



**Toronto Community Liaison Committee  
Meeting Record**

**Meeting Date:** June 29, 2023

**BWXT:** Monifa Miller, Senior Director, Corporate Affairs  
 Dave Snopek, Director of EHS & Regulation Affairs  
 Carlos Reyes, Communications & Community Relations Specialist  
 Jack Chang, Manager, Production  
 Brenda Palma, Specialist, Communications

**CLC Members:** Jose Santano, Jamie Karr, Brice Moroz, Roger Desrochers.

**Absent:** Robert Church, Pedro Correira, Heather Dougherty, Pippa Feinstein, Hannah Fleisher, Linda Irvine, Dave McNee, Jennifer Wickenden

**Guests:** None

**Action Items:**

Action Item	Status
1. BWXT to share more education about the radiation levels and the meaning of numbering system.	Open
2. BWXT to share information about pellet manufacturing and the safety practices that BWXT enforces at BWXT's Toronto facility, in compliance with CNSC regulations.	Open
3. BWXT to consider holding a Toronto Community BBQ	Closed
4. BWXT to include CLC in planning for the Toronto Community BBQ.	Open

**Discussion Notes:**

Miller commenced the meeting by welcoming CLC members, briefly introducing herself and leading a round of introductions for those she had not yet met. She then reviewed the meeting agenda and shared a land acknowledgement. Reyes shared a Safety Moment. No alarm was scheduled or planned for the evening.

Snopek cautioned that, with the weather getting warmer, we should all take steps to be more aware of cyclists.

Miller added that we also need to be aware of Electrical Vehicles (EV), which can be more quiet than traditional cars, and unnoticed while walking in parking lots or across the street.

Miller then shared community updates. In May, Peterborough welcomed grade nine Indigenous female students as part of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) and Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA) International Workshop. The visit to BWXT Peterborough by Chief Keith Knott of Curve Lake First Nation, initially scheduled in June, was postponed to later in the summer. This visit will be Chief Knott's first visit to our facilities. Earlier in the month, BWXT Medical in Kanata hosted a visit and tour for members of the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation (AOPFN). This was the first time that the community visited the facility.

Miller also shared that BWXT was at the end of the recognition campaign for National Indigenous History Month. She noted that Reyes put together a series of messages in graphics or internal and external distribution. She shared that we continue supporting charitable organizations in the Toronto community.

Miller then informed the CLC that BWXT planned to hold its first Toronto Community BBQ since the pandemic, in September. Miller noted that Palma was attending the meeting to provide an overview of the event plans (later in the meeting).

Miller asked who in the community she should be meeting.

CLC Moroz suggested that we meet Alejandra Bravo (Toronto City Councillor for Ward 9—Davenport).

Miller informed the CLC that BWXT will hold an annual full-scale Emergency Response Drill at BWXT Toronto in the fall.

CLC Desrochers mentioned that he had participated in drills in the past.

Snopek mentioned that this exercise will be held on October 24, 2023. BWXT's Environment, Health and Safety staff develop the exercise with a mock-up scenario. The emergency response team does not know the details of this emergency until the day of the exercise in order to establish a more real-life situation. Toronto Fire Services and Toronto Police Service participate.

Snopek added that, once a year, BWXT hosts a familiarization tour for the Fire Services and Police Services for the Peterborough and Toronto sites. As an example of the benefits of working closely with local first responders during these drills, Snopek shared that there was recently a grass fire on the train tracks corridor, off site but nearby our Toronto facility. The Toronto Fire Services responded immediately through the facility's front gate across the parking lot, hooked up their equipment to our fire hydrant, cut the lock on the gate then accessed the rail track corridor then extinguished the fire. They were able to respond quickly and effectively because they were already familiar with our facilities. Snopek stated that this was a good example of cooperation at work within our communities.

Miller mentioned that BWXT Communications posts public disclosure information notices on the BWXT NEC website, in these instances, to keep the community informed.

Snopek added that BWXT contacted the CNSC to inform them of this incident.

CLC Karr noted that it was unfortunate the local media does not pick up on such a great story (about this level of cooperation)

CLC Desrochers added that, in terms of news stories, this incident could have gone a different way if someone was filming from a balcony nearby and sending it through the news media or posting it on social media, triggering a news story filled with misinformation.

Miller reminded the CLC members that during a full-scale Emergency Response Drill, BWXT hangs a banner on the fence, notifying the community that an emergency drill is taking place on site that day.

Miller introduced Palma who was leading the coordination of the Toronto Community BBQ, which will take place Thursday, September 21, 2023. The purpose of the BBQ is to engage with community, answer any questions about our operations, learn more about their interests and concerns. Palma provided an overview of plans for the BBQ.

For planning purposes, Miller asked CLC members if it was anything that went really well at the last community BBQ that they would like to see included in planning.

CLC Moroz mentioned the robotics school was involved and were a hit.

Snopek mentioned that the fuel bundle mock-up was of interest.

CLC Jose requested that we have video displays showing what is inside our pellet manufacturing facility, at the BBQ.

Miller asked Snopek if there was any memorable questions from the community during the community event.

Snopek commented that a community member was once surprised to learn that BWXT was not running a nuclear reactor on site.

Reyes added that these types of questions might be asked more frequently when tenants move into the new condominium complex across the street. Miller noted the need to ensure we build a relationship with new community residents.

Miller asked how many people attended the last BBQ.

Snopek estimated about 300 people attended.

Miller asked Palma if she had any questions for the CLC about previous BBQs, to help with planning.

Palma did not have questions.

Miller asked the CLC how the BBQ's success should be measured.

The CLC shared that we should consider:

- Community member attendance
- Questions from the community
- Kids' activities (engagement)
- CNSC attendance

Miller then turned the floor to Snopek, who presented an overview of the 2022 Annual Compliance Record (ACR).

Snopek presented the BWXT NEC 2022 Annual Compliance Report (ACR). He explained that this report is prepared for the one-year monitoring cycle and prepared for delivery around mid-March each year.

The 2022 ACR is available for download on the BWXT NEC website at <https://www.bwxt.com/bwxt-nec/safety/our-compliance-record>.

Snopek added that BWXT sends this report to the CNSC staff to review. CNSC then puts together a Regulatory Oversight Report (ROR) based on our submission and their regulatory oversight over that year. Once completed, the CNSC pulls together a presentation, which will be presented during the annual ROR meeting in December.

At the end of Snopek's presentation, CLC Santano asked how the radiation dose is measured.

Snopek explained that BWXT uses a Thermo Luminescent Dosimeter (TLD) installed on the perimeter fence at the BWXT Peterborough facilities. TLDs are used to calculate public and employee radiation doses.

CLC Moroz asked why the industry uses the word 'nuclear' instead of 'atomic' in its messaging.

Snopek answered that atomic has become closely associated with the atomic bomb. He added that the CNSC was formerly named the Atomic Energy Control Board. They changed their name to CNSC in 2000.

CLC Moroz asked Miller if it was possible to include CLC members in the BBQ planning process.

Miller agreed to this request, noting that CLC participation at the BBQ was welcome. We would share an update on the BBQ at the next meeting, in September.

Miller asked if there were any additional questions or comments.

The CLC had no questions or comments.

Miller thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting.