



## The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

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### Staff Report

**Report Title: Bruce C Project Notice of Impact Assessment Submission and Comment Deadline**

**Date: Sep. 4, 2024**

**Report Number: CLK-2024-09-34**

**Department: Legislative Services**

**File Number: C11 CLK 24**

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**Attachments: Notice of Commencement of Impact Assessment Submission and Comment Deadline, Correspondence – Notice of Commencement of Impact Assessment Submission of Bruce C Initial Project Description**

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#### **Recommendation:**

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole receive Report CLK-2024-09-34 as prepared by Jennifer White, Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk;

AND FURTHER that Staff be directed to submit comments to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada supporting the Bruce C Nuclear Project.

#### **Background:**

Bruce Power is proposing an expansion of the nuclear fleet on the Bruce Power Site. An Initial Project Description has been submitted to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada for the Bruce C Project. The Public Comment period on this is now open and the deadline for filing comments with the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) on the Initial Project Description is **September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at**

**11:59pm**. Comments can be submitted to IAAC via their website [Bruce C Nuclear Project \(iaac-aeic.gc.ca\)](https://www.iaac-aeic.gc.ca) or by email at [Bruce@iaac-aeic.gc.ca](mailto:Bruce@iaac-aeic.gc.ca)

[Public notice - Public comments invited \(iaac-aeic.gc.ca\)](https://www.iaac-aeic.gc.ca)

#### **Discussion/Analysis/Overview:**

The Township has received a notice of impact assessment submission regarding the Bruce C Nuclear Project and Comment deadline from the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada. Staff are recommending that comments be submitted in support of the project.

The Bruce C project is a proposal for an expansion at the Bruce Power site for up to 4,800MW of generating capacity. The project will be subject to an integrated assessment to meet the requirements of both the *Impact Assessment Act* and the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act*.

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (the CNSC) are working together on the integrated assessment.

The Notice is a requirement of the formal engagement process for this type of project in the planning Phase One of the integrated assessment process. The current commenting period is an opportunity to review the [summary of the Initial Project Description](#) and provide comments on the proposed project.

The submitted comments should be based on local knowledge of the site or surrounding environment or provide any other relevant information that may support the conduct of the assessment. The feedback will help IAAC and the CNSC prepare a summary of issues for the proponent.

The project will consider several potential reactor technologies and will be sited within the existing Bruce Power site. This commenting period is not considering a decision on a new build, however completing the Impact Assessment is one step towards advancing it as an option to meet the growing electricity demand. Should the Province of Ontario and Bruce Power choose to proceed with the Project, additional permitting and licencing activities would include additional engagement opportunities.

During previous commenting periods, the Township of Huron-Kinloss has submitted supportive comments for an expansion of the Bruce Power generating capacity.

Expanding nuclear power through the Bruce “C” project, presents a wealth of socio-economic benefits that extend far beyond just energy production. By creating a substantial number of well-paying, long-term job opportunities, nuclear power not only bolsters local employment but also ensures job security for generations to come. This stable employment base strengthens the economic fabric of the community, leading to increased spending in local businesses and supporting a diverse range of public services.

Furthermore, nuclear energy is clean, safe, and reliable. As Canada aims to reach ambitious net-zero emissions targets, nuclear power is essential in reducing our carbon footprint while ensuring a consistent and resilient energy supply. The expansion of nuclear facilities at Bruce Power would also attract further investment into the region, sparking economic development that benefits the entire Tri-County, Clean Energy Frontier Region.

For Huron-Kinloss, this means more than just economic growth; it means creating a future where residents enjoy a higher quality of life, where young people can find meaningful work close to home, and where our community can thrive. Expanding nuclear power in this region is not just an investment in energy—it's an investment in the long-term prosperity and sustainability of our rural community.

Staff are recommending that comments be submitted in support of the Bruce C Nuclear Project at this time. Staff will continue to follow the project and provide updates to Council as appropriate.

**Financial Impacts:**

There is no impact to the operating budget. Staff time is required to submit comments. The potential long-term impacts of supporting the project are explored in this report.

**Performance Measurement:**

Encourage Economic Vitality

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ensure Financial Stability |

**Strategic Goal: Encourage economic vitality****Respectfully Submitted By:**

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**Report Approved By:**

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer