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Ontario's World-Class Nuclear Supply Chain Building Canada's First Microreactor Project BWXT Canada selected to build and deploy BANR reactor technology for New Brunswick pilot project, creating nearly 200 good-paying jobs

TORONTO — Ontario is leveraging its world-class nuclear expertise to strengthen made-in-Canada energy supply chains, support skilled jobs across the country and create new opportunities for Canada's nuclear industry. Today, Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines, and René Legacy, Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance, Treasury Board and Energy for New Brunswick, announced that Ontario-based BWXT Canada has been selected to fabricate and deploy Canada's first Transportable Nuclear Power Plant (TNPP) using the BWXT Advanced Nuclear Reactor (BANR) technology for the Indigenous-led 50-megawatt (MW) pilot project in Belledune, New Brunswick. Building on Ontario's 60-year nuclear legacy, the TNPP project will deliver reliable, clean baseload power for up to 40,000 homes, create more than 150 jobs during development and support approximately 40 long-term positions once operational. This project highlights Ontario's world-class nuclear sector, as it works to strengthen made-in-Canada nuclear capabilities and creates technological advancements to support Canada's energy future.

"Ontario is a world leader in nuclear technology, from building the G7's first grid-scale small modular reactor to delivering major nuclear refurbishment projects ahead of schedule and under budget," said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines. "We're building on that legacy and proud to announce that Ontario's nuclear supply chain is being harnessed to build Canada and the G7's first commercial Transportable Nuclear Power Plant. This is the future of reliable, clean energy for remote and northern communities — including mines — connecting them to reliable baseload power virtually anywhere. Ontario's nuclear expansion plan will create 150,000 jobs, securing our position as a global leader in the development of next generation nuclear technology."

Developed by Prodigy Clean Energy, the TNPP represents an innovative new approach to deploying nuclear energy in Canada. Unlike traditional nuclear facilities, these plants are designed to be built off site and transported to where power is needed. By integrating small modular reactors and microreactors into transportable power plants, this technology has the potential to bring reliable, clean nuclear energy to a wider range of locations, including remote and northern communities, Indigenous communities and industrial and grid-connected sites. This innovative technology has potential to help overcome infrastructure challenges of delivering reliable power to remote locations while expanding access to clean, reliable energy across Canada.

"By launching the first Indigenous-led nuclear project in Canada and building the supply chain in New Brunswick, we are showcasing the strength and leadership of the province, First Nations, and our nuclear-trained workforce," said René Legacy, Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance, Treasury Board and Energy. "I am encouraged by potential for this innovative project to drive significant economic growth in the region and provide clean energy for communities across New Brunswick, throughout Canada, and around the world. Northern New Brunswick has a rich industrial history, and the quality of work has always been first class. Our workers are ready to contribute — to help make this deployment a success."

Under an agreement with Pabineau First Nation and Eel River Bar First Nation, this Indigenous-led TNPP pilot project will establish a First Nations-owned commercial power generation facility and energy innovation campus in Belledune, New Brunswick. The project will include a centralized hub for operations, maintenance and workforce training to support a future fleet of TNPPs serving northern and remote communities, as well as a state-of-the-art Indigenous Energy Innovation Visitor Centre. Ontario will continue building on its decades of nuclear expertise and investing in new technologies to help secure reliable, affordable power needed to support new homes, attract investment and drive economic growth. As part of the province's first-ever integrated energy plan, Energy for Generations, the government is making record investments in nuclear energy to strengthen Canada's energy sovereignty, protect local jobs and build a more self-reliant economy in the face of U.S. tariffs. From refurbishing the Darlington and Pickering nuclear generating stations to building the G7's first grid-scale small modular reactor, this historic nuclear buildup is expected to create 150,000 new jobs and contribute \$800 billion into Canada's economy. Ontario's nuclear sector already supports 80,000 jobs across more than 200 companies, with more than 90 per cent of nuclear project costs staying in Canada to support domestic workers, manufacturers and suppliers.

