

## Draft for Discussion

### **Ignace's Objectives for the APM Project**

Ignace entered the site selection process for the Adaptive Phased Management (APM) project in 2010 and since then has been learning about the project and exploring its interest. The APM project is part of Canada's plan for the long-term management of used nuclear fuel.

Through this learning and discussion, Ignace community members have begun to identify priorities and objectives for the APM project if it were to be located in the Ignace area. The priorities and objectives identified to this point by Ignace community members are summarized in this document for further discussion and refinement by community members. Once finalized, these priorities and objectives will be used to guide further discussions with the NWMO about the project and what it may bring if it were located in the Ignace area.

Ignace community members have also identified some key questions which need to be addressed to support their consideration of the project, and some priorities for a Centre of Expertise which is part of the project. These are also summarized in this document for further discussion and refinement by Ignace community members.

Share your thoughts. Your input is important!

## 1. Ignace's Project Vision – Draft for discussion

In discussions to date, Ignace community members have said that first and foremost the project must be safe. It is also key that community members have a good understanding of the project, including project benefits and risks, and the project must contribute to the long-term well-being of the community. These three key requirements are captured in the following three principles:

1. The project must ensure Safety and Security of people and the environment.
2. The Community must have a good understanding of the project and potential impacts, including risks and benefits, to support informed decision-making
3. The project must help Foster Well-being in areas important to the community.

Ignace residents have identified objectives for the project in five key well-being areas: people; economics and finance; infrastructure; community and culture; and, natural environment.

***Please review the project priorities and considerations. Have they captured what is most important to Ignace community members? What is missing? What needs to be added or changed?***

### a) People – If the project is located in the area, what are the priorities relative to people?

***Project priority: Help grow the population, retain youth and attract new residents to the area.***

Community considerations identified to date:

- Grow the population to 2,500 - 3,000.
- Develop strategies to support and retain population across all age groups
- Develop strategies to attract and retain workers to live in the community

### b) Economics and Finance - If the project is located in the area, what are the priorities for economic activity and the financial health of the area?

***Project Priority: Help support local businesses and diversify the economy.***

Key considerations identified to date by community members:

- Increase business activity and employment opportunities through the project in the community
- Enhance strategies to sustain and support local businesses
- Grow tax base through managed population growth to fund community services and facilities
- Enhance local training programs to maximize participation in project opportunities
- Increase household income through project employment, contracting, and associated opportunities
- Develop strategies to enhance participation in project opportunities to diminish the need for social assistance
- Support the growth of tourism through community enhancements

**c) Infrastructure - If the project is located in the area, what are the priorities for infrastructure and the physical structures that the community has established?**

***Project priority: Help maintain and improve existing infrastructure, including services, to meet the needs of residents.***

Key considerations identified to date by community members:

- Coordinated and integrated infrastructure and services planning to support the population
- Expand real estate development, including upgrading existing housing stock to support managed population growth
- Improve transportation infrastructure and services
- Improve aesthetics along the highway corridor to enhance the attractiveness of the community
- Grow opportunities for recreation through improved facilities and programming

**d) Community and Culture – if the project is located in the area, what are the priorities to maintain or enhance the sense of community, and the services and network of activities that support the needs of community members?**

***Project Priority: Help Ignace protect our small-town culture while enhancing social and recreation programming.***

Key considerations identified to date by community members:

- Celebrate our heritage and small-town nature
- Support Ignace community members through enhancements to recreation and social programming.

**e) Natural Environment – if the project is located in the area, what are the priorities for the natural environment and the community's relationship with it?**

***Project Priority: Help sustain and enhance stewardship of the environment as well as opportunities associated with these natural resources.***

Key considerations identified to date by community members:

- Maintain and protect overall environmental integrity of the area
- Support the conservation of reserves and parks for current and future users

## 2. Concerns and Questions about the project which need to be addressed – Draft for discussion

Some months ago, a survey that was distributed in the community to explore what information people would like to receive about the project and how they would like to receive that information. Through this survey and other conversations, community members have raised some key questions and concerns they would like to see addressed about the project. These questions are listed below.

***Please review the list of key questions that community members have identified to date. Does this list capture the key questions that still need to be addressed about the project? What is missing? What needs to be added or changed?***

How will the project affect the size of the community?

1. How many and what type of jobs and training will be created through the project for people in the community and area?
2. How will youth be retained and attracted to the community?
3. How will drinking water/ground and surface water resources be protected?
4. What are the project components, and where will they be located?
5. How will the availability and affordability of housing be ensured?
6. How will needed improvements to infrastructure and services be planned and financed to accommodate population growth?
7. How will the project affect tourism?
8. How will willingness be determined?
9. How will other communities (Indigenous and municipal) in the area be involved?
10. How will others along the transportation corridor be considered?
11. How will opposition to the project affect the siting decision?
12. What are the emergency response plans for the project?

### 3. Priorities for the Centre of Expertise – Draft for discussion

A national Centre of Expertise is an important part of the project. The Centre of Expertise will be designed to support the technical requirements of the project, and beyond that help foster community well-being by supporting other community uses. To date, Ignace community members have expressed the following preferences/ objectives for the Centre of Expertise if it were to be located in the area.

***Please review the list of priorities for the Centre of Expertise that community members have identified to date. Does this list capture what is most important to Ignace community members? What is missing? What needs to be added or changed?***

- Locate the Centre of Expertise in the community, with a design that helps it fit in with the community and makes it welcoming.
- Involve the Indigenous community.
- Bring executives and senior managers into the community as community members.
- Become an important educational centre for the project.
- Showcase Ignace's involvement in the project, including: timeline; the people involved in bringing the project to the area (i.e. community and committee members); offer learning tours.
- Promote natural and locally sourced resources (stone, granite, timber, laminated beams) through design as well as other existing industries in the area; might become a centre which represents excellence and innovation for northern Ontario.
- Could host Ignace's museum collection, Ignace's history from past to present, library
- Could host a facility for education and training; college pilot, partnership and/or presence in the centre.
- Could host recreational facilities (e.g. archery club), conference centre or auditorium, radio station, community spaces, entertainment and cultural programming, daycare facility and be a gathering place for community members.

## Additional Information

In discussions with community members to date, Ignace's vision for the project is closely aligned with Ignace's vision for itself over the long term as outlined in Ignace's Strategic Plan. It is also consistent with the values and principles identified earlier by Ignace community members to guide discussions with the NWMO about the project. Ignace's community vision, and the values and principles community members have set to guide discussions about the project are briefly outlined here, as well as general information about what is a project vision.

For more information about the project, Ignace's involvement in the site selection process and the location which is currently being studied as a possible site for a deep geological repository please visit the Ignace Nuclear Community Liaison Committee website ([www.clcinfo.ca/ignace](http://www.clcinfo.ca/ignace)) or the NWMO website ([www.nwmo.ca](http://www.nwmo.ca)). Or, drop in to the Learn More Centre at 304 Main Street, Ignace.

### Ignace Community Vision

Ignace outlined its vision and goals in *Township of Ignace 2015 – 2019 Strategic Plan – “Make Ignace Home”*. This was built upon in a new community strategy *Township of Ignace Community Strategy – Exploring Our Possibilities 2019 – 2024*.

#### Vision Statement

To be a safe, attractive and caring community that focuses on quality of life, driven by a healthy diversified economy based on principles of sustainability.

#### Ignace Values

The values identified by the residents of the Township of Ignace are:

**Community** — We believe in a safe, peaceful, welcoming, supportive, and family oriented community.

**Unity and Cooperation** — We believe in working together, sharing ideas and collaborating for the betterment of the community.

**Integrity** — We believe in transparency, fairness, honesty and authenticity.

**Resilience** — We believe in remaining strong, moving forward and embracing challenges and opportunities.

**Natural Environment** — We believe in the importance of fresh air, clean lakes, and the beauty of the nature that surrounds us.

#### Goals

- Make the Township of Ignace an attractive and welcoming community; make it a place that people want to call home.
- Market the Township of Ignace, its assets, the quality of life it offers and its affordability to elders groups and others.
- Establish an Economic Development Structure equipped with an Economic Development Professional capable of creating plans, developing initiatives and securing funding for the implementation of this plan.
- Develop partnerships with government, industry, municipal associations, not-for-profit organizations and others in order to help create economic stimulus that will attract people to and retain people in the Township of Ignace.

- Promote and support entrepreneurship and economic development initiatives.
- Diversify the economic base through added value propositions from our natural resources.
- Bring new residents to the Township of Ignace.

## **Ignace Principles to guide APM project discussions**

A series of conversations, workshops and open houses were conducted with Ignace community members in 2018 to develop principles to guide more intensive discussions about the APM project. These values and principles are briefly outlined below and described in more detail in *Guiding Principles for Exploring Partnership – Community conversations update* published on the community liaison committee and NWMO websites. They include:

- Safety is an all-encompassing parameter for the project and community, and needs to be backed by science.
- Respect and regard for the community is key, including its well-being and its leadership on this project.
- Accountability, responsibility and transparency among partners is essential, and requires open and informative communication and acknowledgement of community aspirations.
- Diversity, inclusivity, equity and interdependence is essential, and requires the engagement of community members, youth and acknowledgement that Ignace’s aspirations are fundamentally intertwined with the surrounding region.
- Integrity and honesty are critical for trust and, along with respect, for sustainable relationships.
- Communication and information must be clear, concise, understandable, ongoing and evenly distributed across the community to enable informed decisions.
- Managed growth is important to ensure the family feel of the community, its gentle and generous qualities, are retained while at the same time growing the sustainability of the community.

## **Why are we developing a Project Vision?**

Ignace and the NWMO are engaging in discussions to look at the APM project in more detail. Project visioning is designed to help identify and explore the community’s expectations for the project, and to create a list of key questions and concerns which need to be addressed through further information and studies.

Outlining a project vision is an important step in advancing along the Partnership Roadmap whose purpose is to ensure, as much as possible, that the APM project is aligned with the priorities and expectations of the community and area. The project vision outlines expectations for the project. The project vision sets the framework for further discussions about the project, to understand what it would look like if it were implemented in Ignace and specifically how might the community expect to benefit. It will also be used for work planning (including the identification and conduct of studies) to address the outstanding questions and concerns of community members. This will be important information for the community as it continues to consider hosting the project in the area.

# Attachment 6: Project Vision Workbook





# Community conversations on partnership

Exploring project vision together

Ignace and the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) are engaging in discussions to look at the Adaptive Phased Management (APM) project in more detail. We've identified a few questions to help develop our vision for the project. The following questions are designed to help explore our community's priorities and objectives for the project, and to create a list of key questions and concerns we need to address through further information and studies. **We need your input!**

We need your help to develop our community's vision for the project. Your feedback is valuable. A community-led vision will be developed based on our understanding of your priorities and objectives and your sharing of any concerns and questions. Thank you for your participation!

Join the discussion and share your thoughts by attending a discussion session online, or by dropping off your completed workbook at the Ignace Community Nuclear Liaison Committee office (304 Main Street, Ignace Town Centre Plaza). Electronic versions are also available by e-mailing [cgascon@nwmo.ca](mailto:cgascon@nwmo.ca).

Please provide your contact information.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel.: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Community Organization (affiliation) if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for sharing your thoughts and being involved in the discussion.

# 1. Community priorities and objectives for the project

Seven values and principles were identified in *Guiding Principles for Exploring Partnership – Community conversations update*. These include:

- Safety;
- Respect and regard;
- Accountability, responsibility and transparency;
- Diversity, inclusivity, equity and interdependence;
- Integrity and honesty;
- Communication; and
- Managed growth.

Individual responses will be kept confidential.

In considering our priorities and objectives for the project, it may be helpful to keep in mind our community's long-term vision. Ignace outlined its vision, mission, guiding principles and goals in *Township of Ignace 2015 – 2019 Strategic Plan – "Make Ignace Home"*. Our vision is:

**"To be a safe, attractive and caring community that focuses on quality of life, driven by a healthy diversified economy based on principles of sustainability."**

The APM project will be implemented in a manner that ensures **safety** of people and the environment. Beyond that, the project has the potential to contribute to the **well-being** of the community.

Community conversations over the past several years have begun to identify the priorities and objectives for the project that are commonly shared by our residents.

