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Environmental Study for Refurbishment Complete

Thanks for input and support

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) has approved the environmental assessment (EA) for the refurbishment and continued operation of Pickering B.

"The CNSC's decision reflects the results of the two and a half year comprehensive environmental impact study that was conducted," said Pat McNeil, Senior Vice President for Generation Development. "Having generated more than 4,000 pages of documentation, OPG's study involved extensive stakeholder input from the community, organizations, elected officials, and many local, provincial and federal agencies to ensure we completed the most thorough EA possible."

"Our thanks go out to everyone for their input into the EA and involvement in the process," acknowledged Mr. McNeil. "The Pickering community supports our operations and demonstrated that commitment throughout the EA process."

While the CNSC's decision on the EA is one input to the ultimate decision of whether to refurbish Pickering B.

"This is a complex decision," said Mr. McNeil, "and we are continuing our due diligence to consider all aspects of the proposed project. It is a decision that will be made in consideration of all of OPG's plans for creating a cleaner generation portfolio that will reliably, safely, and effectively meet Ontario's future electricity needs with one of the cleanest generating portfolios in North America."

Friends of a feather in all kinds of weather



Join us for March Break Madness

Ontario Power Generation is pleased to offer fun and educational opportunities for families during March Break again this year. To find out more about our planned programs and community partners, like WindReach Farm (where this photo was taken last March Break) be sure to review the back page of this newsletter.



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Skills for Environmental Success

A forum to help grow your green group

Environmental Stewardship Pickering (ESP) wants to help community green groups maximize their success. So, they are hosting a free environmental leadership forum on Saturday, March 28 at the Pickering Civic Centre.

Chris Winter of the Ontario Conservation Council is the keynote speaker and workshops are planned with experts on leading interpretive hikes, communication strategies, attracting and retaining volunteers, adopt a pond programs, securing funding, and tree health and maintenance. It will also be a great opportunity to network with other environmental interests in Pickering and to learn more about ESP's future plans.

The forum will run from 9:15 a.m. to about 2:15 p.m. with refreshments and lunch provided. Attendance is free.

For further information, please e-mail stewardship@city.on.ca or call 905.420.4660 ext. 2212.

What is ESP?

ESP (Environmental Stewardship Pickering) is a partnership among Ontario Power Generation, the City of Pickering, Toronto and Region Conservation, the Ajax Pickering Board of Trade, the Pickering East Shore Community Association, and Durham Sustainability.

It's a fairly new organization which sprung out of a desire to maintain the momentum gathered by these same organizations, along with community volunteers, during the successful Frenchman's Bay Watershed Rehabilitation Project. During this nine-year project, 90 educational workshops were held, over 7,000 native trees and shrubs were planted, a new ephemeral amphibian pond was established, 205 nesting boxes were installed, 35 monitoring programs were established, and a large number of other environmental enhancement activities were undertaken.

ESP members plan to help grow the same type of environmental efforts across the City of Pickering.

Earning Ontarian's Trust and Support



A message from Paul Pasquet, Senior Vice President, Pickering B

The people of Ontario expect electricity to be

available when they need it and at a reasonable cost. Since Ontario Power Generation produces about 70% of the electricity used in our province, we understand the accountability that comes with those expectations. And our employees understand that we must safely and reliably deliver every day to continue earning Ontarian's trust.

Last year, we completed a review of support services across Ontario Power Generation and launched initiatives that will increase productivity and lower costs. As part of these efforts, we have further increased our already strong commitment to finding energy efficiencies in all our operations. (For more details on our results, please see the article on this page, entitled Energy Efficiency Year Round.)

Targeted maintenance programs, equipment upgrades and plant condition improvements help to keep our nuclear fleet and other generating units performing at effective levels.

Our nuclear fleet safely produced 48.2 terrawatt hours of electricity in 2008. Those are our highest production numbers in over seven years. And it means that Ontario Power Generation's nuclear units produced 33% of the electricity used in Ontario last year.

So far this year, five of our nuclear units are running with unit capability factors of over 90 per cent.

I'm proud to say that the people of Ontario can count on Ontario Power Generation to deliver clean, safe, reliable, and low-cost electricity they need and want now and into the future.

**Paul Pasquet
SVP, Pickering B**

Energy Efficiency Year Round

At 8:30 on the night of March 28, people across Durham Region and around the world will turn their lights off for one hour—Earth Hour.

