



News Release

Town of St. George endorses the Application for Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station Operating License Renewal

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ST. GEORGE – The Town of St. George is intervening at the Hearing of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission in Saint John on May 10, 2022, to support NB Power's Application for a multi-year extension of the Operating Licence of the Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station.

In its intervention, the Town also asks the Nuclear Safety Commission to consider introducing in the operating Licence reporting requirements that will ensure accountability of NB Power electricity production with the National Goals enacted in Bill C 12 for Greenhouse Gas Emission (GHG) reduction.

The Town's recommendation to the Nuclear Safety Commission relating to the requirements of Bill C-12 is based on the historic Commission practice during relicensing to consider not only compliance with the Nuclear Safety and Control Act (NSCA) but also all other Federal, and Provincial requirements. For example, NB Power must also fulfil the duty to consult Indigenous peoples when the licensing Application may adversely affect Aboriginal or treaty rights.

The St. George endorsement of NB Power's Application for the renewal of the Operating Licence is founded on the strong safety performance of the Point Lepreau station, the proactive outreach program that NB Power has put in place to keep the Town informed on the Point Lepreau operations, and on the significant economic contribution that the employees of the Point Lepreau station make to the businesses in the Town of St. George and the surrounding communities.

St George endorses NB Powers' Application for a 25-year Operating Licence renewal for the Point Lepreau Nuclear generating station with the provision that NB Power develops a plan for the next 25 years showing the methods, schedule, and compliance reporting that provide accountability with the national GHG reductions that are set out in Bill C-12.

In 2017 the Town of St George inventoried its GHG emissions and set milestones to reduce them by 30% by 2030. This GHG reduction goal relies on NB Power having a long-term plan to supply safe reliable GHG free electricity; Such electricity can come from PLNGS, from new Nuclear installations, or from renewables.

Requiring NB Power to have a strategic plan accountable to Bill C-12, can allow St. George and the Charlotte County communities to meet their GHG reduction milestones. Thus the recommendation that the Town's intervention puts forward to the Nuclear Safety Commission.

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Canada's effort to electrify transportation represents a significant challenge demanding additional power generation that can come only from Point Lepreau, from other nuclear installations or from renewable sources of electricity production.

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