This is our community well-being framework:



# Share your views

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We have outlined the priorities and objectives we've heard so far in relation to each part of the community well-being framework. Please share your thoughts on the following questions:



**What are your key priorities and objectives for the project?  
What do we need to add or what changes should be made?**



## Project priority 1: People

*Help grow the population, retain youth and attract new residents to the area.*

Community considerations identified to date:

- Grow the population to 2,500-3,000
- Develop strategies to support and retain population across all age groups
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**Your views?**

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## Project priority 2: Community and culture

*Help Ignace protect our small-town culture while enhancing social and recreational programming.*

Key considerations identified to date by community members:

- Support Ignace community members through enhancements to recreation and social programming
- Celebrate our heritage and small-town nature

**Your views?**

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## Project priority 3: Infrastructure

*Help maintain and improve existing infrastructure including services, to the needs of residents.*

- Key considerations identified to date by community members:
- Improve transportation infrastructure and services
  - Expand real estate development, including upgrading existing housing stock to support managed population growth
  - Coordinated and integrated infrastructure and services planning to support the population
  - Improve aesthetics along the highway corridor to enhance the attractiveness of the community

**Your views?**

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## Project priority 4: Economic and finance

*Help support local businesses and diversify the economy.*

- Key considerations identified to date by community members:
- Grow the tax base through managed population growth to fund community services and facilities
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**Your views?**

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## Project priority 5: Natural environment

*Help sustain and enhance stewardship of the environment as well as opportunities associated with these natural resources.*

Key considerations identified to date by community members:

- Maintain and protect overall environmental integrity of the area
- Support the conservation of reserves and parks for current and future use

### Your views?

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Are there other priority areas that need to be considered?

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Are some priorities and objectives more important than others?  
Which ones and why?

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## 2. Concerns and questions about the project we need addressed

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**Your views?**

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# 3. Vision for the Centre of Expertise

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**Your views?**

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## What is the Centre of Expertise?

The Centre of Expertise will be designed to support a range of technical requirements and uses important to the project. The centre is expected to be established at, or near, the site. Its initial purpose is to support the multi-year testing and assessment of the site with a focus on safety and community well-being. The centre will be home to a technical and social research program, and a technology demonstration program, involving scientists and experts from a wide variety of disciplines. An engineering test facility will develop materials and equipment to be used in the repository. The centre will also house demonstration equipment that displays the entire packaging and container placement process. In later phases of the project, it will become a hub for knowledge-sharing across Canada and internationally.

The Centre of Expertise might also support other uses important to the community such as:

1. Be a focal point for the community to learn about the project;
2. Be a destination that welcomes visitors from the region and beyond;
3. Feature a learning area about the community and key economic activities such as forestry and tourism;
4. Be a hub for work to sustain and enhance the natural environment in the community and area. An example might be the monitoring and protection of natural water systems in the area, or supporting environmental sustainability planning in the area; and
5. Feature a learning area focused on the Indigenous people in the area and how Indigenous Knowledge is being applied to the project.



# Helpful information for exploring project vision together

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## A. Our shared responsibility

Canada has been generating electricity from nuclear power for more than half a century. Nuclear power has been a significant source of Ontario's electricity for several decades and is currently responsible for more than 60 per cent of Ontario's power. One of the legacies of this electricity production is used nuclear fuel, which is a compact, solid material that needs to be contained and isolated from people and the environment, essentially indefinitely.

Canada, like many other countries around the world, has a plan for the safe, long-term management of used nuclear fuel. It will ensure that used fuel can be kept separate from people and the environment without needing anyone to actively take care of it. The plan uses the best science and learnings from nature and natural systems. It is recognized internationally as the best approach.

There are currently just under 2.9 million used nuclear fuel bundles safely stored in interim storage facilities that require long-term management.

### Cross-country dialogue

Canada's plan was developed in dialogue with a broad cross-section of Canadians and Indigenous peoples across the country (2002–2005). The Government of Canada selected APM as Canada's plan for the long-term management of used nuclear fuel. The starting point for the plan is that this generation is taking responsibility for the management of the waste it has created and is not leaving it as a burden to future generations. The community and area that is selected to host the project will help Canada meet this important responsibility.

### Ignace's involvement

Ignace is one of two communities in Ontario exploring the possibility of hosting the deep geological repository, Centre of Expertise, and other facilities that are part of Canada's plan for the long-term management of used nuclear fuel. Since 2012, Ignace has been involved in a process of learning about the project and assessing whether it could be a good fit for the community as part of the site selection process led by the NWMO.

Ignace continues in the learning and exploration process and has not decided whether it wishes to host APM facilities in the area. Ultimately, the project requires a site that can safely and securely contain and isolate used nuclear fuel for the long time period needed, as well as a supportive partnership involving the municipality, First Nation and Métis communities and others in the area. A single preferred site for the project is expected to be selected by 2023.

Preliminary studies conducted to date suggest the project can be implemented safely in the Ignace area, and the project has the potential to align with the priorities and objectives identified by the community and described in Ignace's Strategic Plan.

## B. The plan

APM has as its end point a deep geological repository that will safely contain and isolate Canada's used nuclear fuel. An extended monitoring period and a repository design that allows retrievability are key components. APM also includes a management system that is based on phased and adaptive decision-making supported by sustained engagement of people and communities throughout implementation. It also includes continuous learning to ensure we are responsive to advances in technology, research, Indigenous Knowledge, and societal values.

The project consists of surface facilities as well as the repository, which must be located in a suitable rock formation. Some of the surface facilities could be located directly above the repository or dispersed within the region, depending on the communities' desires and preferences. A national Centre of Expertise will be an important part of the project.

This national infrastructure project involves an expenditure of approximately \$23 billion (2015 CA\$) for the lifecycle of the project which is more than 100 years. It will be an engine for economic activity across an area involving sustained employment and investment over many decades.

## C. The site selection process

Since 2010, the NWMO has been working collaboratively with interested communities to identify a single site where Canada's used nuclear fuel can be safely and securely contained and isolated over the long term. The initiative to begin exploring the suitability of areas has come from communities that expressed interest in learning more about the project. Their expressions of interest began a process of technical studies that identified potentially suitable study areas within and around those communities. Engagement and outreach have since broadened to include First Nation and Métis communities, as well as neighbouring municipalities in learning more about the project and becoming involved in decision-making.

Twenty-two communities initially came forward to learn about the project and explore the potential to host it in their area. A series of increasingly detailed studies to assess potential to meet the project's robust technical safety and social requirements have informed a gradual narrowing-down process. Preliminary assessment studies are now focused in and around five of these communities. At this stage of the process, none of these communities, including Ignace, have decided to host the project in their area.

## D. Ignace community vision

In considering Ignace's priorities and objectives for the project, it may be helpful to keep in mind our community's long-term vision. Ignace outlined its vision, five strategic goals, and accompanying objectives in *Township of Ignace 2015–2019 Strategic Plan – “Make Ignace Home”*. Included in the plan is a Vision, Mission, Guiding Principles and Goals which are briefly outlined below.

### Vision statement

To be a safe, attractive and caring community that focuses on quality of life, driven by a healthy and diversified economy based on principles of sustainability.

### Mission

To deliver sustainable municipal services and foster stable economic and population growth through effective leadership.

### Guiding principles

The Municipal Council of the Township of Ignace has committed to the following principles:

- Effective decision-making
- Fostering stable economic and population growth
- Being fiscally responsible
- Using local assets to our advantage

### Goals

- Make the Township of Ignace an attractive and welcoming community; make it a place that people want to call home.
- Market the Township of Ignace, its assets, the quality of life it offers and its affordability to elders groups and others.
- Establish an Economic Development Structure equipped with an Economic Development Professional capable of creating plans, developing initiatives and securing funding for the implementation of this plan.
- Develop partnerships with government, industry, municipal associations, not-for-profit organizations and others in order to help create economic stimulus that will both attract and retain people in the Township of Ignace.
- Promote and support entrepreneurship and economic development initiatives.
- Diversify the economic base through added value propositions from our natural resources.
- Bring new residents to the Township of Ignace.

## E. Ignace principles to guide APM project discussions

### We've already begun identifying values and principles that guide these more intensive discussions

The APM site selection process is advancing and we are moving into more intensive discussions about the project, and how the NWMO and the community might work together to implement it if a site in the area were selected and a supportive partnership could be developed. A series of engagement activities were conducted in 2018 to develop a set of principles to guide these more intensive discussions. These values and principles need to guide our current discussion; they are briefly outlined below and described in more detail in *Guiding Principles for Exploring Partnership – Community conversations update* published on the community liaison committee and the NWMO websites. The values and principles to guide more detailed discussion include:

- **Safety** is an all-encompassing parameter for the project and community, and needs to be backed by science.
- **Respect and regard** for the community is key, including its well-being and its leadership on this project.
- **Accountability, responsibility and transparency** among partners is essential, and requires open and informative communication and acknowledgement of community aspirations.
- **Diversity, inclusivity, equity and interdependence** is essential, and requires the engagement of community members, youth and acknowledgement that Ignace's aspirations are fundamentally intertwined with the surrounding region.
- **Integrity and honesty** are critical for trust and, along with respect, sustainable relationships.
- **Communication** and information must be clear, concise, understandable, ongoing and evenly distributed across the community to enable informed decisions.
- **Managed growth** is important to ensure the family feel of the community and that its gentle and generous qualities are retained while at the same time growing the sustainability of the community.

Guided by these values and principles, our current discussion focusses on exploring Ignace's priorities and objectives for the APM project. Future discussions will extend the discussion to: the involvement of neighbours and partners in the implementation of this large project and how to engage them; the investments in the area that would be needed to support the project; and coming together finally in the development of a plan for how the project would be implemented if the area was selected for the project and Ignace was supportive of proceeding.

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# Conversations avec la collectivité sur l'établissement d'un partenariat

Explorons ensemble la vision du projet

Ignace et la Société de gestion des déchets nucléaires (SGDN) amorcent des discussions pour examiner plus en détail le projet de la Gestion adaptative progressive (GAP). Nous avons relevé quelques questions qui pourraient nous aider à définir une vision du projet qui correspondrait à la collectivité d'Ignace. Les questions suivantes ont pour but de nous aider à explorer quels seraient les priorités et les objectifs de notre collectivité au regard du projet et de créer une liste de questions et de préoccupations clés auxquelles il faudra répondre en obtenant des informations supplémentaires et en réalisant d'autres études.

**Faites-nous part de vos idées!**

Nous avons besoin de votre aide pour définir notre vision du projet. Vos commentaires seraient très utiles. La collectivité établira sa propre vision en se fondant sur sa compréhension de vos priorités et de vos objectifs ainsi que sur les préoccupations et les questions que vous aurez soulevées. Merci de votre participation!

Joignez-vous à la discussion et faites part de vos idées en participant à une séance de discussion en ligne ou en remettant votre cahier de consultation rempli au bureau du Comité de liaison sur les déchets nucléaires d'Ignace (304, rue Main, Town Plaza, Ignace). Des versions électroniques sont également disponibles et peuvent être transmises par courriel à l'adresse [cgascon@nwmco.ca](mailto:cgascon@nwmco.ca).

Veuillez nous fournir vos coordonnées.

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Organisation d'appartenance au sein de la collectivité (affiliation), le cas échéant :

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**Merci de nous faire part de vos idées et de participer à la discussion.  
Les réponses individuelles demeureront confidentielles.**

# 1. Priorités et objectifs de la collectivité concernant le projet

Sept valeurs et principes ont été énoncés dans le document *Principes directeurs pour explorer la possibilité de créer un partenariat – Mise à jour sur les conversations avec la collectivité*. Ce sont :

- la sûreté;
- le respect et la considération;
- la reddition de comptes, la responsabilité et la transparence;
- la diversité, l'inclusion, l'équité et l'interdépendance;
- l'intégrité et l'honnêteté;
- la communication;
- une croissance maîtrisée.

