

## Cameco Fuel Manufacturing granted 20-year licence by CNSC

New licence also includes a slight production increase for the facility

On January 18, 2023, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) announced that Cameco Fuel Manufacturing (CFM) has been granted a 20-year renewal of its Fuel Facility Operating Licence.

The renewed licence allows CFM to operate until February 28, 2043, at which time CFM can request to renew the licence for another period. As part of this licence, CFM will participate in a comprehensive mid-point (10-year) review of its operational performance. This requirement is in addition to the regulatory oversight report meeting and compliance verification activities carried out annually.

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**Dale Clark,**  
Vice-President,  
Cameco Fuel Services Division

"We are pleased with the Commission's decision. The 20-year licence term reflects



Cameco Fuel Manufacturing in Port Hope was granted a 20-year operating licence from the CNSC.

the strength and robustness of Canada's regulatory framework and the strong safety and environmental performance of CFM's operations," said Dale Clark, vice-president of Cameco Fuel Services Division. "We are also grateful to the community and all the intervenors who showed their support for CFM. Safety remains at the core of who we are, and we will continue to operate safely and responsibly throughout the licence term."

The licence renewal also grants CFM's request for a slight production increase. This increase

allows the facility to operate at 100% of its existing equipment capabilities. CFM does not expect to use this capacity in the near future and no changes to the facility are required. This increase in licenced capacity provides CFM additional capability to respond to rises in customer demand created by the global and Canadian transition to net zero.

CFM safely processes natural uranium dioxide powder into pressed pellets, which are then fitted into zirconium tubes and assembled into finished CANDU heavy water nuclear reactor fuel

bundles. The 20-year licence provides CFM, its customers, and the people who rely on clean nuclear energy, with the regulatory certainty needed to enable the facility to safely provide this fuel for the next two decades.

"I would also like to thank all of our employees," said Doug Jensen, general manager of CFM. "This 20-year licence is made possible by the efforts of all of the employees at CFM who work hard to deliver the strong operating performance required for a long-term licence like this."

## Cameco's Port Hope Conversion Facility recognized for strong safety performance

Safety is always the number one priority at Cameco, and the Port Hope Conversion Facility has been recognized for this with a top safety award.

On November 3, 2022, employees at the site were presented with the Mary-Jean Michell Green award, Cameco's top annual award for safety performance. The award, named after one of Cameco's original members of the board of directors, is Cameco's highest honour and recognizes outstanding safety achievements within the company.

Since the award was first introduced in 1990, the Port Hope Conversion Facility has been the recipient on three prior occasions; in 1994, 1998 and 2013.

"Strong safety culture is no accident," said Dale Clark,

vice-president of Cameco's Fuel Services Division. "Employees at the Port Hope Conversion Facility take safety in the workplace seriously, and that is evident in the strong safety record that they have being recognized for."

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**Dave Ingalls,**  
General Manager,  
Port Hope Conversion Facility

The award was presented to employees by Cameco Officers Brian Reilly and Alice Wong, as well as Cameco Board Member Catherine Gignac.



The Port Hope Conversion Facility was presented with the Mary-Jean Mitchell Green safety award on November 3. From left: Dave Ingalls, Eric Bockus, Tracy Collins, Charlene Clarke, Catherine Gignac, and Ron Found.

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belongs to all of us and is a result of every employee's commitment to working safely every single day."

## Port Hope community survey results show strong support for Cameco

In July and August 2022, Fast Consulting conducted the annual public opinion survey of Port Hope and found that 93% of residents support Cameco’s continued operations in Port Hope. For the past decade, Cameco has maintained an approval rating above 80% and remains a trusted corporate citizen in the local community.

“Cameco appreciates and is proud of the continued support we receive from the Port Hope community for our local operations,” said Dale Clark, vice-president of Cameco’s Fuel Services Division. “We are particularly happy to see the strong community support for the long-term licence application for Cameco Fuel Manufacturing.” A large majority of residents (82%) expressed support for Cameco Fuel Manufacturing’s long-term 20-year licence application to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission.

Cameco plays a large role in the Ontario nuclear industry, and it is evident residents are aware that all uranium in Ontario reactors is

processed by Cameco in Port Hope and that nuclear energy provides more than half of the electricity to Ontario.

The public opinion survey of 402 Port Hope residents (Wards 1 and 2) was conducted by Fast Consulting, a third-party consultant. Cameco conducts public opinion surveys to measure levels of awareness, support and trust in the community and to gauge the effectiveness of its communication and public engagement efforts.

To view the summary report with more details, please visit [www.camecofuel.com](http://www.camecofuel.com) or scan the QR code below.

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## Vision in Motion Update



Work on the Vision in Motion (VIM) project is progressing at the Port Hope Conversion Facility.

Scaffolding has gone up around Building 27 in preparation for the complete removal of the building.

“This is more of a dismantling project than a demolition project,” said Shane Watson, program manager, stakeholder relations. “The building is being disassembled, not knocked over, in order to ensure safety and protection of the environment.”

The scaffolding will allow the building to be disassembled by workers piece-by-piece.

The dismantling process is expected to last for most of the year as the work is completed in a safe and methodical manner.

All of the material from the building will be sent to the Port Hope Long-Term Waste Management Facility.

For more details on the project, please visit: [camecofuel.com/vim](http://camecofuel.com/vim)

## Cameco announces over \$50,000 for local mental health initiatives

The Cameco Fund for Mental Health has awarded nine grants totaling \$50,000 to organizations in Northumberland County working on mental health projects. The grants will benefit a wide range of people including students and youth, families, front line workers at local agencies, and more.



The Cameco Charity Golf Tournament took place at Dalewood Golf Club.

Now in its fourth year, the Cameco Fund for Mental Health was established to directly support organizations and groups that are working to address and support mental health in Northumberland County and area. Thanks to the support of the community, the Cameco Fund for Mental Health has distributed over \$200,000 to local organizations since 2019.

The 2022 Cameco Charity Golf Tournament raised \$35,000, with Cameco announcing an additional \$15,000 to bring the total granting amount available to \$50,000.

This year’s amount adds to the over \$150,000 raised between 2019 and 2021, for a total of over \$200,000 raised for the Cameco Fund for Mental Health.

“Mental health affects all of us, at every age and at every stage of our lives. It’s important that we continue talking about it to remove the stigma and working to improve access to resources and supports,” said Dale Clark, vice-president of Cameco’s Fuel Services Division. “We continue to be humbled by the generosity of the community and together,

we are able to provide some much-needed funding that helps organizations continue their important work.”

The grant recipients for 2022 are:

- Community Counselling & Resource Centre
- Burnham Public School
- Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA)
- North Hope Public School
- KBI Inspire Magazine
- Northumberland Hills Hospital Foundation
- YMCA Northumberland
- Community Care Northumberland
- Transition House Coalition of Northumberland

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