



## The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

---

### Staff Report

**Report Title: NWMO Site Selection Update November 2022**

**Prepared By: Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer**

**Department: CAO**

**Date: Nov. 7, 2022**

**Report Number: CAO-2022-11-39**

**File Number: NWMO-100**

#### **Attachments:**

---

#### **Recommendation:**

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number CA0-2022-11-39 prepared by Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer.

#### **Background:**

Although lands in Huron-Kinloss are not being considered for the potential repository site, the NWMO acknowledges that Huron-Kinloss directly abuts South Bruce and will be impacted by the DGR if South Bruce becomes the chosen community. Huron-Kinloss is committed to carrying out its due diligence on the DGR project to determine how its municipality, residents, farms, tourists, and businesses will be best protected and served in determining whether Huron-Kinloss can support the DGR as neighbouring community. We are working with the South Bruce Nuclear Exploration Team on current Project Studies related to the NWMO Project the effects it could have on regional Communities.

#### **Discussion:**

The October South Bruce CLC meeting took place on October 6<sup>th</sup>, with a slide presentation about the proposed South Bruce Centre of Expertise from Jeff Marshall, Partnership Manager, South Bruce, Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) and Edward Chan, Partner, Zeidler Architecture.

The NWMO is [seeking feedback from residents](#) of the [Municipality of South Bruce](#) and the [Township of Ignace](#) on their vision for the design of the Centre of Expertise. Community members can participate in a [short survey](#) providing feedback about their thoughts on the Centre of Expertise. The comment period closes October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

The initial purpose of the Centre of Expertise will be to support the multi-year testing and assessment of the site with a focus on safety and community well-being. In later phases of the project, it will become a hub for knowledge-sharing across Canada and internationally.

The NWMO state that "The Centre of Expertise will be a multi-million-dollar investment making it one of the most tangible benefits and most exciting commitments made by the NWMO as part of the (DGR) project. A place for world-class science and innovation and enriching social services identified by residents of the host communities, the Centre will also bring new, high-value jobs to the area including scientists and experts from a wide variety of disciplines for generations to come". To learn more about the proposed Centre of Expertise, please visit here: <https://www.nwmo.ca/en/A-safe-approach/Facilities/Centre-of-Expertise>.

At the November 3<sup>rd</sup> South Bruce Community Liaison Committee Meeting **Regional Services and Programs** was discussed. The educational presentation shared information about the Emergency Services Study, Social Programs and Vulnerable Populations Study, and the Regional Economic Development Study. [Regional Services and Programs Presentation](#). The next meeting will be held December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

**Financial Impacts:**

None.

**Strategic Alignment / Link:**

The information provided in this report is consistent with and in keeping with the Municipality's Vision & Mission. The recommendations in this report contribute to the goals in achieving a prosperous community that continues to grow in a sustainable manner. Projects in this report assist staff in achieving the following projects in the 2019-2023 Strategic Plan Action Plan: P2.4 Continue to learn about the NWMO DGR Project.

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer

**Report Approved By:**

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer