

Neighbours – Spring 2023

Pickering and Darlington Nuclear Generating Stations

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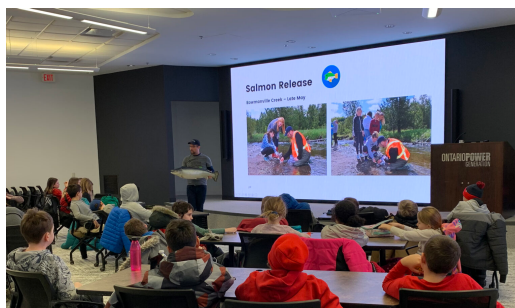
Making a difference in our community

Each year, OPG employees donate a tremendous amount of food, toys, and other items in need, in support of the annual Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS) Food and Toy Drive. The 2022 drive was no exception with staff donating toys for all age groups and a large selection of nonperishable food items. The annual drive helps provide support to more than 30,000 individuals and families from the local community. A big thank you goes out to donors and volunteers. Together, we are helping make a difference in our community for those who need it most.

Helping bring back the salmon

For almost two decades, the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH), along with many other partners have been working to bring Atlantic Salmon back to Lake Ontario through their Bring Back the Salmon, Lake Ontario Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program.

This treasured species is an important part of our natural heritage and part of Ontario's rich biodiversity, and OPG is pleased to be a continued supporter of this program.



OPG is proud to be a lead sponsor of the Bring Back the Salmon Lake Ontario Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program.

In January, grades four, five and six students from Central Public Elementary School in Bowmanville, and Biidaasige Mandamin Elementary School in Pickering, joined OPG and OFAH staff for the launch of our two educational salmon hatcheries at the Darlington Nuclear Information Centre. Each hatchery is now home

to 100 salmon eggs.

Over the winter and spring months, students will track progress of the eggs with the help of local Conservation Authorities as part of OPG's outreach and educational component of the program. In late spring, they will release the fry (young salmon) into both Pickering's Duffins Creek and the Bowmanville Creek.

Public support is key to the achievement of this historic restoration effort.

The Darlington Refurbishment Project – Canada's largest clean-energy initiative



Darlington Nuclear Generating Station

After successfully completing the first of four units, the Darlington Refurbishment Project is into the final half of the 10-year execution, with Darlington Units 3 and 1 undergoing refurbishment execution at the same time.

Once complete, this project will enable production of clean, safe, low-cost, and emission-free electricity from the Darlington station for an additional 30-plus years. With detailed planning, quality workmanship and the dedicated support of OPG's skilled workforce, our project partners, suppliers, contractors, and Ontario's robust nuclear supply chain, we look forward to completing the project safely, on schedule, and on budget.

Learn more at [opg.com/darlingtonrefurb](https://www.opg.com/darlingtonrefurb)

OPG helps "Be the Roar" in Durham Region



2023 Parasport Sledge Hockey

OPG was pleased to once again sponsor the Ontario Parasport Games which took place this past February at various venues throughout the Durham Region.

The Ontario Parasport Games were first delivered in 1975 by the City of Cambridge. Since then, the games have grown to more than 500 participants competing in 10+ sports. The Parasport Games celebrate inclusiveness and accessibility as well as the dedication and commitment of the athletes.

OPG's very own Spot the Robot Dog performed the ceremonial puck drop at the sledge hockey game and was on hand with OPG employees, family, and friends to cheer on athletes and "Be the Roar." The games were held at various sporting events across the community, including at the Abilities Centre, one of the many local sponsors of the games.

Darlington New Nuclear Project

Site preparation work continues

The Darlington New Nuclear Project team has continued with site preparation activities since it began in October 2022. This work consists of non-nuclear infrastructure activities, such as clearing and grading a portion of the new nuclear site to build roads, utilities, and support buildings.

In support of this work, OPG is constructing a roadway on the eastern portion of the Darlington Nuclear site. To prioritize the safety of users, the Darlington Waterfront Trail will be diverted away from the construction and rerouted along Energy Drive; access to the trail will remain available on this rerouted path. The portion of the trail west of Hold Rd. will not be impacted. OPG will seek to reestablish full access to the trail in stages when it is safe to do so.

Learn more at [opg.com/newnuclear](https://www.opg.com/newnuclear)

DNNP in the community

42

responses to public inquiries
from websites, phone calls and
emails

218

individuals registered for our
Public Information Sessions

2,400+

people attended our
Community Open House in
2022

20

community events attended in
the Durham Region in 2022

17

gatherings with community
committees in 2022

Project timeline

Click on ⓘ below to read more information on milestones and related documents.

