



### Staff Report

**Report Title: NWMO Site-Selection Status Report**

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**Attachments:**

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**Recommendation:**

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby receives for information Report Number CAO-2020-11-38, prepared by Elyse Dewar, Project Coordinator.

**Background:**

Two communities remain in the Nuclear Waste Management Organization's (NWMO) site-selection process to find a suitable location to store Canada's used nuclear fuel – the Township of Ignace and the Municipality of South Bruce.

**Discussion:**

**NWMO Secures Over 1,500 Acres in South Bruce**

On October 15, 2020, the [NWMO announced](#) it had signed more agreements with land owners in South Bruce to secure over 1,500 acres and have formed a potential site for the Deep Geological Repository.

The NWMO shared a map showing the potential deep geological repository site and borehole drilling sites in South Bruce and made a commitment to protect property values in the area if it is selected to host a repository.

As next steps, the NWMO will move forward with site assessment activities that will include borehole drilling at two separate locations to ensure the geology is safe. Environmental monitoring and borehole drilling start in 2021.

NWMO's Vice-President of Site-Selection addressed the community with an [Update on the Progress with Land Owners in South Bruce](#).

The NWMO is hosting a number of [Open Houses](#) from October 26 – November 7.

### **South Bruce Webinar**

In October, South Bruce hosted a [Webinar](#), focusing on an overview and update of the Municipality's ongoing involvement in the NWMO's Adaptive Phased Management site selection process. The three panellists that were featured on the webinar were Mayor of South Bruce Robert Buckle, Community Liaison Committee Chair Jim Gowland, and Municipal Legal Advisor Patrick Duffy.

There was a question and answer period that were addressed by the panellists, however, the technical questions were forwarded to the NWMO to be answered.

These [Submitted Questions and Written Responses](#) are now available.

### **Transportation Planning**

The NWMO is continuing to develop the draft Transportation Planning Framework of used nuclear fuel, formed by public input and dialogue. The NWMO is asking the public to review the draft transportation framework and provide input and feedback through and [online survey](#). Comments can also be submitted by [mail](#), [fax](#) or [email](#).

Two transportation planning workshops were held on October 28 and 29.

### **South Bruce Community Liaison Committee Meeting**

The next virtual [South Bruce CLC meeting](#) is November 5, 2020 at 7 p.m. Presenters include, NWMO's Chief Engineer and Vice President for Contract Management, Derek Wilson, who is responsible for the implementation of the APM technical program.

Dr. Gordon Edwards, President of the Canadian Coalition of Nuclear Responsibility will also be speaking at the meeting. Dr. Edwards has been active on issues surrounding radioactive waste for over 45 years.

### **Financial Impacts:**

None at this time.

### **Strategic Alignment / Link:**

The information provided in this report is consistent with and in keeping with the Municipality's Vision & Mission.

The recommendations contribute to the goals in achieving a prosperous community and an accessible community. 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:**

Elyse Dewar, Project Coordinator.

**Approved By:**

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer