



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Nuclear Waste Management Organization Significant Neighbouring Community Working Group Update August 2024

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Department: CAO

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Prepared By: Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer

Attachments: None

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report CAO-2024-08-25 prepared by Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer.

Background:

The Township of Huron-Kinloss/Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) Significant Neighbouring Community Working Group was established to recognize the direct impact of the potential deep geological repository given Huron-Kinloss' close proximity.

The working group, using the guiding principles of safety, trust, clear communication, informed decision making, inclusivity and community and regional well-being explores the Adaptive Phased Management project and what it would mean in Huron-Kinloss if the project is implemented in South Bruce. The working group also explores the potential role for and impact on Huron-Kinloss and the broader area beyond South Bruce and Huron-Kinloss.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

The Significant Neighbouring Community Working Group met in February, May, June and July. During these meetings NWMO representatives provided updates on activities to support site selection as outlined below.

1. Impact Benefits Agreements

NWMO has finalized Impact Benefits Agreements with Ignace and South Bruce. Negotiations are on-going with Wabigoon Saugeen Ojibway Nation. It is anticipated that negotiations for an Impact Benefits Agreement for Huron-Kinloss will not commence this year.

2. NWMO Technical Work

The Confidence in Safety report, first released in 2022 was updated in 2024 and confirmed that there is no technical reason to exclude the South Bruce site from consideration. Additional technical work/studies will be initiated pending site selection. NWMO continues to inform and engage with the community throughout the region.

Financial Impacts:

Activities of the Significant Neighbouring Working Group are funded through the NWMO Resources to Support Engagement of Interested Communities program.

Performance Measurement:

Significant community awareness and number of engaged residents

Strategic Area:

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| <input 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: Ensure municipal systems support future growth

Respectfully Submitted By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer

Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer