



Snowy Bruce Peninsula

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

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The Clean Energy Frontier Summit was a wonderful start to 2023. Nothing is better than an attentive audience who care about the region and a clean energy future. Event participants included the program's Regional Steering Committee, elected officials from Bruce, Grey, Huron and Indigenous communities, local supply chain representatives, and other municipal staff members responsible for economic development.



Speakers at the event shared a broad economic outlook, local opportunities relating to clean energy and medical isotopes, and we heard from the Indigenous Relations Supplier Network and Indigenous entrepreneur, **Shane Chegahno**. In the afternoon, the group participated in a roundtable discussion regarding **sustainable growth**, and our local economic development leaders shared their perspective and goals for the year.



Thanks to the group's participation, I'm drafting a regional report on sustainable growth, specifically the **opportunities and actions to help us move forward**. And, my favourite part of the writing this report is seeing the words "**partnership**", "**collaboration**", and "**strategic**" over and over, coming from the roundtable activity sheets.

With the Summit behind us, the Clean Energy Frontier program packed up and went to the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference, where I presented in partnership with program funders Bruce County and Bruce Power.



We talked about the origin of the program, the expansion of local supply chain, economic impact and next steps. We shared upcoming work, including the Nuclear Sector Sustainability and Growth Study, the opportunity to support the proposed Ontario Pumped Storage Project in Meaford and the Deep Geological Repository in South Bruce, and the opportunity presented by the commercialization of medical isotopes being produced at Bruce Power. The future is bright for the Clean Energy Frontier region of Bruce, Grey and Huron.

The momentum continues as we prepare for the annual Canadian Nuclear Association (CNA) Conference in Ottawa.

Q1 of 2023 also includes the wrap up of the Nuclear Sector Sustainability and Growth study, which will provide insight into workforce and business development goals of our local nuclear supply chain. Lots of wonderful work to come!

Speaking of wonderful work, NII's Executive Director **Stellina Williams** and I are off to the Economic Developers Council of Ontario (EDCO) annual banquet as finalists for two provincial awards. Both the Clean Energy Frontier and the Nuclear Innovation Institute are named finalists for our rural strategy (CEF) and the SWERVE event hosted last fall.

Our team just keeps cranking out good work. Bring it on, 2023!

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MAR 8 International Women's Day

MAR 24 Regional Steering Committee Meeting