



Media Statement

REMINDER

New Willingness Committee Members Being Sought in Ignace by Township Council

January 8, 2024, Ignace ON At a Special Meeting of Council held on January 4, 2024, Council members passed a resolution (#2024.01.04.005) that directs senior staff to **temporarily** suspend the activities of the Ignace Willingness Committee while they continue the recruitment process and solicitation of **new members** from the community. The primary purpose of the Committee is to work within the community on the Willingness process and terms of reference as established by Mayor and Council for the proposed selection as a host community for a Deep Geological Repository by the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) in 2024.

“We as a Council for the Township of Ignace are both eager and enthusiastic about the participation of the community as a whole in this process of willingness and need to make every effort to expand the existing committee’s reach and representation. As such, we are extending the deadline **until early in 2024 and beyond** for applications from **all** community members who feel they would like to sit on this very important Committee of Council. Your participation, dedication, and time to this process would be very much appreciated”, stated Interim Mayor Kim Baigrie.

The process to recruit new members of the willingness committee will continue and interested parties and community members should submit their interest verbally or in writing to Keith Roseborough at cds@ignace.ca. The interest note should include the answer to the question: Why do you believe you should be selected to the Willingness Committee of the Township of Ignace? The municipality would like to extend the manner of representation, diversity, and skillset on the Council Committee to a wide array of disciplines that will add significant value to the recommendations for Council in 2024.

Interested parties who reside in the Township of Ignace should submit their intent to the Township before **3:00 pm on Friday January 12, 2024**.

Mayor and Council will also enable residents to continue to illustrate their ongoing interest in sitting on the committee beyond this point (January 12, 2024) if the individual coming forward has a unique skillset or brings diverse viewpoints and background to the terms of reference and Committee's work.

The temporary suspension of the existing Willingness Committee's activities, will allow for the search of new members to continue over the next few weeks, allow for a permanent Mayor's appointment in Ignace in order to set the Committee and its updated terms of reference, allow new members and existing members to undertake necessary training and facilitation and provide opportunity for the Township's Consultants and Committee members to align on methodology and roles within the Willingness framework for the Township of Ignace.

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