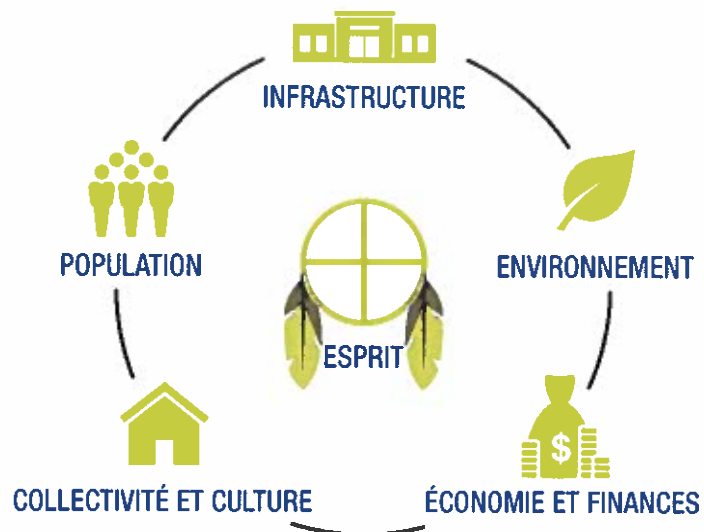
Avant d'examiner nos priorités et nos objectifs pour le projet, il pourrait être utile de se rappeler la vision à long terme que s'est donnée notre collectivité. Ignace a énoncé sa vision, sa mission, ses principes directeurs et ses objectifs dans le document *Township of Ignace 2015 – 2019 Strategic Plan – "Make Ignace Home"*. Notre vision est :

**« Être une collectivité sûre, attrayante et bienveillante, qui favorise avant tout la qualité de vie et qui est soutenue par une économie dynamique, diversifiée et fondée sur les principes du développement durable. »**

Le projet de la GAP sera mis en oeuvre de manière à **protéger** les gens et l'environnement. Au-delà de cette considération, le projet pourrait contribuer au **bien-être** de la collectivité.

Les conversations tenues au sein de la collectivité au cours des dernières années ont permis de commencer à dégager les priorités et les objectifs généralement partagés par nos résidents concernant le projet.

Voici notre cadre de référence sur le bien-être de la collectivité :



# Donnez-nous votre avis

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Nous énoncerons ici les priorités et les objectifs qui ont été formulés jusqu'ici au regard de chaque élément du cadre de référence sur le bien-être de la collectivité. Veuillez nous donner votre avis sur les questions suivantes :



**Quels sont vos grandes priorités et vos principaux objectifs par rapport au projet?  
Que devons-nous ajouter ou quels changements devraient être apportés?**



**Priorité n° 1 pour le projet : la population**

*Contribuer à la croissance démographique, retenir les jeunes et attirer de nouveaux résidents dans la région.*

Considérations clés identifiées par les membres de la collectivité jusqu'ici :

- croissance de la population à 2 500 - 3 000 résidents
- stratégies pour soutenir et retenir les résidents de tous les groupes d'âge
- stratégies pour attirer des travailleurs et les retenir dans la collectivité

**Votre point de vue?**

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**Priorité n° 2 pour le projet : collectivité et culture**

*Aider Ignace à protéger sa culture de petite ville tout en améliorant ses programmes sociaux et récréatifs.*

Considérations clés identifiées par les membres de la collectivité jusqu'ici :

- soutien des résidents d'Ignace par une amélioration des programmes récréatifs et sociaux
- célébration de notre héritage et de notre caractère de petite ville

**Votre point de vue?**

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## Priority n° 3 for the project : Infrastructure

*Aider à entretenir/ améliorer l'infrastructure existante, y compris les services, pour répondre aux besoins des résidents.*

Key considerations identified by the members of the community so far :

- improvement of infrastructure and transport services
- support of real estate development, including improvement of existing real estate, to favor population growth
- coordinated and integrated planning of infrastructure and transport services to support the population
- improvement of the aesthetic aspect of the road corridor to make the community more attractive

**Your point of view?**

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## Priority n° 4 for the project : Economy and Finance

*Support local businesses and diversify the economy.*

Key considerations identified by the members of the community so far :

- expansion of the tax base by an increase in the population to finance services and installations of the community
- increase in commercial activity and improvement of employment prospects via the project
- increase in tourism activity by improvements to the community
- strategies to help people take advantage of employment opportunities in order to reduce the need for social aid

**Your point of view?**

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## Priorité n° 5 pour le projet : l'environnement naturel

*Aider à maintenir/  
améliorer l'intendance  
environnementale et les  
possibilités qu'offrent les  
ressources naturelles.*

Considérations clés identifiées par les membres de la collectivité jusqu'ici :

- maintien et protection de l'intégrité environnementale globale de la région
- soutien de la conservation des réserves et des parcs pour les usagers actuels et futurs

### **Votre point de vue?**

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Y a-t-il d'autres domaines prioritaires qui doivent être pris en considération?

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Faut-il accorder une plus grande priorité à certaines priorités ou à certains objectifs? Lesquels et pourquoi?

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## 2. Préoccupations et questions auxquelles il faudra répondre concernant le projet

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Il y a quelques mois, un sondage a été distribué dans la collectivité pour demander aux gens quelles informations ils souhaiteraient recevoir sur le projet et comment ils souhaiteraient recevoir ces informations. À travers ce sondage et d'autres conversations, des membres de la collectivité ont soulevé certaines questions et préoccupations qu'ils souhaiteraient voir traiter au regard du projet. Ces questions sont fournies ci-dessous.



**Veillez examiner la liste de questions clés soulevées par les membres de la collectivité jusqu'ici. Cette liste couvre-t-elle les principales questions auxquelles il faudra répondre concernant le projet? Que manque-t-il? Que devrions-nous ajouter ou changer?**

1. Quels effets le projet aura-t-il sur la taille de la collectivité?
2. Combien et quels types d'emplois et de possibilités de formation seront générés par le projet pour les gens de la collectivité et de la région?
3. Comment les jeunes seront-ils retenus et attirés dans la collectivité?
4. Comment les ressources en eau potable souterraines et de surface seront-elles protégées?
5. Quels sont les principales installations associées au projets et où seront-elles situées?
6. Comment la disponibilité et le prix abordable des logements seront-ils préservés?
7. Comment les améliorations requises à l'infrastructure et aux services seront-elles planifiées et financées pour soutenir la croissance de la population?
8. Quelles incidences le projet aura-t-il sur le tourisme?
9. Comment le consentement sera-t-il déterminé?
10. Comment les autres collectivités de la région (autochtones et municipales) seront-elles invitées à participer au projet?
11. Comment les gens le long du corridor de transport seront-ils pris en considération?
12. Dans quelle mesure l'opposition au projet influencera-t-elle le choix du site?
13. Quels plans d'intervention d'urgence sont en place pour le projet?

**Votre point de vue?**

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### 3. Vision pour le Centre d'expertise

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Le Centre d'expertise est un élément important du projet. Il sera conçu pour soutenir les exigences techniques du projet et pour contribuer à favoriser le bien-être de la collectivité en soutenant d'autres services locaux. Des membres de la collectivité ont exprimé leurs préférences/objectifs au regard du Centre d'expertise dans l'éventualité où il serait construit dans la région.



**Veillez examiner la liste des priorités identifiées jusqu'à maintenant par les membres de la collectivité concernant le Centre d'expertise. Cette liste couvre-t-elle ce qui est le plus important pour les membres de la collectivité d'Ignace? Que manque-t-il à cette liste? Que doit-on ajouter ou changer?**

- Situer le Centre d'expertise dans la collectivité. Sa conception doit faire en sorte qu'il s'harmonise avec la collectivité et qu'il soit accueillant.
- Impliquer la collectivité autochtone.
- Faire venir les membres de la direction et les cadres supérieurs pour qu'ils deviennent des membres de la collectivité.
- Faire en sorte que le centre devienne un important centre d'éducation sur le projet.
- Mettre en valeur la participation d'Ignace au projet, notamment : les différentes étapes qui se sont succédées; les gens qui ont fait venir le projet dans la région (c.-à-d. les membres de la collectivité et du comité); offrir des visites d'apprentissage.
- Promouvoir les ressources naturelles et locales (pierre, granit, bois d'œuvre, poutres lamellées) ainsi que les autres industries de la région de par la conception du bâtiment; le centre pourrait devenir un lieu qui représente l'excellence et l'innovation du Nord de l'Ontario.
- Pourrait abriter la collection du musée d'Ignace, montrer l'histoire d'Ignace jusqu'aujourd'hui, loger une bibliothèque.
- Pourrait abriter un établissement d'éducation et de formation; un collège pilote, en partenariat et/ou présent dans le centre.
- Pourrait abriter des installations récréatives (p. ex. un club de tir à l'arc), un centre de congrès ou un auditorium, une station de radio, des espaces communautaires, des programmes de divertissement et culturels, une garderie, pourrait être un lieu de rassemblement pour les membres de la collectivité.



## Vision pour le Centre d'expertise

Le Centre d'expertise sera conçu pour répondre à un éventail d'exigences techniques et d'utilités importantes pour le projet. Le centre devrait être établi sur le site du dépôt ou à proximité. Il aura initialement pour but de soutenir la mise à l'épreuve et l'évaluation pluriannuelles du site, principalement sur les plans de la sûreté et du bien-être de la collectivité. Le centre sera le siège d'un programme de recherche technique et sociale ainsi que d'un programme de démonstration technologique où travailleront des scientifiques et des experts d'un large éventail de disciplines. Une installation d'essais d'ingénierie mettra au point les matériaux et l'équipement qui seront utilisés dans le dépôt. Le centre abritera également des équipements de démonstration qui présentent l'ensemble du processus d'emballage et de mise en place des conteneurs. Au cours des dernières phases du projet, il deviendra un carrefour canadien et international d'échange de connaissances.

Le Centre d'expertise pourrait aussi soutenir d'autres usages importants pour la collectivité. Il pourrait, par exemple :

1. constituer un lieu privilégié où les membres de la collectivité pourraient se renseigner sur le projet;
2. devenir une destination qui accueille les visiteurs de la région et d'ailleurs;
3. comprendre un espace d'apprentissage sur la collectivité et ses principales activités économiques, comme la foresterie et le tourisme;
4. être un pôle de d'activités visant à préserver et à améliorer l'environnement naturel de la collectivité et de la région. On pourrait, par exemple, surveiller et protéger les systèmes aquatiques naturels de la région, ou soutenir la gestion durable de l'environnement dans la région;
5. comprendre un espace d'apprentissage sur les peuples autochtones de la région et la façon dont le savoir autochtone est appliqué au projet.



# Informations utiles pour explorer ensemble la vision du projet

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## A. Notre responsabilité à tous

Le Canada produit de l'électricité à l'aide de l'énergie nucléaire depuis plus de 50 ans. L'énergie nucléaire est une source importante d'électricité en Ontario depuis plusieurs décennies et fournit actuellement plus de 60 pour cent de l'électricité consommée dans la province. Un des héritages de cette production d'électricité est le combustible nucléaire irradié, un matériau compact et solide qui doit être confiné et isolé de la population et de l'environnement de manière essentiellement indéfinie.

Le Canada, comme plusieurs autres pays de par le monde, s'est doté d'un plan pour garantir la gestion sûre et à long terme de son combustible nucléaire irradié. Il fera en sorte que le combustible irradié soit maintenu à l'écart des gens et de l'environnement sans que personne doive activement s'en occuper. Le plan s'appuie sur les meilleures données scientifiques et les connaissances les plus récentes sur la nature et les systèmes naturels. L'approche envisagée est considérée internationalement comme la meilleure solution dans ce domaine.

Un peu moins de 2,9 millions de grappes de combustible nucléaire irradié sont actuellement entreposées de manière sûre dans des installations provisoires d'entreposage, lesquelles devront faire l'objet d'une gestion à long terme.

### Dialogue pancanadien

Le plan canadien a été élaboré en dialogue avec un éventail diversifié de Canadiens et de membres des peuples autochtones de toutes les régions du pays (2002–2005). Le gouvernement du Canada a choisi la GAP comme plan canadien pour la gestion à long terme du combustible nucléaire irradié. Le plan est fondé sur le principe voulant que la génération actuelle doive assumer la responsabilité de la gestion des déchets qu'elle a créés et qu'elle ne doit pas en léguer le fardeau aux générations futures. La collectivité et la région qui seront choisies pour accueillir le projet aideront le Canada à s'acquitter de cette responsabilité.

### Participation d'Ignace

Ignace et une autre collectivité en Ontario étudient la possibilité d'accueillir le dépôt géologique en profondeur, le Centre d'expertise et les autres installations que prévoit le plan de gestion à long terme du combustible nucléaire irradié canadien. Ignace participe depuis 2012 au processus de sélection de la SGDN, dans le cadre duquel la collectivité se renseigne sur le projet et évalue avec la SGDN la possibilité que le projet convienne à la collectivité.

