



## **Agriculture Business Impact Study – Questionnaire**

### **Huron-Kinloss**

The Municipality of South Bruce is one of two communities remaining in the site selection process for the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) Project, which will store Canada's used nuclear fuel in a deep geological repository (DGR).

There are over 40 studies planned or underway in South Bruce and the region, which will help the community explore and consider the NWMO Project. The Project will only move forward if it is proven safe for people and the environment, the community demonstrates willingness to host it, and it will provide meaningful benefits to the community. Some studies are being led by the Municipality of South Bruce, and some by the NWMO.

One of the municipally led studies is the Agriculture Business Impact Study. This study will identify:

- the existing agricultural/agri-business profile of the local area
- the potential for the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) Project to change the agriculture/agri-business operations in the area
- potential strategies for use of the NWMO lands to facilitate new agri-business entrants
- potential strategies, if needed, to address a potential change in the value of the agricultural products.

Leading the study on behalf of the Municipality is MDB Insight, an experienced and respected consulting firm. Their consultants will be involved throughout the development of research and analysis for the Agriculture Business Impact Study, including all stakeholder engagement aspects.

The Municipality of South Bruce has a positive working relationship with the Township of Huron-Kinloss. Huron-Kinloss is not only a direct neighbouring community, but also a former siting community that participated in the NWMO site selection process.

Although Huron-Kinloss is no longer participating in the NWMO site selection process, the Township and its residents are significant stakeholders and will be directly affected if the DGR is located in South Bruce. Recognizing that the proposed site in South Bruce is in close proximity to the Township of Huron-Kinloss, the scope of the Agriculture Business Impact Study was adjusted so to allow agriculture/agri-business stakeholders from Huron Kinloss that live within a 5km radius of the South Bruce site, the opportunity to provide input that will inform this study.

There will also be a workshop hosted by MDB Insight on **Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 1:00pm** for agriculture and agribusiness stakeholders in Huron-Kinloss to develop a draft vision for agriculture business in the region taking the NWMO Project into consideration. Those interested in participating are asked to either complete the registration form created by the consultants at MDB Insight at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/huronkinloss2022> or register by calling MDB Insight at 1-855-367-3535 ext. 242. The consultants will follow up to confirm registration and provide a link or phone number to join the workshop.

**The deadline to complete the questionnaire and have it delivered is March 11, 2022 at 4pm.**

*\*Questionnaire Begins\**

**Full Name:**

**Full Residential Address:**

**Email Address:**

**What sector of Agriculture/Agri-Business are you involved in?**

☐ Farming                      ☐ Services to Farmers                      ☐ Other (please specify):

1. Describe in 3 words Huron-Kinloss's current agriculture industry.

*A number of agriculture stakeholders may not be interested in communicating potential options, ideas or concepts for mitigating the potential impact of the NWMO Project... But IF the community is willing... understanding options for the agriculture sector is important.*

2. How could the 1,400 acres of NWMO lands around the DGR be used to attract new or expanded agriculture or agri-business operations including attracting new agricultural technologies and emerging, innovative approaches?

3. If the project were to be located in South Bruce, what should be done to address any potential change in the value of ag products grown in South Bruce, Huron-Kinloss and the surrounding area, or the value of agricultural land in Huron-Kinloss, South Bruce and the surrounding area?
4. How might the proposed “Centre of Expertise” support agriculture and agribusiness in South Bruce and the surrounding area?
5. If the NWMO Project is approved for South Bruce, what does local agriculture look like 10 years after operations begin? How might the DGR change agriculture/agri-business for you in Huron-Kinloss?

*\*Questionnaire Ends\**

### **Submitting this questionnaire**

Upon the completion of the questionnaire, there are several options to submit it.

- Returning a print copy to the Township Office
- Mailing a print copy with the included postage pre-paid envelope to either:
  - Township of Huron-Kinloss  
21 Queen Street  
Ripley, ON N0G 2R0
  - MDB Insight  
Attn: Andrea Marriaga  
993 Princess St, Ste 201  
Kingston ON K7L 1H3
- Emailing an electronic copy/scan to Andrea Marriaga, consultant with MDB Insight at [amarriaga@mdbinsight.com](mailto:amarriaga@mdbinsight.com)
- For questions, you can email [amarriaga@mdbinsight.com](mailto:amarriaga@mdbinsight.com) or call 1-855-367-3535 ext. 242

### **Requesting a copy of this questionnaire**

If you, or someone you know requires a copy of this questionnaire, there are several options.

- Photocopy this blank questionnaire
- Contacting the Township Office (519-395-3735) to request a copy be mailed to you.
- Contacting the Township Office and arranging for a pick up.