

Thanks for Joining Us

In November, Ontario Power Generation completed our fourth round of community information sessions to get your input on the environmental assessment (EA) currently underway for OPG's new nuclear at Darlington project. We met with many people in eight sessions at locations from Ajax to Cobourg and north to Lindsay.

Thank you for providing your feedback, suggestions and questions. The reports of our community information sessions are available online at www.opg.com/newbuild, under "More Information."

We are committed to ensuring our communities have many opportunities to speak with us, at sessions like these or any time. If you missed us this fall we will be hosting another series of sessions in spring 2009.

In the meantime, we are very interested in receiving your input and addressing any questions you have. Please contact us at www.opg.com/newbuild or call us at 1-866-487-6006.

Darlington Hosts Fire-Protection Conference



Ontario Power Generation (OPG) Darlington Nuclear recently hosted a two-day national conference for nuclear fire-protection professionals from stations in Region 1 (on the eastern side of North America). The conference was a welcomed opportunity for collaboration and sharing best practices.

More than fifty delegates attended from nuclear stations such as: Bruce Nuclear (Ontario); Gentilly (Quebec); Calvert Cliffs (Maryland); Limerick (Pennsylvania); Pilgrim (Massachusetts); and FitzPatrick (New York).

Held at the Darlington Information Centre, the attendees participated in round tables and information exchanges, as well as a keynote address on performance leadership. Visitors also toured Darlington Nuclear and Wesleyville's Fire Protection Academy. Darlington staff was pleased to host the group and learn from others in the quest to continuously improve our fire protection practices.

Darlington Employee receives Volunteer Service Award

Darlington Nuclear employee Scott Yeo recently received the Exemplary Service Medal for twenty years of volunteering with Clarington Fire and Emergency Services.

Scott works as a Civil Maintainer in the Operations and Maintenance department, and has been a Volunteer/Part-Time Firefighter since 1988. He started volunteering at Station 3 in Orono and is now a Captain at Station 1 in Bowmanville.

"I joined the Fire Department in Orono to give back to the

community. This type of work is not for everyone. When you're called to duty you must stop whatever you're doing and respond to the fire hall. You never know the nature of the call or how long the call will take," said Scott, adding, "Over the years this experience has been very rewarding, and some fires, such as the Downtown Bowmanville and Caledon Propane fires, I will never forget fighting." Scott is one of approximately 15 OPG employees who volunteer with Clarington Fire and Emergency Services.



Fire Chief Gord Weir, Mayor Jim Abernethy, Captain Scott Yeo, and Peter Guiry, representing the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office.

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Darlington Nuclear wins Corporate Habitat of the Year Award

On November 18, Darlington Nuclear was selected from 146 sites across North America to receive the Corporate Habitat of the Year Award from the Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC). The award recognizes continuous site improvement in wildlife habitat enhancement and restoration, and use of lands for teaching.

"We should all be very proud of this international recognition. This is an excellent example of being able to run a major electrical generating station while also maintaining an exemplary environmental program," said Senior Vice President Wayne Robbins. Darlington Nuclear has been certified by the WHC since 1997 as a 'Wildlife Habitat' site, and since 1999 as a 'Corporate Lands for Learning' site.

OPG has eleven WHC certified sites across the province which must recertify every three years. Darlington Nuclear is the second OPG site to be recognized with this prestigious award, as Pickering Nuclear has twice been honoured. OPG was also named winner of the second annual Wings Over Wetlands Award at the WHC symposium (see story on page 3). This award is presented by the WHC and Ducks Unlimited, and recognizes exemplary corporate participation in wetland stewardship.

In celebration of their 20th Anniversary, the WHC also awarded 21 sites with the Signatures of Sustainability Award. Both Pickering and Darlington sites were among those selected.

These awards are a result of the team efforts of OPG staff, our community partners and volunteers. OPG's safe, reliable and environmentally-responsible operations continue to demonstrate our commitment to being a good corporate citizen and environmental steward.



OPG brings plug-in buses to Durham Region

Ontario Power Generation (OPG) is helping drive the future of mass transportation with cleaner, environmentally-friendly buses.