Ignace est toujours engagée dans le processus d'apprentissage et d'exploration et n'a pas encore décidé si elle souhaite accueillir les installations de la GAP dans la région. Ultiment, le projet nécessite un site qui pourra confiner et isoler de manière sûre et sécuritaire le combustible nucléaire irradié pour la longue période requise, ainsi qu'un partenariat solidaire regroupant la municipalité, les collectivités des Premières Nations et métisses concernées et les autres collectivités de la région. Un site optimal unique pour le projet devrait être choisi d'ici 2023.

Les études préliminaires réalisées jusqu'à maintenant laissent supposer que le projet pourrait être mis en oeuvre de manière sûre dans la région d'Ignace et que le projet serait susceptible de concorder avec les priorités et les objectifs que s'est donnés la collectivité et qui sont décrits dans le plan stratégique d'Ignace.

## B. Le plan

La GAP a comme aboutissement un dépôt géologique en profondeur où sera confiné et isolé en toute sûreté le combustible nucléaire irradié canadien. Une période prolongée de surveillance et un dépôt conçu pour permettre la récupération du combustible sont des éléments clés du plan. La GAP comprend un système de gestion fondé sur un processus de décision progressif et adaptatif, lequel est soutenu par une concertation publique des gens et des collectivités qui se poursuit tout au long du processus de mise en oeuvre. Il comprend également un processus d'apprentissage continu qui permet de tenir compte des avancées technologiques, des nouvelles recherches, du savoir autochtone et de l'évolution des valeurs de la société.

Le projet se composera d'installations de surface ainsi que d'un dépôt, lequel devra être construit dans une formation rocheuse appropriée. Certaines des installations de surface pourraient être situées directement au-dessus du dépôt ou pourraient être réparties dans la région, selon ce que souhaitent les collectivités. Un Centre d'expertise national constituera un élément important du projet.

Ce projet national d'infrastructure représentera un investissement d'approximativement 23 milliards \$ (dollars CAD de 2015), qui couvrira le cycle de vie entier du projet, qui est de plus de 100 ans. Il sera un moteur d'activité économique pour toute la région et générera des emplois et des investissements pendant de nombreuses décennies.

## C. Le processus de sélection d'un site

Depuis 2010, la SGDN a travaillé en collaboration avec des collectivités intéressées à identifier un site unique où le combustible nucléaire irradié canadien pourra être confiné et isolé à long terme de manière sûre et sécuritaire. L'exploration de l'aptitude des régions candidates a été entreprise à l'initiative des collectivités qui avaient exprimé l'intention d'en apprendre davantage sur le projet. L'expression de leur intérêt a amorcé un processus d'études techniques qui a permis d'identifier des secteurs potentiellement propices au sein et en périphérie de ces collectivités. Les activités de concertation et de sensibilisation se sont depuis élargies pour engager également les collectivités des Premières Nations et métisses ainsi que les municipalités voisines à en apprendre davantage sur le projet et à participer au processus décisionnel.

Vingt-deux collectivités avaient initialement demandé d'en apprendre davantage sur le projet et d'examiner de manière préliminaire leur aptitude à l'accueillir dans leur secteur. Une série d'études de plus en plus détaillées pour évaluer l'aptitude à satisfaire aux rigoureuses exigences techniques et sociales du projet a sous-tendu un processus graduel d'élimination. Les études d'évaluation préliminaire se concentrent maintenant sur cinq de ces collectivités et leurs régions environnantes. Au stade actuel du processus, aucune de ces collectivités, y compris Ignace, n'a encore décidé d'accueillir le projet dans sa région.

## D. Vision de la collectivité d'Ignace

Avant d'examiner les priorités et les objectifs fixés par Ignace au regard du projet, il pourrait être utile de se rappeler la vision à long terme que s'est donnée notre collectivité. Ignace a énoncé sa vision, sa mission, ses principes directeurs ses objectifs dans le document *Township of Ignace 2015–2019 Strategic Plan – “Make Ignace Home”*. Ce plan énonce une vision, une mission, des principes directeurs et des objectifs, qui sont brièvement décrits ci-dessous.

### Énoncé de vision

Être une collectivité sûre, attrayante et bienveillante, qui favorise avant tout la qualité de vie et qui est soutenue par une économie dynamique, diversifiée et fondée sur les principes du développement durable.

### Mission

Fournir des services municipaux durables et favoriser une croissance économique et démographique stable en assurant une gestion efficace.

### Principes directeurs

Le conseil municipal du canton d'Ignace s'est engagé à respecter les principes suivants :

- un processus de décision efficace
- favoriser une croissance économique et démographie stable
- gérer le budget de manière responsable
- mettre à profit les atouts locaux

### Buts

- Faire du canton d'Ignace une collectivité attrayante et accueillante, un endroit où les gens voudraient habiter.
- Faire la promotion du canton d'Ignace, de ses atouts, de sa qualité de vie et de son coût de la vie abordable pour les aînés et d'autres.
- Établir une structure de développement économique dotée d'un spécialiste du développement économique capable de concevoir des plans, d'élaborer des initiatives et de recueillir le financement requis pour mettre en oeuvre ces plans.
- Créer des partenariats avec le gouvernement, l'industrie, les associations municipales, des organisations sans but lucratif et d'autres afin d'aider à stimuler l'économie et à attirer et conserver les gens dans le canton d'Ignace.
- Promouvoir et soutenir l'entrepreneuriat et les initiatives de développement économique.
- Diversifier l'économie locale par le biais de propositions visant à apporter une valeur ajoutée à nos ressources naturelles.
- Attirer de nouveaux résidents dans le canton d'Ignace.

## E. Principes directeurs devant guider les discussions sur le projet de la GAP à Ignace

### **Nous avons déjà commencé à préciser les valeurs et les principes qui doivent guider ces discussions plus intensives**

Le processus de sélection d'un site de la GAP avance et nous passons maintenant à des discussions plus intensives sur le projet et sur la façon dont la SGDN et la collectivité pourraient collaborer à sa mise en oeuvre si un site était choisi dans la région et si un partenariat solidaire était créé. Une série d'activités de concertation ont été menées en 2018 pour définir un ensemble de principes destinés à guider ces discussions plus intensives. Ces valeurs et ces principes doivent guider nos discussions actuelles; ils sont brièvement énoncés ci-dessous et décrits plus en détail dans le document *Principes directeurs pour explorer la possibilité de créer un partenariat – Mise à jour sur les conversations avec la collectivité*, publié sur les sites Web du comité de liaison communautaire et de la SGDN. Les valeurs et les principes qui doivent guider les discussions plus détaillées sont les suivants :

- **La sûreté** est un principe fondamental pour le projet et la collectivité, et doit s'appuyer sur des données scientifiques.
- **Le respect et la considération** de la collectivité sont essentiels, notamment par rapport à son bien-être et à son leadership relativement au projet.
- **La reddition de comptes, la responsabilité et la transparence** entre les partenaires sont essentielles et doivent s'appuyer sur une bonne communication de l'information et la reconnaissance des aspirations de la collectivité.
- **La diversité, l'inclusion, l'équité et l'interdépendance** sont indispensables et nécessitent une concertation avec les membres de la collectivité, y compris avec les jeunes, ainsi que la reconnaissance du fait que les aspirations d'Ignace sont fondamentalement liées à celles de la région environnante.
- **L'intégrité et l'honnêteté** sont essentielles à l'établissement de la confiance et, avec le respect, à la création de relations durables.
- **Les communications** et l'information doivent être claires, concises et compréhensibles, et doivent rejoindre l'ensemble des membres de la collectivité pour que les décisions à prendre soient des décisions éclairées.
- **Une croissance maîtrisée** est importante pour que la collectivité conserve son caractère familial, sa douceur et sa générosité, tout en maintenant un rythme de croissance durable.

Guidée par ces valeurs et ces principes, la discussion actuelle vise à explorer les priorités et les objectifs d'Ignace au regard du projet de la GAP. La portée des discussions futures s'élargira ensuite pour englober : la participation dans le cadre d'un partenariat des collectivités voisines à la mise en oeuvre de ce grand projet et la façon de les approcher; les investissements requis dans la région pour soutenir le projet; et, enfin, l'élaboration commune d'un plan qui établirait comment le projet serait mis en oeuvre si la région était choisie pour le projet et si Ignace consentait à l'accueillir.





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## OVERVIEW

Input from Ignace residents was gathered using multiple methods: MURAL boards populated during virtual workshops, Project Vision Workbooks, conversations, and one-on-one interviews. Below is the feedback provided through these methods. While participant feedback was categorized by theme and may have been reorganized in the main report where appropriate, the participant feedback below has been categorized in the categories in which participants provided their feedback. The comments have been edited for spelling and grammar. To protect the confidentiality of participants identifiers have been removed.

## 1.0 COMMUNITY PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE PROJECT

### Project Priority: People

- I agree with the above. It is important to hire local first and then bring fresh labor in.
- Having lived in larger centers, (I do not consider Dryden a large center) a population size of 10,000 would be okay.
- Strengthen internet, cellphone coverage, increase medical services, more convenience business hours (e.g., 24-hour fuel).
- Expand the school curriculum, daycare, and after school programs.
- Collaborate with the established education facilities and training schools to offer opportunities for youth to learn in their own community (e.g., Confederation college, trade schools etc.).
- Ignace needs to be the priority in terms of benefits from development. As the host community, we need to be considered first in development before expanding to neighboring communities as spin-off experts. Training opportunities in trades and other professional jobs is key.
- Affordable housing, hospital, improved recreation complexes, etc.
- I would like to see a population size up to 5,000 which would be able to support more variety of businesses, an active airport and hospital.
- Would be nice.
- Generally supports the priorities and considerations under consideration. Ignace has struggled with constant loss of population, which has economic and cultural ramifications. When the community loses people, it also loses its' culture. The population loss has been occurring for 35 years. The people left in Ignace are the diehards. It can be a difficult place to live, and the people who live in Ignace love it.
- Retaining youth and middle-aged people is especially challenging. If there are no jobs, current residents will leave and new people will not move to Ignace. The project could bring sustainability to the community. Noted that people are not super interested in mass growth in the community, which provides a pretty good idea of the general mentality of residents. People like a small town.

- Population growth is a catch-22. There are currently between 1,100-1,200 people in Ignace. If the population doubles, you are doubling the number of people with opinions in the community. 50% of residents would be people with new opinions and perspectives. Population growth will provide security (economic), but it will change the perspectives of residents in the township.
- If the project goes ahead, there will need to be some flexibility. Things will evolve and change and grow and plans will need to be adapted.
- The infrastructure in the community is outdated. Phone lines and internet are a huge concern and would be a concern for the NWMO. The water plant is in good condition and can support more people. Schools could accommodate more people. Businesses want more people. The existing businesses want new businesses because it takes skilled people to run them.
- Attracting skilled labour will be a consideration. You can look at doctors in town and question why they would work in Ignace. You need to find specialists who want to live in Ignace. Look at the OPP for example, officers will get their stripes and then move when they have the opportunity. The community needs to understand that top people may not want to stick around Ignace. It is not necessarily realistic to have the people who work on the project stay in the community.
- "People" might fit into other categories, is it necessary to keep this topic?
- 2,500 is a good recent peak number within our history. Some of us came to Ignace because it is a small community and that is what we like.
- Is there an upper limit? A max? 3,000?
- Training youth may need to be included.
- Partner with other groups.
- Children should not have to leave to receive training. Local capacity.
- Retain the people we currently have (not just youth).
- Build on the community we have.
- Attract new talent and retain new talent. If we want people to stay we need infrastructure.
- A community where everyone is celebrated, diverse and multicultural.
- So if you had a lot of builders coming into the town to construct the project, are you trying to retain them? Are they coming and going? Will there be a massive influx?
- We need to have discussions with people on what opportunities will help retain them.
- Where do tourists fit into things? Are they part of people? Are you looking to boost tourism?
- Will the perception of a nuclear industry diminish our ability to attract tourists who come for the natural environment?
- What are the strategies? Are they all economic?

