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## Activities

- 2016 was a full year of activities for the CAC
- 9 meetings, including 2 site tours
- Some transition in membership
- Fair attendance (range 50% to 75%)
- Balanced mix of OPG and outside presenters
- Continuing relationship with Darlington CAC on “common content” items

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## Key themes

- Focus on PNGS extended operations:
  - Crucial role for Pickering to support the Darlington Refurbishment project during transition
  - Thorough examination of technical readiness and peer review of assumptions and capabilities
  - Considerable external peer review activities
  - The importance of creating informed dialogue with the community about the Extended Operations plan for the site
  - Council input on enhanced public meeting schedule, print and website activities

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## Key themes

- Absolute importance of safety in operations:
  - Understanding of the challenges involved in maintaining high performance to the last day of operation, safely and effectively
  - Reflected positively in human safety statistics and in incident reporting performance
  - Peer review processes very positive on “safety culture”
  - Beyond site performance itself – planning and implementing safeguards (Fukushima- driven upgrades)
  - Emergency planning activities, drills and local learning opportunities

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## Key themes

- **Emphasis on Emergency Preparedness:**
  - Enhanced public interest in this topic and concerns expressed locally and more broadly
  - Involving outside experts from Region and Province at the Council meetings
  - Potential regulatory changes by CSA and EMO
  - Input into OPG communications vehicles
  - Participation in the Open House in the fall
  - Participation in Emergency planning activities and drills

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## Key themes

- Waste Management & Decommissioning:
  - PWMF excellent safety record
  - PWMF licence adjustment in support of Extended Operations
  - Site Repurposing – on hold; but youth-oriented recommended work successfully completed
  - DGR – the process continues to evolve with a decision possible this year and additional public comment periods likely
  - NWMO – site selection process narrows

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## Continuing themes

- Solid environmental performance:
  - EMP – overview of performance
  - Specific updates on particular issues like strategies for fish management and groundwater movement
- Reflection on Social Investment:
- Positive relationship with the regulator:
  - Decision by CAC to intervene in the Darlington hearing for relicensing
  - New CNSC Director shared annual report at November meeting
  - CNSC bulletin sharing process in minutes

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## Looking forward to 2017

- Relicensing preparation of submission will be the central theme – a major focus for the site and for sharing information with the public up to and including the CNSC Hearings in 2018
- Emergency Preparedness will be a continuing focus as a result of potential regulatory changes and public questioning of nuclear power as a supply source
- Waste management also likely to be in the public eye – PWMF licence, DGR resolution, nwm0 next phase and other nuclear waste projects in Ontario

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## Looking forward to 2017 CAC

- Actively seeking input on key interest areas:
- Appropriate involvement in Relicensing preparation and in helping the site shape useful and timely public communications on this topic
- Assist in supporting and refining Emergency Preparedness communications activities
- Keep up to date on happenings at Darlington and continue with joint meetings on common content topics
- Concentrating content for Council meetings to optimize schedule.
- Plan for a 2017 Community Update publication

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## Areas for improvement

- Aligning content to meeting schedule more effectively could result in fewer meetings
- With a changing membership, consider your needs for additional background information
- Larger membership often means lower attendance
- Composition of the CAC needs to reflect the community: youth, local neighbourhood associations, multicultural groups, other?
- We think that we have aligned our communication methods with your needs – if not, let us know.

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