Ontario Power Generation will participate by minimizing lighting as much as possible in our major administration buildings across Durham Region. In addition, we will reduce common area and exterior lighting where reasonably possible. In minimizing lighting, we will ensure that we do not jeopardize the safety and security of our employees.

While Earth Hour is a symbolic event to raise awareness about energy conservation, we strive for increased energy efficiency every day. Energy efficiency is an important part of Ontario Power Generation's sustainability efforts.

At Ontario Power Generation, we work as hard to save a kilowatt as we do to make one.

Since 1994, our company has saved 2.3 terrawatt hours of energy. That's enough electricity to power almost 200,000 homes for a year and offset as

much as 2.2 million tonnes of CO₂ that would have been emitted into the air. It also represents a cost saving of about \$109 million per year (4.6 cents per kilowatt-hour).

In fact, Ontario's Chief Energy Conservation Officer Peter Love presented OPG with a certificate of achievement recognizing "the leadership role taken by organizations that have made long-term commitments to conserve electricity in Ontario."



June 2008 Community Advisory Council Meeting where Peter Love presented Cara Clairman with the recognition certificate for our energy efficiency achievements.



Wrapped up in the rhapsody of art

Joyful sights and sounds abound during "An Evening of Visual Art and Jazz" featuring the artworks of OPG nuclear employees. In this picture, saxophonist Dana Kimpel and artist Macaulay Eteli enjoy each others work.

Fusion at Pickering Nuclear

As Ontario's leading producer of electricity, we utilize the power of fission at our nuclear generating stations. But Ontario Power Generation recently hosted an event which demonstrated the power of fusion (not the nuclear type), billed as "An Evening of Visual Art and Jazz".

With our partners from PineRidge Arts Council, we invited friends of the arts to come see how a fuel handling operator captures nature's beauty and whether a person who tests the strength of concrete can paint a delicate portrait. We promised to show them what some of our employees with highly technical jobs produce when they're not busy producing electricity.

About 80 participants enjoyed the artwork of Macaulay Eteli, Jacqueline La Frano, Susan Jobse, Paul James, Petre Jifcu, Anne Waters, Tom Spatz, and Daniel Jenkins. They were also entertained by the jazz styling of The Brian Rose Little Big Band, featuring Pickering Nuclear's Dana Kimpel on the saxophone.

The annual Employee Art Show is part of our partnership with PineRidge Arts Council on their "Art in Public Places" program which sees the works of community artists on display in our Information Centre year round. We invite you to support the arts in our communities and to come view the latest exhibit on weekdays between 8:30 and 4 p.m. at 1675 Montgomery Park Road.



It's Our Way

Ontario Power Generation and its employees were proud to be recognized with the Corporate Citizenship Award at the recent annual campaign wrap-up event for the United Way of Ajax-Pickering-Uxbridge.

While awards are not why we support the United Way and other worthy community organizations, we appreciate the confirmation that our efforts are making a difference in the communities where we work and live.

"Ontario Power Generation goes that extra mile to support the community and United Way. Whenever we ask for their help, they always step up to the plate," said Jennifer Meyer, Resource Development Manager.

OPG employees contributed more than \$80,000 to our local United Way's fundraising campaign this year. OPG employee Penny Forbeck also joined the United Way Campaign on secondment for four months. OPG employee volunteers include: Board of Directors Chair Paul Truong, Board Director Carrie-Anne Atkins, Communications Committee member Laura Miller, and Campaign Team member Don Terry.

Don Terry's contributions to the United Way were also recognized with a Campaign Chair's Select Award.

"We are fortunate as an organization to partner with a company that is truly committed to strengthening our communities," said Ms. Meyer. "Many of our agencies also benefit from both financial and volunteer support from OPG."

While the latest United Way campaign has drawn to a close, it's never too late to contribute with financial or volunteer support. Please visit www.uwayapu.org or phone 905-686-0606 and learn how to make it your way.

Bowl for Kids Sake

Ontario Power Generation and its employees are proud to be part of the Bowl for Kids Sake in support of Big Brothers & Sisters of Ajax-Pickering again this year. It's a great event which helps improve the lives of young people in our community.

