serves on the Board of Directors, while Don Terry and Laura Miller serve on the communications team for this year's campaign cabinet. Penny Forbeck has been seconded for four months to support this year's annual campaign.

To find out more about this year's annual campaign and ways that you can be of support, please phone 905-686-0606 or visit www.uwayapu.org.

Public Comments Welcomed

Federal review on new nuclear at Darlington

If you have thoughts on the new nuclear project at Darlington, here is your opportunity to have your say. OPG has been conducting thorough environmental studies at the Darlington site and has undertaken extensive community consultation in Clarington and across Durham Region, as part of the environmental assessment (EA) process for new nuclear at Darlington.

In September 2008, the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) released for public review two key documents that are part of the federal reviews for this project. The draft environmental impact statement guidelines describe what needs to be included in the Darlington EA. Another document, the draft Joint Review Panel terms and agreement, describes how the panel, assessing the environmental impact of new nuclear at Darlington, will function. They are available on the Canadian Environmental Assessment Registry (CEAR Reference number 07-05-29525).

The public is invited to provide comments on both documents, to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (www.ceaa.gc.ca). The public comment period ends Nov. 19, 2008.

CNSC public hearing for EA on Pickering B

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) has announced they will hold a one-day public hearing to consider the results of the environmental assessment (EA) screening of OPG's potential project for the refurbishment and continued operation of Pickering B. The hearing will be held Dec. 10, 2008 at the Ajax Convention Centre.

In December 2007, following thorough studies and community consultation, OPG submitted the EA Study Report to the CNSC. The report and the 13 technical study support documents contain more than 4000 pages of information and are the culmination of almost two years of environmental studies and public consultation. The EA conclusion is there are unlikely to be any significant effects from the Pickering B refurbishment. All of OPG's reports are available on our project web site www.opg.com/pickeringb.

In July 2008, the CNSC released a Draft EA Screening Report for the project. It confirmed there are no significant impacts, given mitigation, resulting from refurbishment or continued operation following refurbishment. The CNSC held two community information sessions in Pickering and accepted public comment and input on their draft report.

Community input is a very important part of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency's review processes for both of these projects. To learn more about the opportunity to participate in the public comment and hearings processes visit www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca or www.ceaa.gc.ca.