2006

May 2006

Ontario directs OPG to initiate the federal approvals



2006-2009

OPG conducts Environmental Assessment



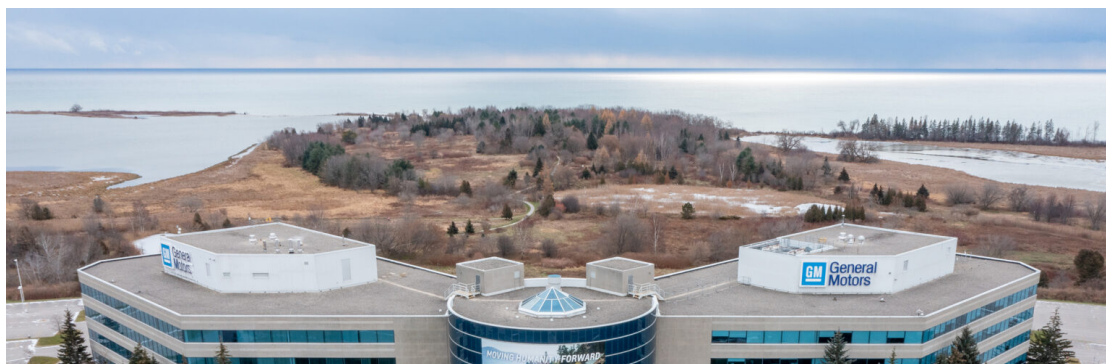
OPG's corporate headquarters

OPG announced plans to locate its new Corporate Headquarters at the former GM Building in the Region of Durham. OPG had previously announced plans to construct a new headquarters in the Clarington Energy Park, adjacent to its Darlington Energy Complex. OPG revisited its plan when an economical, sustainable option of repurposing an existing building became available.

"A lot has changed over the last three years, but what hasn't changed is our commitment to bringing our team together under one roof to create an even more connected and engaged workforce. Renovating and repurposing a suitable existing building makes sense from both an economic and environmental perspective. We look forward to welcoming employees to our new headquarters in Durham Region."

Ken Hartwick, OPG President and CEO

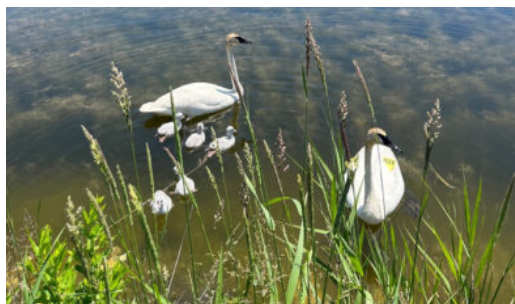
With OPG's advancement of Small Modular Reactors (SMRs), nuclear generation, isotope production, and other clean energy technologies, the Darlington site has become an international destination.





OPG purchases former GM building in Durham Region to serve as new corporate headquarters

Certified gold



OPG's biodiversity programs awarded a Wildlife Habitat Council Gold Certification

Wesleyville sites have recently been awarded Gold Certification by the Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC) for their biodiversity programs. The WHC certifies conservation programs on corporate lands around the world. The Gold Certification is a three-year designation, after which the station will have to reapply. The initiatives at Darlington, Pickering, and Wesleyville are part of OPG's biodiversity program, which aims to protect and nurture species and their habitats wherever the company operates. Across the company, OPG is engaged in a number of programs with conservation authorities and environmental agencies that range from habitat restoration to planting native trees and shrubs to managing ponds and wetlands. These nature-based solutions will be important in helping OPG and the province build resilience and reach our climate change goals.

Durham Region nuclear preparedness

The Region of Durham tests its public alerting system each spring and fall.

Visit durham.ca/nuclearpreparedness for more information.

Tuesdays on the Trail

Join us for another summer season of FREE, fun and educational drop-in style programs brought to you by Pickering and Darlington Nuclear. The program runs on select Tuesdays throughout July and August.

Stay tuned to opg.com/durham for further event details!

Feed the need in Durham

The amount of people using Durham food banks remains at an all-time high.

Learn how you can give at feedtheneedinurham.ca

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Upcoming events



OPG in the community this spring and summer

May 6 to August 29

[See schedule](#)



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