



### Staff Report

**Report Title: NWMO Site-Selection May Status Update**

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**Department: CAO**

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**Attachments: SB-Summary of Studies and Peer Review; SB-Process for Submitting to Electoral; SB-Nuclear Exploration Project**

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#### **Recommendation:**

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number CAO-2021-05-18, prepared by Elyse Dewar, Project Coordinator.

#### **Background:**

In January 2020, the NWMO announced they had secured the sufficient amount of land in Municipality of South Bruce to continue studies for the DGR. This announcement meant that the Township of Huron-Kinloss was removed from the site-selection process and no longer considered a host community for the project. Two communities remain in the Nuclear Waste Management Organization's (NWMO) site selection process to find a suitable location to store Canada's used nuclear fuel – the Township of Ignace and the Municipality of South Bruce

#### **Discussion:**

##### **SBCLC Meeting May 6 - Willingness Process Study**

On Thursday, May 6, 2021, the South Bruce Community Liaison Committee will hear an overview from GHD Community Engagement Specialist Katrina McCullough on the Willingness Process Study. The presentation will include information on what the study is, how it will guide decision making, how the community can contribute to it and shape how GHD will engage the community throughout the year.

The Municipality of South Bruce has hired GHD to be an independent third-party to facilitate an open and transparent process that will allow the community to express

what measures they would like to see in determining willingness to host the Adaptive Phased Management Project.

The meeting will begin at 7pm on March 3 via Zoom Webinar ID: 945 2654 9532  
Passcode: 117814 or dial in: 647-558-0588.

### **Summary of South Bruce Studies and Peer Review**

South Bruce Council was provided an update on studies related to the Nuclear Exploration Project. Over 40 studies are needed, to explore and understand more about the project. Included in this report is a list of consultants involved in the studies and peer reviews.

The report from South Bruce Project Manager David Rushton is attached to this report - **SB-Summary of Studies and Peer Review**

### **SBCLC Member Vacancy**

South Bruce Community Liaison Committee member Brian Knox has resigned. South Bruce Council is in the process of recruiting a replacement for Mr. Knox.

### **South Bruce Council Learns of Referendum Process**

South Bruce Council requested information be brought forward regarding process and requirements for submitting a question to the electorate. The municipality's solicitor, Patrick Duffy, provided a report describing this process, which is attached to this report – **SB-Process for Submitting to Electoral**

### **South Bruce Nuclear Exploration Project**

Community Engagement and information related to the South Bruce Nuclear Exploration Project was presented to South Bruce Council. This report **SB-Nuclear Exploration Project** is attached.

Of note, please see:

- 2.b.ii - June CLC Meeting- Results from the 2021 Community Survey
- 3.c.i – Community Householder on Willingness
- 4. Team Changes

### **Well Water Sampling Program Begins**

The NWMO has begun the [well water sampling program in South Bruce](#).

The program will provide residents with assurance that their water will be carefully safeguarded, and help landowners and the NWMO better understand water resources and water quality in South Bruce around the potential repository site. This is a first step in implementing the NWMO's environmental baseline monitoring program, which was co-designed with the municipality.

## **Regional Early Investment in Education and Skills Program**

The NWMO has committed \$30,000 for this regional program for 2021 to support regional primary and secondary schools that South Bruce and/or Huron-Kinloss residents attend.

Each school was pre-approved for up to \$2,500 to support science, technology, environmental and math learning and enrichment initiatives for youth. A total of ten schools and two robotics teams were contacted and notified about this available funding including:

- Walkerton District Community School Sacred Heart High School - Walkerton
- F.E. Madill Secondary School - Wingham
- Ecole Kincardine District Senior School
- St. Anne's Catholic School - Clinton St. Anthony's School - Kincardine
- Elgin Market Public School - Kincardine
- Huron Heights Public School - Kincardine
- Kincardine Township Tiverton Public School
- Brookside Public School - Ashfield Township
- F.E. Madill First Robotics Team 6461 Iron Stallions
- Kinetic Knights Robotics Team 781

South Bruce and Huron-Kinloss will collaboratively review proposals and submit to NWMO for payment.

## **Municipality of Ignace Symposium**

On April 22, 2021, the Municipality of Ignace hosted a virtual Nuclear Waste Symposium. The full [Symposium Presentation](#) is available.

### **Financial Impacts:**

Funding for these programs was provided by the NWMO

### **Strategic Alignment:**

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 community and an accessible community. Projects in this report assist staff in achieving the following projects in the 2019-2023 Strategic Plan Action Plan: P2.4 Continue to learn about the NWMO DGR Project.

### **Respectfully Submitted By:**

Elyse Dewar, Project Coordinator

### **Approved By:**

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer