



## The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

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### Staff Report

**Report Title: NWMO - Jan 2025 Community Initiatives Final Report**

**Date: Feb. 3, 2025**

**Report Number: CAO-2025-02**

**Department: CAO**

**File Number: C11**

**Prepared By: Mike Bartlett, Administrative Coordinator**

**Attachments:**

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#### **Recommendation:**

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report CAO-2025-02, prepared by Mike Bartlett, Administrative Coordinator.

#### **Background:**

The Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) is leading Canada's effort to identify a site for a Deep Geological Repository (DGR) for the long-term storage of used nuclear fuel. The process, which began in 2010, follows the Adaptive Phased Management (APM) plan, which combines scientific research with community engagement to ensure the chosen site is both technically suitable and socially acceptable.

Over 20 communities initially entered discussions. Through multiple phases of evaluation, including geological studies, environmental assessments, and discussions with residents and Indigenous communities, the number of potential sites was gradually narrowed down to one.

Throughout this process, the communities involved were provided funding opportunities to increase community capacity and well-being. In addition to providing resources to support engaged communities to participate in the site selection process, the Township of Huron-Kinloss administered two programs – the Community Well-Being Program (CWBP) and the Early Investment in Education and Skills Program (EIES).

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

In November 2024, the NWMO announced that they had chosen a site in Ignace, Ontario on the traditional lands of the Wabigoon Lake Ojibway as the home for the proposed DGR. This decision brought the siting process to an end, and with it also marked the end of a significant era of community investment in Huron-Kinloss.

Since its inception, the CWBP has provided opportunities for community organizations within Huron-Kinloss to increase capacity and well-being with total program funding in excess of \$500,000. Residents, businesses and organizations also

took advantage of the EIES program to increase their skills, and boost community capacity. Over the course of the EIES program more than \$250,000 was dispersed to 185 recipients, the EIES program also helped fund the Discovery Western Day Camp which saw over 100 local youth from grades 4-6 attend and take part in hands-on STEM activities. These programs have left a lasting legacy on our community, and we would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the NWMO for their support.

**Financial Impacts:**

**Over \$750,000 invested in community well-being and capacity building funded by the Community Well-Being Program and Early Investment in Education and Skills Program.**

**Performance Measurement:**

**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: Build Community Capacity**

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

**Mike Bartlett, Administrative Coordinator**

**Report Approved By:**

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer