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## Canadian Association of Nuclear Host Communities

### Press Release

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#### **CANHC and UNENE sign MOU to strengthen support for host and potential host communities**

**Ottawa, Ontario** – The Canadian Association of Host Nuclear Communities (CANHC) and University Network of Excellence in Nuclear Engineering (UNENE) are pleased to announce the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to enhance collaboration and educational support for nuclear host and potential host communities across Canada.

This agreement marks a significant step toward strengthening the resources, expertise, and networks available to municipalities engaged with Canada's nuclear sector. By leveraging UNENE's research and education capabilities and CANHC's community engagement expertise, both organizations aim to ensure that host and potential host communities are well-informed, well-supported, and well-positioned for economic and social effectiveness associated with nuclear energy and technology.

"This partnership with UNENE aligns with CANHC's mission to advocate for the interests of nuclear host communities and provide them with the tools needed to make informed decisions," said CANHC Chair Adrian Foster, Mayor of Clarington. "By working together, we can enhance community awareness, education, and engagement, ensuring that local governments and residents have access to reliable information and expertise in the nuclear field."

UNENE President Jerry Hopwood echoed this response, stating, "The collaboration with CANHC allows us to extend the reach of our academic and research network to communities that play a vital role in Canada's nuclear sector. By sharing knowledge, research, and expertise, we can better support local decision-making and workforce development for a sustainable future."

Through this MOU, CANHC and UNENE will work together to:

- Expand educational and research opportunities for nuclear host and potential host communities.
- Facilitate knowledge-sharing and capacity-building initiatives.
- Strengthen connections between municipalities, industry experts, and academic institutions.

The signing of this agreement underscores CANHC and UNENE's shared commitment to ensuring that nuclear host communities are equipped with the necessary knowledge and resources to maximize benefits while addressing challenges associated with nuclear projects.

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