With OPG's financial support, the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) restored two electric buses rerouted from the rim of the Grand Canyon. Previously used to transport tourists, the buses were refurbished to make them roadworthy for environmental research and education in Ontario.

The low-floor shuttle buses look like any other bus except there is no exhaust pipe and the engine is barely audible. In the future, the next generation of environmentally-friendly, plug-in electric buses will be charged overnight by an electricity system that is becoming cleaner in our province over time.

"OPG is committed to partnerships like this electric bus research program with UOIT that foster an understanding of

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ISO 14001 Certification - Darlington Nuclear
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Durham OPG Employees Donate \$847,000 to Charities



Darlington Nuclear "TV stars" donated more than \$6700 in royalties to Bowmanville's Memorial Hospital Foundation. Employees donated all royalties received from an appearance in a Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities television commercial filmed inside Darlington Nuclear.

Local charities got a big boost as OPG employees across Durham have dug deep to help those in need.

Employees working at locations across Durham Region have donated \$847,000 in support of community charities as part of Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) annual employee charity campaign. OPG employees across the province donated a total of \$1.95 million dollars.

Pickering Nuclear employees donated \$283,882, while Nuclear Support staff located in Pickering and Ajax contributed \$326,626, and Darlington Nuclear employees donated \$236,537 through payroll deductions, one-time donations, and support of special events. OPG employees across the province donated a total of \$1.95 million dollars.

"This is welcome news for many less-fortunate families in our communities and the organizations that support them," said Chief Nuclear Officer Tom Mitchell. "We're pleased to be in a position as a company and individuals to offer this type of support, especially during these uncertain economic times."

Employees can designate their charity of choice. Local charities benefiting from the campaign included Durham Region hospitals, the United Way, Community Care, women shelters and many more key local community support organizations.

Ontario Power Generation not only enables employees to volunteer to manage the annual charity campaign, but also absorbs the costs of processing and delivering the donated funds to the charities.

Our Commitment To Durham Region



**A message from
Tom Mitchell
Chief Nuclear Officer**

After enjoying a time of celebration with family and friends, we traditionally enter into the New Year brimming with hope and optimism. Unfortunately the current global economic turbulence means some families, community

organizations, and businesses are entering the New Year facing hardship and uncertainty.

Nonetheless, as a major employer in Durham Region, Ontario Power Generation is committed to continued leadership in our host communities during these uncertain economic times.

First, we will continue to safely operate our business as safely, efficiently and effectively as possible. To that end, a review of support services across our corporation was completed last year and we have undertaken a number of changes that will net greater productivity at less cost. As part of these efforts, we have further increased our already strong commitment to finding energy efficiencies in all our operations. We strive to work as hard to save a kilowatt as we do to make one.

Next, we will continue to play a significant role in efforts to better the overall economic situation in Durham Region. We will maintain our leadership role with organizations such as Durham Strategic Energy Alliance, Durham Economic Prosperity Committee, the Oshawa Strategic Adjustment Committee, boards of trade, and chambers of commerce. We will continue partnering with the University of Ontario Institute of Technology and Durham College to develop the type of programs that will prepare the highly skilled workers we will need to gradually replace an aging workforce.

In June 2008, the government announced OPG would be the operator of two new nuclear units at Darlington. Infrastructure Ontario is currently leading a team that includes OPG, to select a technology and constructor of the new units. That process is expected to be completed before summer, 2009. As well, we will be reviewing the potential for future refurbishment of both the Pickering B and Darlington stations.

Throughout all of this, we will continue to support the strong social infrastructure that is so important in our communities. I am proud that our Durham Region employees have donated about \$847,000 to support charitable community organizations through our annual Charity Campaign. I am also proud of the strong community commitment our employees demonstrate through volunteerism. And Ontario Power Generation is committed to continued corporate citizenship in support of bettering our host communities.

During 2009, you can count on Ontario Power Generation and its employees to deliver the safe, clean, low-cost electricity you need, and also to play leadership roles as partners and volunteers for key organizations across Durham Region.

