



PUBLIC STATEMENT

New Members of DGR Community Engagement Committee Approved and Announced by Council

September 9, 2025, Ignace, ON. The Township of Ignace Council has now approved three recommendations for membership to the **Community Engagement Committee (CEC)**. On September 8, 2025, three names were brought forward to Council for approval after review and recommendation by the existing Community Engagement Committee members.

Based on the rankings by the current Community Engagement Committee members, **Heidi West and Dana Caines** ranked highest and were recommended to Council to be appointed to the committee. **Maddison Hazelaar** was also recommended as the youth representative. It is important to note that Council was NOT involved in the selection process beyond seeing the tabulation results and ratifying the selections made by the committee members.

The newly formed Community Engagement Committee, a Committee of Council, is charged with the promotion and monitoring of engagement of the residents in the hosting process of a deep geological repository (DGR) for nuclear waste near the community. The Committee will conduct this in an unbiased, engaging and community-minded manner that ensures that all residents are engaged and understand the process with regards to the DGR and the process to establish this project within the community.

The Committee will also accomplish this through Council approved community education events, town hall meetings, door to door canvassing, social media and information campaigns, participating in educational excursions and events, making recommendations to Council for the Township of Ignace regarding community well-being, promoting the process and goals through unbiased positive conversations and exchanges, while also acting as a positive steward for the Township of Ignace.

Council would like to congratulate Heidi West, Dana Caines and Maddison Hazelaar for being selected by the Community Engagement Committee and for their anticipated participation and dedication to the community on this very important initiative.

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