- Why is this the limit? How was this identified?
- All the people will not move to Ignace, some will want to stay in a larger centre. We need to plan for a lower estimate as well.
- Whatever it takes to promote a healthy community, incorporate that into design.
- I believe the population will exceed 3,000 and infrastructure will need to reflect that. It will not be a big leap to accommodate 3,000. If you go to the 5,000 range it changes the nature of things.
- A lot of details will need to be filled out. Start by preparing for 2,500-3,000 and continue to monitor to address future needs.
- What about taking a spin on that and promoting the community as a healthy place so we have amenities to attract residents (walking trails, biking, zoning that promotes healthy choices). Focus on a healthy lifestyle.

### **Project Priority: Economics and Finance**

- Possible increase of service operational hours (e.g., 24-hour fuel station, convenience store, restaurant, and travel pet-friendly accommodations).
- The town needs updating while keeping the small-town feel.
- Reopen the sawmill.
- Grow our tourism opportunities, more social assistance support, more affordable housing (e.g., apartments and small houses).
- There is a need to develop incubator spaces/innovation centers that can nurture small businesses and entrepreneurs to help develop niche markets representative of northern living and culture.
- We really need to attract an educated and wealthier population. These types of people will come with a level of development, but we need to make the town attractive, so they do not choose Dryden over Ignace.
  - Housing
  - Infrastructure
  - Recreation
- As mentioned, the variety and quality of highway businesses and airport vitality should be a priority. Ensure there are employment opportunities for the project.
- Yes – as listed above.
- Tourism is important to the economy of Ignace. The town needs to sell itself and our wonderful surroundings. We must enhance the outdoor opportunities here to encourage future residents.

- This is a comprehensive list. These considerations all need to be done. They sound great but I would like to hear more on how they will be achieved. If we could manage to do one or two of things on this list it would make a huge difference in Ignace. Whatever we can achieve would be great. At this point the list contains a lot of good stuff.
- Retain the youth. Once they get university degrees they might not want to return.
- Need to include training to achieve this.
- Develop and diversify skill sets. We need trades.
- Get the banks and investors on board. It is difficult to get financial support in the area.
- There is no senior housing in the community.
- Invest back into local business. Establish businesses that are unique to the community and the region (e.g., local artisans at the museum).
- Quality and competitive businesses.
- Need to work in partnership with NWMO for economic development.
- Really need to build more opportunities for the youth with facilities/programs to support skill development.
- In addition to new opportunities, there is a need for education and promotion of current available resources.
- It is hard to find jobs locally, so this is good for youth.
- For youth, there are not many options for employment. I think more opportunities would be a good thing.
- Currently there is a housing shortage. What is required to support this economic growth when housing is already challenging?
- What about housing costs? Facility usage costs?
- We have lost a lot of businesses that employ youth, so more opportunities would be good.
- Can you expand on what is meant by "managed growth"?
- There are a lot of things mentioned in this list in that 10-year gap. Is the bill for all of these investments coming from the municipality or is that a gift from the project?
- I would like to see maximum economic benefits at all stages of the project (e.g., manufacture containers locally). How does the community benefit if there is a camp during construction?
- Financial sustainability for the municipality is important so Ignace does not go into deficit to accommodate the project.

## Project Priority: Infrastructure

- For future community buildings consider putting in service lines (e.g., hydro, cable etc.)
- Fence around commercial properties and consider landscaping.
- Infrastructure is the most important. Aesthetics are very important on the corridor as tourists could be potential citizens.
- Improve existing communications infrastructure and their affordability (e.g., internet, television, telephone services).
- Rental properties are in dire need.
- Improve the aesthetics in the trailer park (clean it up and tear down abandoned units).
- To attract people we need economic development, businesses, services, shopping, etc. We also need enhanced communication services such as high-speed internet.
- Enhance the public spaces.
- Build innovative and iconic buildings that in themselves become tourist attractions (e.g., Center of Expertise)
- Use and provide services to enhance northern living.
- Yes. Clean up the derelict buildings, autos, etc. The town is looking shabbier along the highway. Ignace is doing a much better job of keeping public spaces tidy.
- Upgrading the corridor appearance is vital to drawing people to visit and stay in Ignace. Encourage and assist the main street business improvements. Renovate the municipal airport and recreation center.
- As listed above.
- First impressions of Ignace are negative because of the highway corridor, it has deteriorated in the past year. Hopefully with real estate development it will preserve and enhance some of the great trails Ignace enjoys.
- The town has mining housing from the 1970's.
  - The housing was built too quickly and is poor quality.
  - How to make sure that does not happen with this Project?
- Ensure new infrastructure will be high quality even if is needed to be constructed quickly.
- This sound great. With transportation are you talking about road condition or transportation systems (e.g., buses)? The roads are in decent shape and are not maxed out in terms of capacity. The community used to have 2-3 times the current population. Ignace could use better roads, the conditions for roads are tough because the area is tough (e.g., freeze and thaw). A bus is a good idea, but you need a larger population. There is not a need for a bus in Ignace currently. If there were a bus, a route between Ignace and Dryden would make the

most sense but then you are giving people a change to spend time and money outside of the community.

- Ignace has a housing shortage and the houses that are available are not good. Pricing is not an issue but there is a shortage of good, clean houses in Ignace. Expanding the housing stock would be nice. If you could build 20 houses, they would be sold the next day. Costs with these projects is high. The community does not have disposable income to spend on upgrades.
- Aesthetics along the highway corridor is good one. Most of the lots are owned privately. The real issue is that Ignace does not have a by-law officer or chief official building officer, it is hard to find people for specialized positions. If Ignace had a by-law officer, we could enforce by-laws (e.g., trash accumulation). Improvement would be seen in a few years (there is a process).
- "Expand real estate development" and "upgrade existing housing stock" are very similar and could be simplified into a single concept.
- What about developing new infrastructure such as senior housing, which we do not have.
- Enhanced education and health care options.
- We often think about youth regarding recreational facilities, but what about others (e.g., curling rink)?
- Some of our recreational programs rely heavily on volunteers, and volunteer fatigue is a reality. If these were paid positions, you may be able to retain these people.
- Improving the tennis courts would be a big deal, I have heard this sentiment often.
- Partnerships to support training.
- Some are duplicated. They all need fit together.
- Maximize what we already have before we start expanding.
- Consider recreation outside of community such as access to remote areas (e.g., boat launches).
- Have development opportunities for locals for a long-term sustainable community. Want rural living experience e.g. larger lot sizes.
- Want basic services (e.g., health, ministry) and a healthy community. We like the land. We want quality services.
- Want local materials for the infrastructure so it is unique. Public spaces need to be interesting and reflect the community.
- Need to consider the long-term maintenance costs.
- How does it work when the buildings are privately owned? What happens with unused buildings that are still owned by individuals?



- How do we improve existing buildings if they cannot be expanded for an increase in population? (e.g., the school).
- It is all a bit of sunshine and rainbows; we need an economic boost for this to happen. To achieve all of this to attract new people money is required.
- If we have more criminal activity, we will need more safety (e.g., larger jail).
- Twinning of the highway.
- Curbs.
- In the past, infrastructure was not built well so there is a need for well built buildings.
- Better roads without potholes.
- Indoor swimming pool for lessons, therapy pool, exercise, etc.
- There is an awful lot of detail required to flesh these out.
- What does "improved transportation infrastructure and services" mean?
- This will be the expensive part.
- Phased project.
- Starting again with ties to the community and culture.
- What is the plan for housing workers? Not a fly-in/fly-out operation.
- There is a community plan, and the municipality is planning for the project.
- Need to look at other cities for ideas about programming, facilities, and support for the sudden increase in affluence.
- Looking at several different models for a new police office, consider a partnership for the new detachment.
- The firehouse infrastructure is old and outdated.
- The recreation and fitness centres are old and outdated.
- The community will need new infrastructure.

### **Project Priority: Community and Culture**

- Establish an interactive tourist informative station. Suggestion to have Ignace points of interest on the town website, google maps, etc.
- Agreed. It would be awesome to see enhancements to existing facilities and encourage new facilities.
- Youth center.
- Update the recreation facilities to modern standards and expectations. Promote natural recreation (e.g., beaches, outdoor sports, etc.).

- Embrace the small-town feel but ensure that it is innovative, resilient, and culturally enriching.
- Yes to small-town nature but not to small-town mindedness. Count on outside help for planning and visioning for the town's future. Allow for positive voices and creative ideas, not only from long-term residents. However, the local voices need to be heard.
- Agreed. Also include senior housing and a youth center.
- Important to improve the quality of life for young families by develop opportunities for youth to participate in sports and the arts. The library is very important and could be a hub for cultural events (e.g., art displays, music events etc.).
- These are wonderful priorities. They sum up what we think. Recreation has huge potential in Ignace.
- Logging has been a staple for many years. Logging companies are good at coming in and getting what they need without spending time in the community. Actions are in their best interests are not the best interests of Ignace. Can be difficult for residents because forestry comes in, cuts trees and plants more trees.
- It would be nice to use forests for recreation. The benefits of the logging industry are appreciated, though we would like to get away from it. The logging industry has a grip on the community and culture. We cannot speak poorly of the industry as it has provided so much to the community over the years.
- Consider other sources of recreation for the community. How can NWMO support this? Money is required to run and manage this sort of thing. What if NWMO purchased land for recreation so it could be protected from forestry companies. This could be a good start to help Ignace develop.
- The priority areas are good. Activities within each priority area need to happen in unison. Foster them so everything can move forward.
- Not representative of Ignace, it is not captured within this priority.
- It is up to people to use the programs so it goes beyond offering programs.
- Not as much "increase use" but "increase opportunities for."
- What does "improved facilities" mean? What types of facilities? New buildings? With more facilities come more costs.
- What kind of social services?
- Need to be more explicit on what that includes especially where outside services are required.
- Establish Spirit houses.
- Express the community's uniqueness.

- Include some examples (e.g., the boreal forest and the mine history to the north). The rock formations highlight what attracts people to the community and reminds residents of their connection to the landscape.
- Preserve stories about the community.
- There are many local artists, buildings and physical heritage.
- Our unique heritage is not history, it is a collective experience that has shaped the community.
- Expand the museum, library and cemetery.
- There is a need for more recreation. There used to be more recreational opportunities and it would be nice to have it developed.
- Like that it reflects different parts of the population.
- Not a lot of recreational opportunities.
- NWMO is doing a good job communicating with the community.
- Want to see communication between neighbouring communities and Ignace continue, the relationship should continue.
- Maintain the relationship with NWMO.
- This is a safe community, Ignace has police, ambulance, medical, fire, and protection. We have everything a small town needs, we should highlight this so people are aware it is a safe place.
- Would like the community to look good, suggest planting flowers. Neepawa is the Lily centre of Canada.
- Suggestion to have a miniature version of the town. Many enhancements can be made.
- Social programming is critical when bringing in construction workforce and professional people. An influx of money will result in social issues (such as drug use) which need to be addressed early on (e.g., mental health support and addiction programs).
- Youth programs to ensure community wellness plan is implemented.
- The museum needs to be taken advantage of as there is a lot of information about Ignace's history. Highlight the museum.
- There is a long list of what people would like to see in Ignace.
- Do not see a lot of advertising coming into town on what is available in and around the community.
- There are many options on what you can do with new facilities.

## Project Priority: Natural Environment

- Increase cell service in the area. Improve the landscape around highway, but maintain the wild aspect.
- Wildlife is a large concern for me. Although logging is important, the habitat is surely affected. NWMO needs to be aware of the environmental impact on wildlife sustainability.
- Protect the natural surrounding and ensure environmental stewardship and sustainability.
- Agreed.
- Agreed.
- Agree to the above.
- To protect the environment around Ignace people must be encouraged to keep the community, surrounding lakes and forests clean. At present there is garbage on the streets and trails, there is a need for garbage containers and no littering signage.
- This is the right direction to take. If we would like to shift to recreation and tourism (as it is more sustainable than resource-based industries) it would be good. Resource-based industries come in, take what they need and leave. It is the only thing we have had in Ignace and it is not sustainable.
- The forests matter in this area. There are many wild blueberries in the area, families pick and freeze them to eat throughout the year. The logging industry does not like blueberries because they take nutrients away from the trees (mainly Jack Pine). Logging companies will spray the blueberries for this reason. There is a catch-22, the open spaces would not be there without logging industry.
- Would like the blueberry patches protected so blueberry pies can be sold in stores and restaurants. When people pick blueberries they need to figure out if the logging companies are spraying, and when and where they are spraying.
- It would be nice to see the NWMO purchase land to be set aside for recreation. The land needs to be easily accessible (15-20 minutes out of town, not an hour). This area could be used for mountain biking, cross-country skiing etc.
- It is a comprehensive list. Just the idea of protecting the environment with the intent to be used for economic sustainability is enough for me.
- How do you overcome the belief there cannot be environmental integrity with the project?
- Suggestion for more signage for natural areas. A lot of people are not aware what Ignace has to offer. More signage/advertising may be beneficial for this.
- Do we need this category?
- Celebrate and promote the natural environment, there are beautiful lakes around community.