OPG Wins 'Wings Over Wetlands' Award

Ontario Power Generation (OPG) has received international recognition after being named winner of the second annual **Wings Over Wetlands** Award at the 2008 Wildlife Habitat Council symposium. This award is presented by the Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC) and Ducks Unlimited, and recognizes exemplary corporate participation in wetland stewardship.

OPG and Ducks Unlimited have collaborated on a number of projects to protect and enhance important wetland habitats across Ontario. At Darlington Nuclear, wetland development and restoration projects have improved waterfowl habitat; while a collaboration at the Lennox Generating Station (near Kingston) restored a highly productive and biologically diverse 110-acre wetland. In addition, OPG and Ducks Unlimited have worked together to enhance wetland habitats on several hydro reservoirs in northern Ontario.

Between 1991 and 2007, OPG also contributed to Ducks Unlimited and the 'Eastern Habitat Joint Venture' in support of several wetland conservation projects throughout Ontario (including Second Marsh, located in Oshawa).

"Ontario Power Generation continues to be an active partner with Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC)," said Manager

of Provincial Operations for DUC Ontario, Jim Brennan. "It is encouraging to see an environmentally-responsible organization such as Ontario Power Generation continuing to play a leadership role in helping to conserve wetlands and habitat for the benefit of waterfowl, wildlife and people. The actions we have taken together will have an enduring positive impact on the health of the environment in Ontario."



Accepting award from Scott Sutherland - Ducks Unlimited on behalf of Darlington employees are Liette Lemieux, Beverly Forget, Susan Bragg and Rachel Dawson.



Welcome new Deputy Vice President, Glenn Jager!

A familiar face has returned to Darlington Nuclear, and chances are you'll see him around town as well. Bowmanville resident Glenn Jager

is the new Deputy Vice President of Darlington Nuclear.

A long-time employee of OPG and its predecessor company Ontario Hydro, Glenn's leadership over the last 27 years has helped guide the company in safe electrical production.

Most recently, Glenn was Director of Operations and Maintenance for the Pickering B Nuclear Station. Prior

to that, Glenn held the position of Shift Manager at Pickering B and Maintenance Manager at Darlington. Glenn was chosen for a two-year secondment with the World Association of Nuclear Operators (WANO) in Atlanta, where he graded nuclear facilities across the United States.

Glenn, his wife and three children have called Bowmanville 'home' for the past 15 years, and enjoy the small-town feeling of the area. A former leader of the 7th Bowmanville Scouts, Glenn says, "As a member of this community, I have a keen interest in ensuring Darlington operates safely and performs well."

Active in their community, the Jager family enjoys the local municipal recreational facilities, snowboarding at nearby Kirby Ski Club, cycling

and water skiing. Glenn is an active cyclist, and his wife teaches yoga and spinning classes in the community. Glenn also puts his engineering mind to the test as he tries to rebuild the plane he's been working on for the past thirteen years. As a certified pilot, he is looking forward to the day the project is complete and he can take to the air.

Glenn is excited about his new role at Darlington, and notes, "While there's a lot that will be happening at Darlington in the very near future -- including the potential for a new nuclear station and refurbishment of our existing station -- we must continue to operate our facility safely while striving for operational excellence. He adds, "I'll be doing my part, along with the highly capable staff at Darlington Nuclear, to make sure the Darlington site is ready for the exciting new things in our future."



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emerging technologies and provide training for the highly-skilled men and women who will meet Ontario's future energy needs," said Bill Robinson, Senior Vice President, Nuclear Refurbishment, OPG. "This investment represents one of many investments we make here in Durham, and elsewhere in Ontario, in support of education and training for our young people."

UOIT is planning a series of upgrades using the latest technologies in these buses to showcase electric vehicle technology. The buses are also being used in an outreach program with local schools and education programs. They will illustrate the importance of alternative fuel sources, environmental challenges, and how innovative research conducted on campus will contribute to the evolution of transit.

OPG is very supportive of the training and research being done at UOIT to further develop a cleaner, sustainable energy sector. As Ontario looks for new ways to bring transportation technology onto the electricity grid over the next decade, night-time base load nuclear, hydroelectric and wind generation available in the province will allow Ontarians to plug into a cleaner alternative to fossil fuels.