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## **Economic Development focus of Community Liaison Committee Meeting**

SOUTH BRUCE, ON – The results of several economic studies, related to the NWMO Project and commissioned by the Municipality of South Bruce, were presented last night at the Community Liaison Committee (CLC) Meeting.

The Municipality contracted Deloitte to conduct three studies related to economic development in South Bruce and the NWMO project. This work is critical to the community's understanding of potential economic effects and opportunities as it considers willingness to the host the Project.

These studies about the local economy, agriculture and tourism sectors, will help the Municipality negotiate a hosting agreement that will maximize local economic benefits, address guiding principles and ensure that the NWMO takes appropriate steps to manage and reduce any negative effects of the Project, were it to be sited in South Bruce.

One study looked at the overall potential effects and opportunities stemming from the Project on the local economy and found potential for growth in local construction, equipment manufacturing, and maintenance businesses.

Given their importance to the local economy, the Municipality also asked for consultants to take a deeper dive into the agriculture and tourism sectors.

Looking after our changing agriculture sector is a top priority as it is responsible for nearly one-third of local jobs. Extensive study on the impact of nuclear facilities near agricultural lands found no evidence of any negative impact to agriculture yield, product safety, and commodity prices. The NWMO could proactively support this sector with programs like commodity value protection. Efforts to mitigate increased traffic through road improvements, defined haul routes, and other monitoring measures would also be important to the agriculture sector.

There is an opportunity to expand South Bruce tourism, including agri-tourism, culinary tourism, outdoor amenities and event-based tourism. Currently South Bruce does not have a core tourism attraction. The proposed Centre of Expertise could be developed into a world-class facility to host international guests and generate visitors in addition to agri-tourism.

The entire presentation is available in the CLC Agenda package, and copies of the studies and peer reviews can be found at [www.southbruce.ca/studies](http://www.southbruce.ca/studies). A summary

document will be mailed to community members, which is the practice following each meeting to help inform the public about the studies.

The CLC's next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 18, with a focus on youth and families, including youth employment, local and regional education, and recreation in South Bruce.

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*South Bruce is one of two remaining communities that the Nuclear Waste Management Organization is considering for the site of a deep geological repository for Canada's used nuclear fuel, a Centre of Expertise and many supporting facilities. The Municipality of South Bruce is working towards an informed decision for the community through the South Bruce Nuclear Exploration Project team, the Community Liaison Committee, and independent reviews to determine if the site is safe for people and the environment, offers positive benefits and if the community is willing to host the site.*

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