- An education component on protecting and conserving what Ignace has.
- Resilience and sustainability.
- The small-town nature is part of that environment.
- The natural environment is part of our economy (e.g., forestry, trapping, fly-in fishing camps/tourism).
- Will the perception of a nuclear industry diminish our ability to attract tourists who come for the natural environment?
- We all fish, hunt, quad and snowmobile in the area so we want those things protected. There is something missing.
- Nature itself is important, and the use of those areas is also important.
- Need to consider the urban environment (trails, vegetation, etc.). My backyard is the bush, will that get sacrificed for new housing?
- Feel like the list is a bit vague, there could be more about wildlife. The natural environment could be explained and expanded on.
- Preservation of wildlife could be added.
- There is not a lot on the natural environment. The environment is a very broad concept so it feels like it is lacking.
- The natural environment is a big part of all our lives. That needs to be considered.
- Natural environment is not specific to the DGR site, this needs to be considered for the Centre of Expertise.
- We need details on what will be done in terms of testing (water and air), wildlife inventory etc. This needs to be robust.
- How involved is MNRF? They are a regulatory body and there is a MOU with them.
- Communication needs to be easily accessible.
- Expect there will be protests. Communication will be important to maintain community support.
- Maintain and protect the overall environmental integrity is key. Details on this is required and communication is key.
- The DGR is environmentally appropriate and will benefit the environment.
- How will climate change affect the project? Will it be viewed as negative by those against the project?
- Recreational activities should be tied to natural environment.
- Set land aside for more parks and reserves.

- How will the site be left after the project is complete? How will the site evolve through phases of the project?
- Keep in mind the duration of project.

### **Are there other priority areas that need to be considered?**

- What percentage of Ignace on average are on board with this project currently?
- We need to develop a complete community. We need to tailor a tapestry that is not only reflective of community needs but can be altered to accommodate growth and diversification.
- Health and wellness concerns seem to be overlooked. I am not sure in which of the 5 project priorities it would fall within. Develop pride in the community.
- Please make the survey easier to understand in the future as not everyone is highly educated or has English as their first language.
- The dump needs to be improved and a recycling program is a necessity. Walking trails could be improved and more developed.

### **Are some priorities and objectives more important than others? Which ones and why?**

- Communications and services for travelers make Ignace a hub.
- Housing.
- Yes. Design and plan growth that is innovative, localized, and interesting. We need to develop a narrative through design and planning that shows our entrepreneurial spirit, resilience, and community history. It is our story.
- They are all important.
- Cleaning up the town and making it an attractive place to live is vital. Ignace has potential with its' beautiful beaches and lakes.

## **2.0 KEY QUESTIONS**

- Telecommunications (cell, internet etc.) require upgrades. Suggest an interactive points of interest for tourists (e.g. electronic display stands).
- The transportation of the waste scares me with the amount of accidents on our highway.
- What type of partnership will result should the project be awarded to Ignace?
- What type of relationship will result should be the project not be awarded to Ignace?
- I think the questions cover a broad section of community concerns including the development of the DGR but how to mitigate project effects to the host community. I would like to see how we can support a new culture of people who will be attracted to this project and the community. Ignace needs to offer a wide variety of options. I rather go for quality over quantity. We need to ensure that we have a full pledge community offering services and

programs that reflect the needs of the community. We need to include innovative buildings, parks and infrastructure that speak to our past, present and future. Engagement is so important.

- Safety is a concern. Since we might be willing to take the “dump” from more populated areas, Ignace and surrounding areas should reap the benefits of the project, now and far into the future.
- The development of the Centre of Expertise is of great importance to retain and attract an educated population.
- How is the siting decision made? Who gets to vote? What qualifies a voter?
- Interested in the answers to all the questions. Once the depository is built what will happen when all the workers are no longer needed? Will Ignace end up with abandoned homes etc. as people leave?
- In town there are those that want to know and understand the Project and those who do not, may never reach the latter.
- The question that has not been satisfactorily yet is about national security. There will be security at the site to keep the average person away but, for example, what will stop another country from bombing the facility to cause chaos? This bigger picture security question needs to be addressed.
- How does the NWMO respond to people who point out uncertainties? How do you address the unknowns? What is a good argument against that?
- How will the project affect the size of the community?
- How we are going to encourage people to move to Ignace? We do not want people commuting.
- How do we remove the stigma around a nuclear waste storage area?
- We do not want people commuting, we want people committed and invested in the community.
- How are economics and finance tied to infrastructure? What are the relationships? (e.g., new building maintenance costs).
- When will someone need to be trained by to secure employment with the project?
- How will opposition to the project from outside of the community affect the siting decision?
- Is there an emergency plan in place for potential nuclear spillage? There is effects on the environment and people. More additional info is required.

### 3.0 VISION FOR THE CENTRE OF EXPERTISE

- All valid options.
- Make it public.
- Keep the design innovative to be reflective of community value.
- Need design principles.
- This needs to showcase Ignace and incorporate LEED platform objectives. People need to feel welcome, and the centre should be a place for innovation and research, and is adaptable to the changing needs of the community and region.
- Need to include more “interactive immersive environments”.
- Design a restaurant at the centre that reflects the tunnels where the spent fuel will be stored. Experiential immersive travel is a novel idea (e.g., Starbucks, rainforest café, and other similar developments which use this concept).
- Although the actual disposal site will be out of town, the centre must be in Ignace to maximize benefits. Love the idea of incorporating local resources in the centre.
- Outdoor play area for all ages and abilities.
- Dog park.
- Would like to see an indoor pool for swimming lessons and recreational swimming.
- Would like to see the centre as close to Ignace as possible. The benefits of the centre would be exponentially greater for Ignace the closer it is to the community. Having the centre in Ignace would increase the tax base.
- Like a lot of the suggestions. The library is a good building, perhaps the nicest building in Ignace so it does not need a new home.
- Education and training are very important. There are two education and training programs in Ignace, Crossroads and Contact North. They are underutilized in part because the facility is terrible. If education and training were incorporated into the centre would like it to be in partnership with Crossroads and Contact North. It is a wonderful opportunity and a need for the community. A new facility could be breakthrough.
- Arts (e.g., displays, performance space, performance area for dance teachers etc.). The dance teachers currently use the school, which is nice but costly.
- Tourism and culture are important, what we love about Ignace needs to be displayed here so people can see what the Township has to offer. Ignace needs to be shown and sold at the centre so it should look good and entice people to participate.
- Not sure if the centre would have the capacity for recreation, but the recreation centre is hurting. The fitness centre could also use a better space.



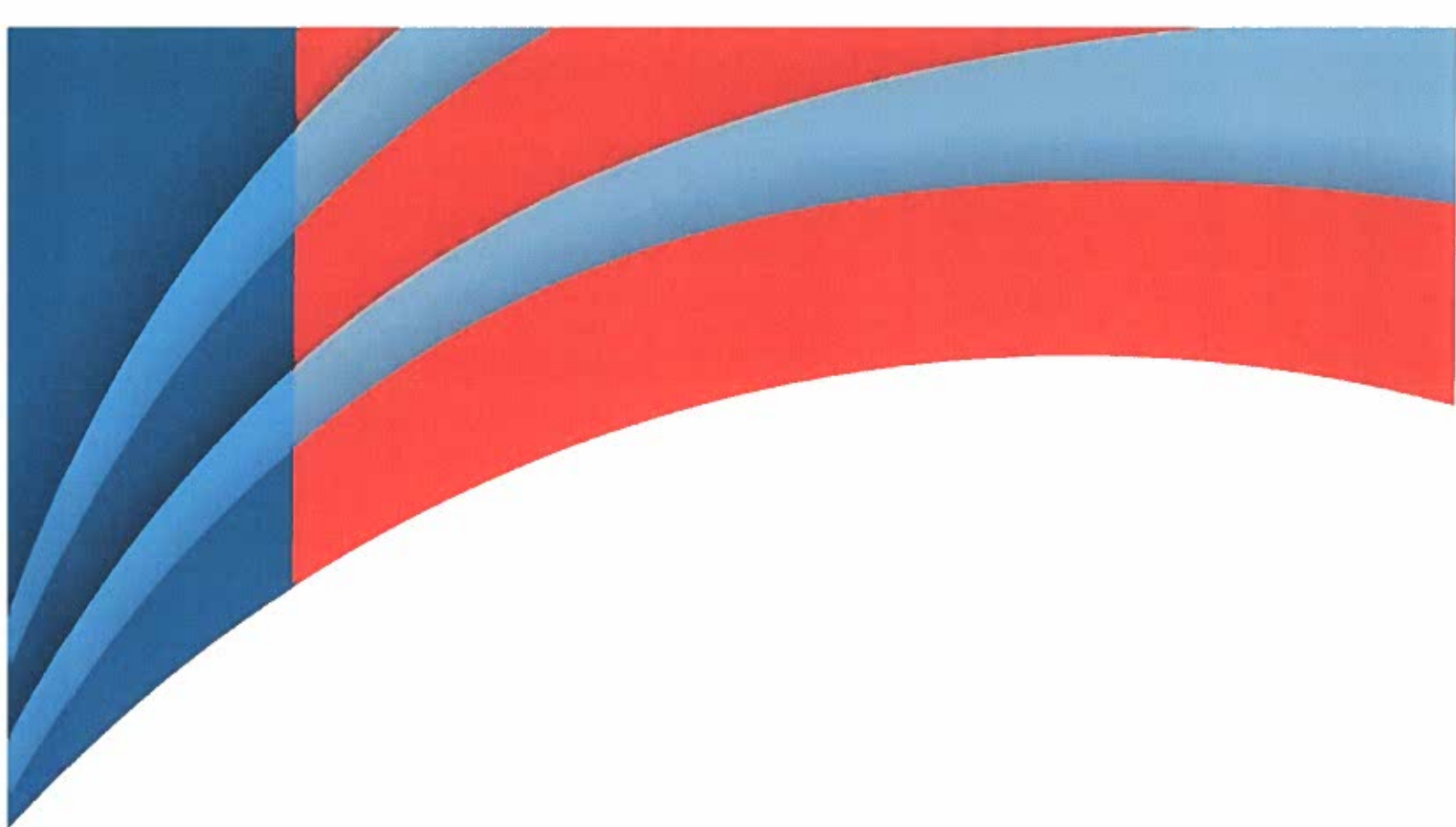
- The residents who want to know about the project have done so, those who do not want to learn about the project will not. The Learn More Centre is more than adequate to teach people about the project and is already there, there may not be a need to recreate it.
- Better internet services.
- I would like to see input from our youth regarding their vision and ideas on the centre.
- Auditorium.
- Research.
- Hosting grad students.
- Auditorium.
- Auditorium/pow wow grounds.
- A place where our students can go to explore careers and opportunities.
- Facilities for social activities.
- Youth centre/activity centre.
- Sled racing competition. We are northerners, the community thrives on outdoor activities.
- One stop shop for residents. Social Services.
- Opportunities for training, upgrading, post-secondary education and job specific training.
- Festivals/music.
- Sled racing.
- Showcase our forests and natural plants.
- LEED Platinum.
- Social enterprise.
- Centre of arts, entertainment and education.
- Innovative design.
- Healing gardens and landscape.
- A centre for community activities (arts, music, etc.).
- Use local materials.
- Potential location of community museum with a resource room/library with information on the project.
- Celebrate the artistic culture in Ignace in the design.
- New hub for employment and training facilities (crossroads & contact north etc.).
- Locally sourced unique accents supporting creativity of local artists/crafters.

