



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: NWMO Community Initiatives and South Bruce Hosting Agreement

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Department: CAO

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Prepared By: Mike Bartlett, Administrative Coordinator

Attachments: 2024 CWBP Recipients List

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report CAO-2024-05-20, prepared by Mike Bartlett, Administrative Coordinator .

Background:

Community Well-Being Program (CWBP)

The Community Well-Being Program was developed in 2018 through programs offered by the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) when Huron-Kinloss was in the site-selection process and learning more about Canada's Long-Term Plan for Used Nuclear Fuel. To date, the Township of Huron-Kinloss has invested \$400,000 into the community through this grant. In March 2023, Council approved the program for 2023 & 2024.

Deep Geological Repository Site Selection

The process to select a site for Canada's plan to safely manage used nuclear fuel long-term started in 2010, with 22 communities proactively expressing interest by 2012. Today, following a gradual process of narrowing down, two areas remain as potential hosts for Canada's deep geological repository — the Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation (WLON)-Ignace area and the Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON)-South Bruce area, both in Ontario.

Canada's plan will only move forward at a site with informed and willing hosts. That means the people living there need to understand what it means to host a project like this and support having it located in the area.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

Community Well-Being Program (CWBP)

On Friday, April 5th the Community Well-Being Program (CWBP) committee met and reviewed the 2024 CWBP applications. The applications were evaluated and the \$100,000

was dispersed to 21 successful organizations. These organizations in addition to those organizations that were unsuccessful were notified by the Administrative Coordinator the week of April 8th. Agreement between forms have been sent out and first installment cheques are being issued as these forms are submitted. A full list of the successful recipients is attached.

Deep Geological Repository Site Selection

On April 29th, 2024, the Municipality of South Bruce and the NWMO released their Draft Hosting Agreement. This Hosting Agreement maps out what happens if South Bruce decides it is a willing host and selected for the NWMO Project to safely store Canada's used nuclear fuel. It also sets out how South Bruce would exit the process if it is not a willing host or it is not selected by the NWMO.

The agreement is based on 36 Guiding Principles developed in consultation with the South Bruce community in 2020. The Principles reflect the community's shared expectations and priorities for the Project. The Hosting Agreement, Executive Summary, 36 Guiding Principles and Principles Summary which describes the agreement and demonstrates how all principles are addressed, can be viewed at the link below.

<https://www.southbruce.ca/en/municipal-government/hosting-agreement.aspx>

The Municipality of South Bruce is hosting a special (virtual) meeting on Wednesday May 1st to discuss the draft hosting agreement. The CLC is also hosting their regular monthly meeting on Thursday May 2nd, this meeting will include updates and progress reports from the South Bruce Nuclear Exploration Team. The Administrative Coordinator will watch these meetings and include any new information in the June COW report.

Financial Impacts:

\$100,000 dispersed to Huron-Kinloss organizations through the community Well-Being Program.

Performance Measurement: The CWBP application intake and review process was completed on time, with the full \$100,000 dispersed to Huron-Kinloss organizations.

Strategic Area:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle | <input type="checkbox"/> Enhance Municipal Service Delivery |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare for Inclusive Growth | <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure Financial Stability |

Strategic Goal: Build Community Capacity

Respectfully Submitted By: Mike Bartlett, Administrative Coordinator

Report Approved By: Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer