

Cleanup will clear way for waterfront renewal

Discussions underway to coordinate three major plans for the area



Picture the concept to revitalize the Port Hope waterfront like a giant jigsaw puzzle. Tackling it one section at a time, first you assemble a restored west beach, then you move to the east, before getting to work on the long and complicated central section.

This is how the Port Hope Project, Municipality of Port Hope and Cameco Corporation are coordinating their individual, yet interdependent, plans for the area. Working together as the Waterfront Implementation Technical Advisory Group, they discuss historic low-level radioactive waste cleanup, land restoration, redevelopment and beautification.

Through the Port Hope Area Initiative, about 250,000 cubic metres of waste will be cleaned up from the inner harbour, former waterworks and sewage treatment plant properties, centre pier, viaducts and surrounding lands.

The municipal concept features an expanded east beach with marina, new yacht club and waterfront trails. The public will have the opportunity to comment on these plans before they are finalized. Cameco has embarked on Vision 2010, a master plan for complete facility modernization and waterfront greening.

“Because the three major parties are represented at the table now, at this early stage, this is a great opportunity to discuss how to effectively renew the waterfront,” says Glenn Case, Project Director for the Port Hope Area Initiative. “The group is consulting and discussing this now so all of the activities can be coordinated in a manner that will minimize disruption as much as possible during the four to five years of construction work anticipated.”



Cameco Vision 2010 conceptual design



Municipality of Port Hope waterfront concept



LLRWMO harbour wall soil investigations

Synchronization of all of the activities that will take place at the waterfront is important for the success of the renewal. For example, cleanup of contaminated areas will have to come first, so properties can be made available for redevelopment. Restoring the area section by section will allow one area to be finished and reopened before moving on to the next. Through Vision 2010, Cameco will sequence the removal of 150,000 cubic metres of soil and waste materials, including building demolition, for timely transfer to the proposed low-level radioactive waste management mound before it is capped and closed.