



# Community Engagement Committee

## Committee of Ignace Council

### Meeting Minutes

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August 25, 2025, Virtual Zoom Meeting

6:00 pm CST

**Attendance:**

Councillor Jodie Defeo – Co-Chair

Chantal Moore – Co-Chair

Councillor Janet Lett (Zoom)

Shelley McKay – Staff Resource

Jake Pastore - Staff Resource (Zoom)

Yvonne Dungey

Chantelle Gascon – NWMO (Zoom)

NWMO – Defined as Nuclear Waste Management Organization

DGR – Defined as Deep Geological Repository

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**Absent:**

Roy Fuller

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Diana Baril

1. Meeting began at 6:00 promptly with Co-Chair Chantal Moore opening the session with a land acknowledgment.
2. Review of the July 21, 2025, minutes, approved with additional question/answer and passed unanimously.
3. Confidentiality Agreement: Members in attendance signed and returned forms. Shelley to follow up with the members that are away to have forms signed.
4. Agreement with Ontario Skills Development 3-Day Youth Camp:
  - i. Update from Chantal: School Board extremely interested and recommended that event be held during the school week to ensure a stronger attendance. Superintendent and principals are excited for the opportunity for the students. Chantal to forward proposed dates from the School Board. Once dates are set invites should be sent out to Ignace, Wabigoon, Upsala and Pickle Lake students from grades 8 and up. Do to the fact that some schools are split classes (7/8) Jake to reach out to Skills Ontario to see if some grade 7's would be able to attend.
  - ii. Discussion: price of event was discussed and is within the council approved budget.
  - iii. Approval: Committee approved to proceed with the event.
  - iv. Formalization of Working Group: Formal members will be notified of upcoming meeting with Skills Ontario.

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5. NWMO Update: Chantelle provided an update on the IPD engagement sessions; not very well attended but some good discussions. Once data is put together the Regulatory Team will do a presentation to Council and the Committee. NWMO attended the Dryden Fall Fair and that was very well attended with very few critical voices. Upcoming Engagement for NWMO include Mining Expo (Thunder Bay), Fire Con (Thunder Bay), Chamber of Commerce – Laurie Swami (Thunder Bay), Manitoba Environment as well as others.  
CEC is encouraged to come up with some engagement opportunities outside of NWMO Events.  
Co-Chair suggested that some of the NWMO engagement opportunities be outside of working hours. Chantelle Gascon will continue to provide updates on NWMO activities and upcoming engagement opportunities. She will also provide info for the newsletter.
6. Communications Update:
  - i. Newsletter: First edition is out, and we have received great feedback.
  - ii. Centre of Expertise: There has been a lot of coverage in a broad area. Once a location is determined there will be a large billboard as well as a ribbon cutting, this is a major milestone for Ignace.
  - iii. Launch of New Website Page: Launch date for the updated website will be Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - iv. Other: Hardy Stevenson and Associates are the peer reviewers for the IPD for the Township of Ignace.  
WLON Powwow will be held Aug 29,30,31. There will be presence from Township employees there as well as NWMO. Shelley to send invite and protocol to CEC members.
7. Closed Session 6:25pm. The Committee went into closed session to discuss CEC Member Applications:
8. Reconvene to Open Session 6:44pm:
  - i. Conflict of Interest declared, therefore we do not have quorum. Meeting set for Thursday August 28, 2025, to discuss applicants.
9. New Business:
  - i. Tablets: Administration had some tablets available, they will need to be signed out and return if Committee members resign.
  - ii. Agenda: asked to add ongoing item to the agenda; Engagement Opportunities
10. Next Meeting: August 28, 2025, 6:00pm Multi Purpose Room and Zoom



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11. Adjournment at 6:48 pm.