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**CLARINGTON COUNCIL PRESENTED WITH 650 PAGE REPORT DOCUMENTING THREE YEARS OF DETAILED ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY ON THE PORT GRANBY PROJECT**

BOWMANVILLE, ONTARIO – A draft report summarizing the results of three years’ detailed study and analysis of the potential environmental effects of the Port Granby Project was presented to Clarington Council at Monday morning’s meeting. Clarington staff and the municipal peer review team will review and comment on the 650 page Draft Environmental Assessment Study Report. Council was asked to give written consent to a “preferred option” for the Port Granby Long-term Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Project by the end of March 2005.

Glenn Case of the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Office told Clarington Council that environmental studies conclude that the Port Granby Project can be carried out without significant residual adverse effects on the natural or human environment. Therefore, the objective of the community-based project “to provide safe, local, long-term management of historic low-level radioactive waste now situated in the Municipality of Clarington” can be accomplished, he said.

On Tuesday, February 22, 2005 draft conclusions of the Environmental Assessment Study Report will be presented to the local residents at 7 p.m. in the Newtonville Community Hall. Consultation with residents has been extensive over the past three years, Mr. Case said. “We have listened to, investigated and incorporated ideas suggested by everyone – residents, experts, peer review team members, municipal officials, First Nations and environmental groups. Our Draft EA Study Report is robust and while the conclusions may not please everyone, the Project is environmentally sound. In fact, the whole aim of the Project – to create a better environmental legacy than now exists – can be achieved,” he said.

Public consultation will continue during detailed engineering and planning and review by federal agencies of the Environmental Assessment studies.

The draft environmental assessment study report can be reviewed at the main branch of the Clarington Public Library in Bowmanville. All project-related reports are available at the Project Information Exchange at 110 Walton Street in Port Hope. From 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday visitors can drop-in, discuss their views and pick up information on the Port Granby Project.

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