- People centered and community focused, the public should feel welcome.
- Keep design simple.
- Should be an attraction.
- Should not be too industrial. Personally like the infrastructure of our Township & library.
- A design with materials that "fit" in with Ignace.
- Utilizes features of our natural environment.
- Should feel like Ignace and not something you see in Toronto.
- Could possibly include professional offices.
- Could include a daycare and other facilities for those working Monday to Friday.
- Could include a larger version of the Crossroads (employment center).
- Does not have to be only about nuclear waste, it can be used for other things.
- Utilization from post-secondary institutions.
- Components to attract youth and/or community members (not just technical aspects).
- "Something for everyone".
- Approachable environment.
- People who leave for school may not come back.
- Would be nice to have something for children such as a park or play structure so parents with young children feel more welcome.
- Collaborate with other organizations or host a bingo.
- How will the project and other business be promoted in the way of advertising as we have lost the main news source of Ignace being the Driftwood?
- Should be the hotspot for tourism in terms of research and science that has to do with the NWMO.
- Facebook is main source of info now that the Driftwood (paper) is gone. Consider as a source of communication.
- Needs to fit in with environment.
- Build in a healthy environment.
- Multipurpose facility.
- Will be a destination, similar to having a university in town.
- High class thing.
- Should blend into the countryside.

- Surrounding area is lovely, it should fit in with it.
- Promote education and training.
- There are two ways it can go, project specific or broader.
- People may fly in for research.
- Should be along highway corridor to encourage people to come visit.
- Should include a rest area.
- Learning centre for local artists (Indigenous) to give art or lessons, display local art etc.
- Would help to send traffic through Ignace, would help commercial vehicles to stop in town.
- A welcoming and approachable ambiance, not stuffy.
- Coffee shop and sandwich bar onsite.
- Needs to reflect that it is on Treaty 3 land, an education and respect piece.
- Closer to town.
- Should have a dog park.
- Offer tour buses to the DGR site.
- Giftshop supporting local artists.
- Have the facility close to town.

**Additional comments:**

- Additional comments: NWMO is doing a good job involving other companies to hear community perspectives. It is a necessary step not only legally, but also morally. Feels that the NWMO is trying hard and has good intentions. Resource companies often care about the bottom line first and do not care as much about the communities.
- Enjoyed being involved and having a voice.
- Learned a few things and enjoyed having input.
- Enjoyed listening and learned a lot.
- Enjoyed putting in my input and hearing other input.
- Appreciate getting youth input because youth are future of the project.
- Thank the youth for coming and good to hear your input.
- Almost every heading has an educational component. Do we need an education title?
- Not sure if the titles are capturing the content. The headings are broad concepts but the bullets are narrowly focused.



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## Appendix C: Community Feedback



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## Did We Get It Right?

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### Project Vision – Community Conversations Update

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Please take a minute and review the poster highlights of this community visioning survey. If you like, you can also complete our online survey (2 questions) to help us better understand your thoughts on this project. We would love to hear from you to ensure that this community vision is reflective of Ignace. Your input is always appreciated and vital to our ongoing conversations. Help us get it right.

Click on the link to start the survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HXLZ3KB>

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## Comment Form

November 2020

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1. Having read the summary for our common vision, is there anything that we missed that needs to be included from our conversations?

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2. Is there anything else you would like to learn more about with respect to the opportunities and/or impacts of this project to Ignace and surrounding area?

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3. Would you like us to contact you on anything you would like to learn more about?  Yes  No  
If yes, please provide your contact information below.

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### Contact information:

All comments will be shared with the municipality. However, NWMO will keep your name and contact information confidential in accordance with our policies unless you agree to share this information by checking the box below.

Name (required): \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliation (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- Please share my name and contact information with municipal representatives.

Please drop off the comment sheet at either the NWMO Learn More Centre at the Ignace Plaza or the Township of Ignace Municipal Office by Tuesday, November 24, 2020. Thank you!

**ONE WINDOW COMMENTS – LETTER & TABLE OF COMMENTS RECEIVED February, 2020**

Section #			Comments on policies that may impact provincial interests		WSP Notes – Revisions made in Final Draft Official Plan, September 2020	
1. Introduction			All references to PPS 2014 should be amended to be "PPS 2020" which came into effect on May 1, 2020 (e.g. Section 1.4, 2 <sup>nd</sup> paragraph)		Revised	
3.3 Affordable Housing	PPS policy 1.4.3(a) requires that municipalities establish and implement a minimum target for the provision of housing which is affordable to low- and moderate-income households, and which aligns with applicable housing and homelessness plans. Consider the following wording and insert the appropriate %: "Based on the definition of affordable, an overall target of % of all housing development is established for the provision of affordable housing over the 25-year time horizon of this plan."	To better achieve the proposed policy outcomes related to affordable housing, the municipality may wish to also consult the MMAH <a href="#">Municipal Tools for Affordable Housing</a> handbook.	References: PPS s. 1.1.2, 1.4.3a), 6.0.	Section 3.3 has been revised to include the recommended policy wording and an affordable housing target of 20% which is consistent with other comparable northern municipalities.		
3.5 Climate Change	Several PPS policies help to ensure that local governments plan for and act on the impacts associated with climate change. The "may consider" statement is not consistent with PPS policy 1.8.1 and Planning Act subsection 16(14) which states: "An official plan shall contain policies that identify goals, objectives and actions to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and to provide for adaptation to a changing climate, including through increasing resiliency."  It is suggested that prior to adoption, the municipally develop specific policies as part of this 10-year update. Mitigation policies might focus on actions to reduce fossil fuel consumption and promote alternative energy. Policies for preparing for the impacts of a changing climate could include actions such as: obtaining detailed flood mapping, taking proactive steps to protect vulnerable shoreline areas from accelerated erosion, developing a local wildland fire hazard strategy, including adopting site plan standards aimed at reducing hazards, and so on.  References: PPS 1.1.1 c) h); 1.3.1; 1.8.1, 3.1.3, Planning Act s.16(14)			Replaced policy language stating that the Township may consider the preparation of a Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Plan" with language stating that the Township "shall" consider development of such a Plan.  Added Policy to "consider the potential impacts of climate change when considering the design of new developments."  Added Policy to "consider the potential impacts of climate change" through a Flood Plain Mapping Study where development is proposed adjacent to the Flood Plain Area.		
3.10 Cultural Heritage Resources	The Township should add a new policy to ensure that planning authorities engage with Indigenous groups per s. 2.6.5 of the PPS, such as:  The Township shall engage with Indigenous communities and consider their interests when identifying, protecting and managing cultural heritage resources."  References: PPS s. 2.6.3, 2.6.5			Added new Policy 3.11.3(d).		
3.18 Land Use Compatibility	PPS Policy 1.2.6 was strengthened in the 2020 PPS by using the term "requiring" instead of the former encouraging, (e.g. "shall" from "should") and enhanced with new language "to avoid, or if avoidance not possible, minimize and mitigate any potential adverse effects."  In #1, the following rewording is suggested: "and use conflicts shall be avoided, or if avoidance not possible, minimized. Potential adverse effects from odour, noise, and other contaminants, shall be mitigated in accordance with provincial guidelines, standards and procedures."			Revised Policy 3.19.1 as recommended. Revised Policy 3.19.2 as recommended. Revised Policy 3.19.3 as recommended.		

	<p>In #2, the following rewording is suggested: "The location of residential or other sensitive land uses and major facilities in proximity to one another are avoided. If avoidance is not possible, sensitive land uses are only permitted if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) There is an identified need for the proposed use;</li> <li>b) Alternative locations for the proposed use have been evaluated and there are no reasonable alternative locations;</li> <li>c) Adverse effects to the proposed sensitive land use are minimized and mitigated; and</li> <li>d) Potential impacts to industrial, manufacturing or other uses are minimized and mitigated."</li> </ul> <p>In #3, the following rewording is suggested: "To properly determine incompatibility amongst land uses and to identify the required buffering, separation distances, and/or other mitigation measures to minimize potential adverse effects such as noise, odour, vibration, particulate and other contaminants, a land use compatibility study may be required in accordance with the provincial guidelines, standards and procedures as supporting documentation for the planning approval."</p> <p>References: PPS s. 1.3.2.1, 1.2.6.1 and 1.2.6.2, MECP D-Series Guidelines</p>	
<p>3.19 Contaminated and Potentially Contaminated Sites</p>	<p>The PPS policy 3.2.2 regarding contaminated sites applies to sites with contaminants in land or water. Therefore, in policy 3.19, the phrase "soil quality" should be replaced with "land and/or water quality".</p> <p>References: PPS 3.2.2</p>	<p>Revised.</p>
<p>3.20 Second Units</p>	<p>Paragraph (e) in 3.20 should be revised as a result of Bill 108 changes to the Planning Act. Official plans must now contain policies that authorize the use of two residential units in a detached house, semi, or rowhouse, and the use of a residential unit in an ancillary structure. Municipalities must allow three residential units on the lot, i.e. primary unit + unit in the same building + unit in an ancillary structure.</p> <p>References to "second unit(s)" including the title of this section, should be replaced with "additional residential unit(s)" accordingly.</p> <p>The sentence about parking standards to be established in the ZBL should be revised to indicate that each additional residential unit shall have one parking space for the sole use of the occupant of the additional residential unit, as prescribed by O. Reg 299/19.</p> <p>References: PPS s. 1.4.3b)2, Bill 108 More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019</p>	<p>References to "second unit(s)" replaced with "additional residential units"</p> <p>Policy revised to permit three residential units on the lot, i.e. primary unit + unit in the same building + unit in an ancillary structure.</p> <p>Revised Policy 3.2.2 as recommended.</p>
<p>3.21 Wayside Pits and Quarries, Portable Concrete</p> <p>and</p> <p>Asphalt Plants, 5.15 Mineral Aggregate Extraction Uses</p>	<p>As aggregate operations have the potential to be incompatible with nearby land uses, we recommend adding to Bullet #1: "Compatibility will be determined based on provincial guidelines, standards and procedures."</p> <p>Consider also adding the following to the policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Permits, approvals or licenses shall be obtained, when required, for any air emissions, water takings, and/or water and sewage services.</li> </ul> <p>References: PPS 1.1.1 c), and g); 1.2.6, 1.6.6 and 2.5.2.2, Environmental Protection Act sections 9 and 14; Ontario Water Resources Act sections 34 and 53; MECP D-6 Series Guideline</p>	<p>Revised Policy 3.21.1 (Wayside Pits and Quarries) and 5.1.5 (Mineral Aggregate Extraction Uses) as recommended.</p>
<p>4. Settlement Area Designations</p>	<p>PPS s. 1.1.3.1 states that "settlement areas shall be the focus of growth and development." Accordingly, the words "is expected to take place" in the first line in this section should be replaced with</p>	<p>Revised Settlement Area Designations preamble as recommended</p>



	shall take place ..."	
4.3 Industrial Area	<p>Although it may not be anticipated within the next 10 years that a settlement area boundary expansion will be needed, please add in, "The expansion of the settlement area may only occur if it is justified through a comprehensive review as outlined in the Provincial Policy Statement."</p> <p>References: PPS s. 11.3.1 &amp; 11.3.8</p> <p>Since the Canadian Pacific Railway travels through the township, policy should be added to identify that there may be additional study requirements (e.g. noise and vibration studies) for development proposed within certain setbacks from the rail corridor.</p> <p>References: PPS s. 12.6.1</p>	Added new Policy 3.19.3.
4.5 Flood Plain Area	<p>Given the policy language in section 1.6 of the official plan, section 4.5 should clarify that flood plain boundaries are to be reviewed and either validated or adjusted on the basis of a hydrological study, where development is proposed adjacent to such boundaries. This revision is required for consistency with Section 3.1.1 of the PPS which prohibits development within a floodplain. Of further relevance is PPS policy 3.1.3, which states that planning authorities shall prepare for the impacts of a changing climate that may increase the risk associated with natural hazards.</p>	Added new Policy 4.6.6 to reflect recommendation, however, based on discussions with WSP's water resources team, reference is to a Flood Plain Mapping Study, not a Hydrogeological study.
5.1 Rural Area	<p>The PPS 2020 includes new policy language for rural residential development, including lot creation, that is locally appropriate (s. 1.1.5.2c)....". The Township may wish to consider how to best apply this policy to reflect local rural circumstances.</p>	Revised Goal 4(d) in Section 2.2 to "Support opportunities for appropriate rural residential development while protecting the natural environment."
5.1.1 Residential Use	<p>The PPS s. 1.6.6 (b) 4. requires that "Planning for sewage and water services shall protect human health and safety, and the natural environment". To ensure consistency, it is suggested (b) be revised or replaced with the following:</p> <p>"The lot meets all the provincial standards for sewage systems and water supply. MECP recommends a standard lot size of 1.0 hectare minimum for new lots serviced by individual water and sewage. Smaller lots should be assessed through a hydrogeological assessment to ensure site conditions are suitable for the long-term provision of such services with no negative impact."</p> <p>References: PPS s. 1.6.6 (b) 4.; 1.6.6.4; MECP Guideline D-5-4</p>	Revised Section 8.1 to remove prohibitions on plans of subdivision outside of the Settlement Area. The Settlement Area will remain the focus of growth and development, however, this policy revision allows for the potential future consideration of rural plans of subdivision where locally appropriate. Revised Policy 5.1.1 b) as recommended.
5.1.4 Landfill Uses	<p>Policy 5.1.4.2 should be revised to indicate that it applies to both active and closed/inactive landfill sites. It is also recommended that wording be added to indicate that the technical studies prepared according to MECP Guidelines, demonstrate that there will be no adverse effects, risks to health and safety, or negative impacts on the proposed development due to its proximity to the waste disposal sites. Required technical studies should also address impact of the proposed lot creation/development on future expansion of the waste disposal site.</p> <p>References: PPS s. 1.1.1 c) 1.2.6, 1.6.10, 1.6.10.1, Environmental Protection Act; MECP Guidelines D-1, D-1-1, D-1-3, D-4</p>	Revised Policy 5.1.4 as recommended.