"Big Brothers & Sisters changes the lives of not just young people, but also their adult mentors," said Don Terry, Honourary Chair and 2008 Big Brother of the Year. "The programs are simple, but tremendously powerful."

Children involved in the programs have improved self-confidence, better sense of right and wrong, improved school

grades, and better relationships with family, teachers, and peers. The lives of adult volunteers are enriched by the joy of making a difference in a child's future and by developing a life-long friendship.

You can help by bowling on the weekend of March 27 to 29 with the support of sponsorship from your family, friends, and co-workers. Put together a team to make it even more fun. There are prizes to be won, but ultimately there's no better prize than knowing you have helped a great community cause.

For more information on Bowl for Kids Sake, year-round programs, and volunteer opportunities, please visit www.bbandofoap.com, send an e-mail to info@bbandofoap.com or phone 905-831-3777.

March Break MADNESS

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Looking for fun and exciting things to do during March Break? Here's what Pickering Nuclear is offering to friends and neighbours **March 16-20**, whatever the weather.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Positively Puppets

Monday, March 16

Pickering Nuclear Information Centre (10 a.m. or 1 p.m.)
Join Puppet Master Tom Vandenberg and friends:



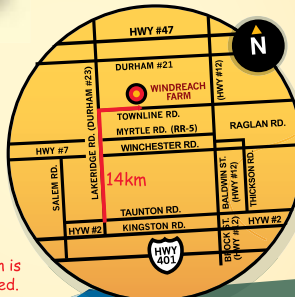
Morning: Tom's Amazing Cats: (ages 0 to 7)
It's an amazing variety show full of feline fun and magic, suitable for the younger set.

Afternoon: Too Much Garbage: (ages 7 - 12)
What can we do to help the environment? Tom and his friends teach children they have the power to make a difference.

Admission and crafts are FREE. On line registration is required at www.opg.com/community. Space is limited. Guests must be registered to be eligible to participate.

Fun at the Farm **Wednesday, March 18**

WindReach Farm (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.)



Join us at the farm! Try snow shoeing, meet wooly farm animals, visit the farm museum, enjoy wagon rides, have fun with Durham Farm Connections, see what's happening at the riding stable and even ice-skate (weather permitting). Dress warmly.

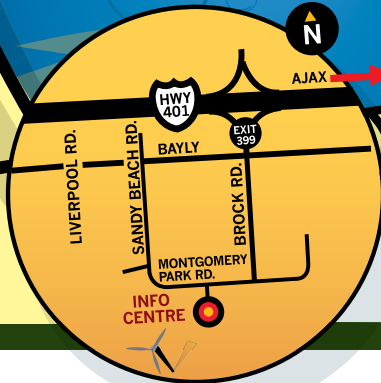
A \$15 donation to WindReach would be greatly appreciated. WindReach Farm is a charitable organization that offers a working farm experience specially designed to enrich the lives of persons with disabilities. Fully wheelchair accessible.

On line registration is required at www.opg.com/community. Space is limited. Guests must be registered to be eligible to participate.

Take the Plunge!

Tuesday, March 17

Pickering Recreation Complex (7 p.m. - 9 p.m.)
Lots of splashing, lots of laughing and great exercise for all ages. We value the Pickering Recreation Complex, 1867 Valleyfarm Road. We value the opportunity to promote our message of water safety in the community. Admission is free during program hours. Maximum pool capacity is 300.



DON'T TAKE OFF YOUR PJ'S DAY

Thursday, March 19
Pickering Nuclear Information Centre (10 a.m. or 1 p.m.)

Come in your pajamas to enjoy the magic of story-telling with Heather Whaley. Friends from Pickering Library will be on hand to talk about the wide range of programs they offer to people of all ages and interests.

Admission and crafts are FREE. On line registration is required at www.opg.com/community. Space is limited. Guests must be registered to be eligible to participate.

Early Settlers at Purple Woods Conservation Area Maple Syrup Festival

Friday, March 20, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Visit the "early settlers" from Pickering Museum Village for pioneering activities. Purple Woods is located in Oshawa, approximately 20 minutes north of Taunton Road, at the intersection of Simcoe Street and Coates Road.

(Note: \$7 per family admission fee to Purple Woods. OPG-sponsored activities with Pickering Museum Village are FREE.)



For more information on our March Break program, please call the Pickering Nuclear Community Information Line at **905-837-7272**.

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