Expanding Access to Dementia Care in Long-Term Care Homes in Whitby

WHITBY — The Ontario government is investing \$270,818 to expand the Improving Dementia Care Program (IDCP), to Whitby. The expansion is part of the government's plan to protect Ontario's long-term care system by ensuring residents receive the quality of care and quality of life they need and deserve.

Today, Whitby MPP Lorne Coe announced that Fairview Lodge in Whitby will receive \$270,818 to support staff training, and environmental enhancements at the home.

"Our government is committed to ensuring that residents in Whitby's long-term care homes receive the quality of care and quality of life they deserve," said Lorne Coe, MPP Whitby, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security.

This funding is part of larger \$3 million investment that will bring the IDCP to 13 more long-term care homes, connecting up to 1,300 additional residents living with dementia to innovative, specialized supports. The IDCP helps homes implement emotion-based models of care, which improve residents' well-being by prioritizing their needs and fostering close relationships between staff, residents and families. Building on the success of the pilot launched in September 2025, this expansion will bring the total number of participating homes to 30, with plans to expand to 50 homes by 2027-28.

"Our government is investing in innovative programs to support long-term care residents living with dementia," said Natalia Kusendova-Bashta, Minister of Long-Term Care.

"Through emotion-based models of care, we can improve the quality of life for those residents, their caregivers and families, while creating a better work experience for staff. Advancing dementia care is one more way the government is ensuring Ontarians get the quality of care and quality of life they need and deserve. The government's plan to improve long-term care is built on four pillars: staffing and care; quality and enforcement; building modern, safe, and comfortable homes; and connecting seniors with faster, more convenient access to the services they need."

Pausing OSAP Payments to Private Postsecondary Institutions and Restoring Integrity to the OSAP System

TORONTO — The Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security issued the following statement:

"In late 2024, the Ministry of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security (MCURES) began receiving an increasing number of complaints about the growing volume of OSAP applications at private career colleges. On January 15, 2025, Career Colleges Ontario, which operates independently from government and provides financial aid processing services to its members, raised similar concerns about specific institutions. As part of its regular oversight, the ministry actively reviews complaints and monitors OSAP application activity. As concerns grew and following information provided by the federal government in May 2025 about certain private career colleges, the ministry expanded its review and, in July 2025, launched targeted inspections. In December 2025, the ministry also engaged the government's Forensic Investigation Team (FIT) to provide advice to further strengthen oversight of the sector. The ministry continued its work with Career Colleges Ontario to monitor compliance. The ministry also took corrective action and, in May 2026, issued notices of non-renewal to six campuses. The government has since suspended their OSAP eligibility. Given the volume and nature of the issues identified by the ministry, in August 2026 the government engaged an independent third-party auditor, KPMG, to assess the broader integrity of OSAP applications at private postsecondary institutions. While that work is ongoing, preliminary findings have identified serious concerns about the integrity of the OSAP system in the private postsecondary sector. These include common ownership, the involvement of immigration services firms, inadequate student validation and verification of course enrolment and outcomes, and unusually high concentrations of OSAP applications submitted from the same geographic locations. As a result, the government notified the Auditor General last week and has also referred this matter to the Ontario Provincial Police. The ministry is continuing its work to investigate and gather information, with the support of KPMG. The government has also paused all OSAP payments associated with private postsecondary institutions as the audit proceeds. Going forward, all private postsecondary institutions will have to meet stricter criteria before regaining OSAP eligibility. Further details will be provided at a later date. Many of the concerns identified to date have been concentrated in online-only programs. As a result, the government intends to introduce legislation to exclude predominantly online programs at private career colleges from OSAP eligibility. This builds on recent changes that removed OSAP grant eligibility for all career colleges. The government recognizes that many students at private postsecondary institutions rely on financial assistance to complete their studies. To support students during this transition, the Ontario government is working on options to provide low-interest, third-party loans for students enrolled at private postsecondary institutions and is in discussions with financial institutions to facilitate these loans. More information will be made available to students when ready."

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