

Canadian Nuclear Laboratories' Community Advisory Panel

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Community Advisory Panel?

The Community Advisory Panel (CAP) is a new group for local residents of Renfrew and Pontiac Counties to participate in a forum to exchange information and ideas about CNL's proposed and ongoing activities and projects in the Ottawa Valley region with CNL staff.

What is the CAP's role?

The CAP will have a direct role in affecting how CNL engages with our communities. Through the CAP we hope to increase understanding, grow our appreciation of the diverse perspectives in our communities and enable a representative cross-section of people to access first-hand knowledge about CNL.

Who can apply?

Membership is open to any local resident of the Renfrew and Pontiac Counties over the age of 18 and who is not currently employed by CNL or currently affiliated with CNL in another way, such as working for a contractor at CNL or a current member of the CNL Environmental Stewardship Council.

A maximum of 12 volunteer members will be selected based on applications submitted to CNL.

How do I apply?

Email ermstakeholder@cnl.ca for an application.

Do I have to know a lot about Canadian Nuclear Laboratories and the nuclear industry to apply?

No, members may participate in an orientation session and may access resources to participate. No special knowledge about CNL is required to apply.

What is the time commitment to be a member?

Once selected, memberships are for two-year terms and may be renewed for two additional one-year terms.

Members may attend an orientation session and four independently facilitated meetings per year, CNL is anticipating hosting the first meeting the week of September 6, 2021, and the second meeting the week of December 6, 2021.

How is the CAP different than the Environmental Stewardship Council (ESC)?

The ESC's membership are representatives of specific interest groups, local organizations, Indigenous communities as well as local elected officials, and have specific insight and expertise to share with CNL.

The CAP is a related forum, with a few key differences. Its volunteer members, representing the general public, will bring new perspectives from our local communities. What kind of topics will the CAP discuss?

The CAP will bring new voices into important conversations on science, technology, environmental stewardship and remediation at the Chalk River Laboratories site.

Who is running the CAP?

CNL's Environmental Remediation Management (ERM) Stakeholder Relations team is working with an independent facilitator to run the CAP. For more information on ERM projects, visit our website: <https://www.cnl.ca/environmental-stewardship/environmental-remediation-projects/>.

