



## **The Township Of Ignace Commits to Continuing To Be Candidate In Deep Geological Repository Process with NWMO**

*“Commitment to NWMO only the first stage of many for the Township.*

*Residents will be formally invited to participate.”*

**June 1, 2023, Ignace, ON** As the Deep Geological Repository (DGR) project moves forward in its site selection process, the Township of Ignace has been asked for its commitment to following and fulfilling its obligations as a potential host community with the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO). At its May 31, 2023 meeting, Council of the Township of Ignace passed a resolution that fully supports continuing with this process, but also ensuring that the public and a full Council will have ample opportunity to participate in any final decision and position in the future.

“It is extremely important that we as Council not miss the opportunity to continue to participate in this process with NWMO, as the timelines for commitment are tight, but we also recognize that any final decisions around our participation requires full Council debate and approval as well as intense and paramount consideration and participation from the entire community,” stated Interim Mayor Kim Baigrie. NWMO is fully aware of the major undertakings the community is facing regarding the work on ensuring that a transparent process is followed to replace two vacancies left in late March by the abrupt resignation of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. As such, they also understand that at some point in the future, a full Council discussion, debate and approvals are necessary after extensive consultation with the community.

“We are certainly committed to ensuring that our residents have ample opportunities and time to provide meaningful, respectful and diligent feedback to this process and as such we have appointed Mr. Andrew Sprunt to act as the Township’s Special Advisor on this very important project and decision-making process” stated Councillor Taddeo. The Township of Ignace is presently in the process of completing its obligations under a Multi-Year Agreement, currently in year 2, with the NWMO and further discussions on year 3 are continuing.

The Township is fully committed to ensuring that residents have opportunities to provide feedback and as such, will be reaching out to the public for definitive feedback in the near future. That feedback and other pertinent information will be provided to a full Council, post July 17, 2023, in order that the members can make fully informed decisions regarding the commitment of the community in this DGR project.

For more information or to access the studies that have been completed on this project, please visit the Township’s website. <https://www.ignace.ca>

Any inquiries related to the process, the project or the Township's current position should be directed to Mr. Andrew Sprunt.

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