



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Nuclear Waste Management Organization Significant Neighbouring Community Working Group Terms of Reference

Prepared By: Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer

Department: CAO

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Attachments: Draft Terms of Reference

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report CAO-2024-03-13 prepared by Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer;

AND FURTHER approves the updated Terms of Reference for the Nuclear Waste Management Organization Significant Neighbouring Community Working Group.

Background:

The Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) is implementing Canada's plan for used nuclear fuel, known as Adaptive Phased Management (APM) for the long-term management of Canada's used nuclear fuel, including, a collaborative process to select a site where Canada's used nuclear fuel can be safely contained and isolated in a deep geological repository (DGR).

Canada's plan will only proceed in an area that can be demonstrated as safe and has informed and willing hosts. To meet this criteria, together with potential siting area communities and Huron Kinloss as a Significant Neighbouring Community (SNC), NWMO is exploring the potential for partnerships, determining criteria for willingness and looking at how the project could enhance community well-being in these areas.

The Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) has selected South Bruce as one of two potential siting communities to host the project for the DGR and has

signed agreements to secure over 1,500 acres of land with landowners in South Bruce and the Township of Huron-Kinloss (Huron-Kinloss) (the Secured Lands).

The NWMO lands in Huron-Kinloss are not being considered for the potential repository site, however, NWMO acknowledges that Huron-Kinloss directly abuts South Bruce and will be particularly directly impacted by the DGR given Huron-Kinloss' immediate close proximity to the DGR site.

Given these principles, outcomes and direct impacts, Huron-Kinloss is considered as a Significant Neighbouring Community for the DGR should South Bruce be selected.

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 a Significant Neighbouring Community.

On September 20th, 2021, Township of Huron-Kinloss Council approved the Terms of Reference for the Nuclear Waste Management Significant Neighbouring Community Working Group.

Discussion:

Attached is an updated terms of reference for The Nuclear Waste Management Organization Significant Neighbouring Working Group. The changes made are:

- removed primary from the name of the Working Group
- changed the term of the Working Group
- removed specific names of the members of the Working Group

Financial Impacts:

Funded through the NWMO Resources to Support Engagement of Interested Communities program.

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, spirited, vibrant, environmentally conscious and accessible community.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer

Report Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer