

Municipality of South Bruce

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September 16th, 2020

Dear Warden McQueen and County Councillors,

The Municipality of South Bruce is one of two remaining communities in the Nuclear Waste Management Organization's (NWMO) site selection process for the Adaptive Phased Management (APM) project which includes a Deep Geological Repository (DGR) to store Canada's used nuclear fuel. South Bruce has not made a decision to host the project.

In July 2020, the Municipality and the NWMO signed a multi-year funding agreement. This will allow for the study of both advantages and disadvantages that hosting the project may have, and its potential enhancements to the community.

Shortly thereafter, the Municipality of South Bruce welcomed two new employees as part of the team to help the Municipality and the community continue to learn, gather information and evaluate the project. Dave Rushton has assumed the role of Project Manager and Steve Travale as Communications/Public Relations Officer. They join Community Liaison Committee (CLC) Project Coordinator Vivian Kennedy in working collaboratively on this project.

I wanted to reach out and provide an update where things stand in relation to the project, and moving forward will do so on a regular basis. As a regional counterpart, I want to ensure that you have information related to South Bruce's involvement in the site selection process.

Between December 2019 and February 2020, South Bruce conducted nine community workshops which focused on exploring questions, comments and expectations that the community has for the Adaptive Phased Management Project and Canada's plan for used nuclear fuel. On July 28th, Council received a final report which summarizes the results of the Project Visioning Workshops. A copy of this document can be found in the agenda package on our municipal website.

On August 25th, Council endorsed a report which presents a draft list of thirty-four principles as they relate to the Municipality's engagement with the NWMO over the next three years. It is the intent that these principles will ensure that questions are answered and information made available to the residents of South Bruce and beyond. They will guide the community in an assessment of, and engagement with, the site selection process and will allow for a well-rounded evaluation.

This list of guiding principles recognizes the questions, concerns, comments and visions which have been brought forward by the community. Input on the list of principles from residents is also being received before it is finalized and sent to the NWMO. The report and draft list of principles is also attached for information.

A number of studies will be undertaken as part of the ongoing engagement and education process. These studies will focus on a number of specific areas, including economic development, agricultural

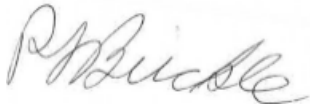
impact, natural environment, safety, regional benefits and others. These studies will be reviewed by our CLC and Council, and details shared publicly.

Safety is a priority and the project will not be implemented in any location that is not proven to be safe and environmentally sound. The proposal of the draft list of principles, and the various studies which will be conducted in the coming years are critical in guiding the Municipality and the community as South Bruce continues to explore the viability of hosting the project.

It is my hope that you will continue to learn and be informed of the ongoing process in South Bruce. You may wish to explore the resources and funding opportunities provided by the NWMO for communities neighbouring South Bruce, by reviewing the report which is also attached.

Please feel welcome to visit <https://www.town.southbruce.on.ca/> and <https://clcinfo.ca/southbruce/> for more information, and do not hesitate to reach out to myself or Project Manager Dave Rushton at 519-392-6623 or drushton@southbruce.ca.

Sincerely,

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Robert Buckle

Mayor, Municipality of South Bruce

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