	<p>Landfill compatibility is not addressed for both the former and current municipal landfill in both text and schedule. A reference could be added to Section 3.18 of the OP.</p> <p>There is a closed former MNRF Landfill located off Camp Lake Road on the northwest corner of the municipal boundary. Camp Lake WDS was closed around 2003. The site compatibility or the Landfill Protection Area should be addressed in the draft OP as per Section 46 of the Environmental Protection Act (EPA), and shown within the Schedule.</p> <p>References: PPS s. 1.2.6, 1.6, 10; EPA</p>	<p>Added reference to the Landfill Uses policies under Section 5.1.4.</p> <p>The closed MNRF landfill is represented on Schedule C (illustrated as a point).</p>
<p>5.2 Airport Area</p>	<p>The Policies in section 5.2 recognize the importance of the Ignace Airport, and address its role in regard to economic development, however, the policy does not appear to fully address Sections 1.6.8 (Transportation and Infrastructure Corridors), 1.6.9 (Airports, Rail, and Marine Facilities), and 1.2.6 (Land Use Compatibility) of the PPS.</p> <p>Additional policies should be added to this section to address PPS policies 1.2.6.1, 1.6.8.3, and 1.6.9.1. The following wording is provided for consideration:</p> <p>New development proposed on lands adjacent to the airport and other planned corridors and transportation facilities should be compatible with, and supportive of, the long-term purposes of the corridor, and should be designed to avoid, mitigate or minimize negative impacts on and from the corridor and transportation facilities.</p> <p>Planning for land uses in the vicinity of the airport, and rail facilities (including rail corridors, rail sidings, rail yards, and associated uses) shall be undertaken so that their long term operation and economic role is protected, and rail facilities, industrial uses and residential or other sensitive land uses are appropriately designed, buffered and/or separated from each other so as to minimize risk to public health and safety, and prevent or mitigate adverse effects.</p> <p>Where planning approvals are required to facilitate residential or other sensitive uses in proximity to transportation facilities, proposals will be assessed to ensure applicable sound level limits, as set out in MECP's Environmental Noise Guideline NPC-300, can be achieved. Detailed noise studies, prepared by qualified acoustical consultants may be required to address all potential noise sources which impact the site. Where required, detailed noise studies will be completed in accordance with the requirements of MECP's Environmental Noise Guideline NPC-300 and will be subject to the review and approval of Council.</p> <p>If using the above wording, the Municipality may wish to change the heading from "Airport Area" to "Airport Area and Rail Facilities" or "Major goods movement facilities", otherwise the references to rail should be moved to a different section of the OP.</p> <p>References: PPS s. 1.1(c), 1.2.6, 1.6.8, 1.6.9, MECP Guidelines D-1, D-1-1, D-1-3, D-6, MECP Environmental Noise Guideline, NPC-300, Environmental Protection Act</p>	<p>Added suggested policy wording to new Section 3.19.2 Major Goods Movement and Transportation Facilities.</p>
<p>5.5 Landfill Protection Area</p>	<p>As noted in policy 5.1.4 above, the policies for adding the 500 metre buffer requirement for proposed developments within an active or closed waste disposal facility should be added; and the disposal sites on Schedules should be included.</p> <p>References: PPS s. 1.6.10; MECP D-Series Guidelines D-4</p>	<p>Added new policy under Section 5.5 Landfill Protection Area.</p>

6.3 Archaeological Resources	<p>Please add a new policy to ensure that planning authorities consider the interests of Indigenous groups per s. 2.6.5 of the PPS: "Engage with Indigenous communities and consider their interests when identifying, protecting and managing archaeological resources."</p> <p>References: PPS 2.6, 2.6.3, 2.6.5; Ontario Heritage Act s. 48</p>	Added suggested Policy language as new Policy 6.3.8.
6.5 Endangered and Threatened Species	<p>As of April 1, 2019, it is no longer the mandate of the MNRF to comment on the Endangered Species Act, and Provincial Parks/Conservation Reserves, as these mandates have been transferred to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). The plan should be updated to reference MECP as the Ministry responsible for species at risk. For additional information or questions related to species at risk, please contact <a href="mailto:SAROniang@ontario.ca">SAROniang@ontario.ca</a>.</p> <p>The definition of development in section 6.0 of the PPS includes lot creation. It is important that decisions regarding consents or plans of subdivision do not result in the creation of lots that are later determined to be unbuildable due to species at risk habitat. You may wish to use the wording in PPS section 2.1.7 and explain the meaning of development, as part of OP policy 6.5.2.3.</p> <p>References: PPS 2.1.7</p>	Revised Section 6.5 Endangered and Threatened Species to reflect that this is now under MECP mandate.
6.8 Mineral Mining Resources	<p>The following should be added to ensure land use compatibility concerns and potential impacts on surrounding uses are mitigated:</p> <p>"Where planning approvals are required to allow for either new or expanded pits, quarries, mineral or other resource extraction operations, and/or new or expanded residential or other sensitive land uses (i.e. educational and health facilities and day care centres), proponents may be required to provide supporting technical studies, prepared in accordance with provincial guidelines, standards and procedures to address and minimize potential impacts on surrounding land uses, and identify appropriate mitigation measures. Where potential impacts cannot be appropriately minimized and mitigated, planning approvals shall not be supported."</p> <p>And for clarity, please add also "A separation distance of less than 300 m between the extraction/excavation area and any zone permitting residential or other sensitive land uses shall not be supported."</p> <p>This policy should acknowledge that Federal, Provincial or Joint Environmental Assessments may be required in order to develop mineral resources in the area, followed by Federal and Provincial approvals.</p> <p>References: PPS s. 1.2.6.1, 2.4; MECP D-Series Guidelines; Environmental Noise Guidelines; Environmental Protection Act</p>	Added suggested Policy language under Section 6.8.6, 6.8.7, and 6.8.9.
7. Servicing and Roads	<p>Asset management planning should be linked into the Plan as it relates to municipal infrastructure. The following is proposed: "Planning for municipal services, public service facilities and other infrastructure shall be coordinated and integrated with land use planning and growth management so that they are financially viable over their life cycle (which may be demonstrated through asset management planning) and available to meet current and projected needs."</p> <p>References: PPS s. 1.6.1</p>	Added to Section 7 preamble
	<p>The Township should add additional text to fully address PPS 1.6.6.1 b)2 &amp; 4 and c) as follows:</p>	Added to Section 7.1 preamble

	<p>Sewage and water services shall be provided in a manner that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) prepares for the impacts of a changing climate;</li> <li>b) protects human health and safety, and the natural environment; and</li> <li>c) promotes water conservation and water use efficiency."</li> </ul> <p>References: PPS s. 1.1.(c), 1.1.3.2, 1.6.6.1 – 1.6.6.5, 2.2, MECP Guidelines D-5, D-5-1 – D-5-5, Environmental Protection Act, Ontario Water Resources Act, O. Reg. 544/06.</p>	
<p>7.3 Partial Services</p>	<p>Policy 7.3.1 indicates that partial services shall be discouraged. The policy should be revised to be consistent with the PPS wording which states that, "partial services shall only be permitted..."</p> <p>Reference: PPS s. 1.6.6.5</p>	<p>Revised Section 7.3 as recommended</p>
<p>7.4 Stormwater Management</p>	<p>Further policy guidance on stormwater management should be provided to ensure that Section 1.6.6.7 of the PPS is fully addressed. Consider revising the last sentence in 1 to:</p> <p>"1. Stormwater facilities shall be integrated with planning for sewage and water services and ensure that systems are optimized, feasible and financially viable over the long term in accordance with the MECP's Stormwater Management Planning and Design Manual.</p> <p>2. A Stormwater Management Plan shall be required for new plans of subdivision and major development proposals. The Stormwater Management Plan shall include provisions for: preparing for the impacts of a changing climate through the effective management of stormwater, including the use of green infrastructure; minimizing changes in water balance and erosion; mitigating risks to human health, safety, property and the environment; and; maximizing the extent and function of vegetative and pervious surfaces; and promote stormwater best practices, including stormwater attenuation and re-use, water conservation and efficiency, and low impact development.</p> <p>References: PPS s. 1.1.(c), 1.6.2, 1.6.6.7, 1.7.1(f), 2.2.(1H), MECP Stormwater Management Planning and Design Manual; Environmental Protection Act</p>	<p>Added suggested policy language to Section 7.4.2 and 7.4.3.</p>
<p>7.5.3 Provincial Highways</p>	<p>The Plan should strengthen policy language around protecting, planning and developing near transportation and infrastructure corridors, right of ways and goods movement facilities.</p> <p>In #8, consider revising to the following:</p> <p>"Access to new developments adjacent to provincial highways is subject to the policies and regulations of the MTO. Additionally, new development proposed on adjacent lands to existing or planned corridors and transportation facilities should be compatible with, and supportive of, the long-term purposes of the corridor and should be designed to avoid, mitigate or minimize negative impacts on and from the corridor and transportation facilities."</p> <p>Consider adding a new policy to address planned corridors:</p> <p>10. Council shall not permit development in planned corridors that could preclude or negatively affect the use of the corridor for the purposes for which it was identified "</p> <p>References: PPS s. 1.6.8.3</p>	<p>Added suggested policy language to Sections 7.5.3.8 and 7.5.3.10.</p>
<p>8.1.1 Special Policy Respecting Part of Location LK 44 and LK 70</p>	<p>To clarify that the other applicable policies in this Plan do apply, replace "Despite other applicable policies" with "In addition to other applicable policies"</p>	<p>Replaced "Despite ." with "In addition..."</p>

<p>8.2.1 Consents in the Settlement Area</p>	<p>All proposals along Agimuk Lake must adhere to model findings. There was an assessment done in 2005 and an updated assessment should be completed, results from which should be used to be incorporated into this special policy. The Handbook considers that a sewage system constructed at a distance of less than 300 metres from the shoreline will contribute nutrients to the adjacent waterbody. References: PPS 1.1.1(c), 1.6.6.1, 1.6.6.4, MFCP, Guidelines D-4, D-5-4, D-5-5, O. Reg. 544/06 under the Planning Act, Lakeshore Capacity Assessment Handbook, 2010</p> <p>OP policy 8.2.1(f) should be revised to be consistent with PPS s. 1.6.6 as follows:</p> <p>"Lots created by consent within the Settlement Area shall be serviced by municipal sewer and water services, where such services are available, planned or feasible. Development that would necessitate a pre-mature or uneconomical expansion of services will not be supported." References: PPS s. 1.6.6.1</p>	<p>Added new Policy 8.1.1 e)</p> <p>Revised Policy 8.2.1 (e), as recommended</p>
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