

# THE IGNACE BULLETIN



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## The NWMO's implementation plan lays out the path for site selection and beyond.

The NWMO's implementation plan outlines our priorities for the next five years as we work towards implementing Canada's plan for the safe, long-term management of used nuclear fuel.

The Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) has published for public comment the latest version of our five-year implementation plan. The document is a forward-looking plan that explains how Canada's



plan for the safe, long-term management of used nuclear fuel will be implemented over the next five years.

"The NWMO is implementing this national environmental infrastructure project on behalf of Canadians and Indigenous peoples. Public input is invaluable and helps steer our work, so we invite anyone interested to share their thoughts," said Lisa Frizzell, Vice-President of Communications at the NWMO.

Share your thoughts on the implementation plan by June 10, 2022, through our [online survey](#).

The implementation plan is a living document that demonstrates the NWMO's commitment to transparency. It is regularly assessed and strengthened with direction and guidance from public input, communities, advances in science and technology, insights from Indigenous Knowledge, changes in societal values and evolving public policy.

This year's plan highlights a significant transformation in the NWMO's upcoming work, as it covers the period when we will reach the site selection milestone and move into the regulatory decision-making process.

We remain on track to meet our expected site selection date – an important milestone in Canada's plan. Over the course of this year, we will work with potential host communities to define partnership and determine willingness, and in 2023, we expect to select a preferred site for the deep geological repository.

Following site selection, we will take on a new series of activities, including implementing partnership agreements with host communities, finalizing the safety case for the identified site, beginning to construct a Centre of Expertise, participating in the regulatory decision-making process, and beginning to move our operations to the selected site.

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Throughout the five-year period, we will also conduct environmental baseline monitoring to inform our work so that we can avoid, prevent and mitigate any environmental impact. We will complete additional deep borehole drilling and other technical evaluations to inform the technical design and safety case of the project. We will also continue to engage with Canadians and Indigenous peoples as we plan for the eventual transportation of used nuclear fuel to a central repository location.

In addition to the online survey, you can also forward your comments to:

Nuclear Waste Management Organization  
Attention: Lisa Frizzell, Vice-President of Communications  
22 St. Clair Avenue East, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON M4T 2S3, Canada  
Email: [learnmore@nwmo.ca](mailto:learnmore@nwmo.ca)  
Website: [www.nwmo.ca/contactus](http://www.nwmo.ca/contactus)

The implementation plan is published alongside the NWMO's 2021 annual report – *Guided by science. Grounded in knowledge. Committed to partnership.* – which documents our progress over the past year.

### About the NWMO

The Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) is a not-for-profit organization tasked with the safe, long-term management of Canada's used nuclear fuel inside a deep geological repository, in a manner that protects people and the environment for generations to come.

Founded in 2002, the NWMO has been guided for 20 years by a dedicated team of world-class scientists, engineers and Indigenous Knowledge Keepers that are developing innovative and collaborative solutions for nuclear waste management. Canada's plan will only proceed in an area with informed and willing hosts, where the municipality, First Nation and Métis communities, and others in the area are working together to implement it. The NWMO plans to select a site in 2023, and two areas remain in our site selection process: the Wabigoon-Ignace area in northwestern Ontario and the Saugeen Ojibway Nation-South Bruce area in southern Ontario.



New Life Church  
630 Pine St

Sunday Morning Services  
begin with worship at  
11AM

All current provincial restrictions are  
followed (masking and distancing)

If you would like prayer, call the church @ (807) 934-2791, please leave a message if  
there is no answer. Or message us on Facebook @ New Life Church - Ignace.  
No need is too big or too small for God



**GREG RICKFORD**  
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Meet Karen Dufault; the new Youth Engagement Coordinator for the Township of Ignace. I have been living and working in Ignace for 32 years as an elementary teacher. Recently I retired from Ignace School but wanted to continue my journey of helping youth, so this job fit perfectly! You will see me provide various opportunities to help uplift and support youth in our community. One of my focus points will be STEM activities (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) and transferable (critical thinking, communication, collaborations, creativity) in these areas. If you have any questions or suggestions for youth programming, please let me know as I am anxious to hear what Ignace youth need and want. My email is ignaceyouthprogrammer@gmail.com.



Meet Jade St. Amand; she is the new Ignace Community Nuclear Liaison Committee (ICNLC) Coordinator for the Township of Ignace. I have been a seasonal resident of Ignace since I was a baby as we have a family camp on Agimak Lake, and I have been a full-time resident since 2014. This position will be a fantastic addition to my experience in the Education field, as I hope to inform, educate, and engage all members of the community in the process of creating a community that we can all love and be proud of. My email is icnlc.office@gmail.com.

**Spring Fever Fun Day**  
 Sat. April 9, 2022  
 @ 1:00-3:00 pm  
 at the  
**Ignace Recreation Complex Upper Hall**  
**FREE**  
**All Ages Welcome**

**Children's Activities and Crafts @ 1-3 pm**  
**Mousecise-A-Thon Fundraiser @ 1:15 pm**  
**Easter Egg Hunt SK Age and Younger @ 2 pm**  
**and Grade 1 and Up @ 2:30 pm**  
**All participants will receive a Loot Bags**

In partnership with the  
 Ignace Nursery School, Ignace EarlyON Child  
 and Family Centre, NWMO  
 and the Ignace Recreation Dept.

**Play Pals**  
 Ignace EarlyON Child & Family Centre  
 Wednesday's @ 10 - 11 am  
 Ages 0 - 4 yrs.  
 Program includes songs & rhymes and  
 socialization time  
 Any questions call 934-6696

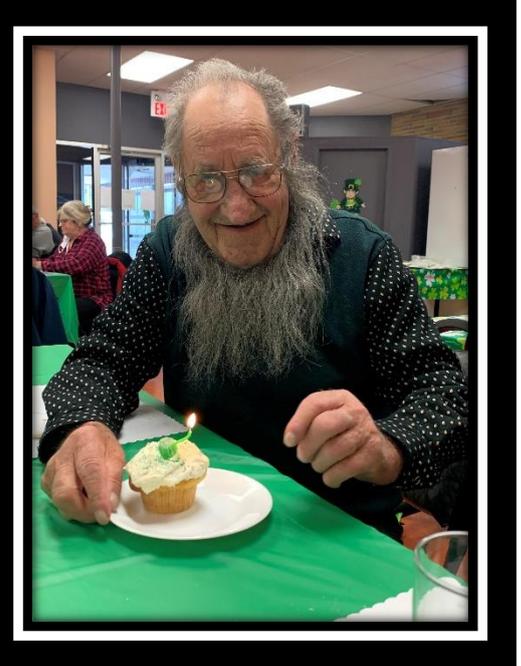
**Reminder** that as the weather improves and our play ground dries up, you are invited to bring your children to play at anytime.  
 Remember to wearing a mask is optional. Safe and have FUN

**All I Need to Know About Life I Learned from the Easter Bunny**

- \* Don't put all your eggs in one basket.
- \* Walk softly and carry a big chocolate bunny.
- \* Everyone needs a friend who is all ears.
- \* Don't count your chickens before they are hatched.
- \* There's no such thing as too much candy.
- \* All work and no play can make you a basket case.
- \* Let happy thoughts multiply like rabbits.
- \* Everyone is entitled to a bad hare day.
- \* Some body parts should be floppy.
- \* Keep your paws off other people's jelly beans.
- \* Good things come in small sugar coated packages.
- \* The grass isn't always greener in someone else's basket.
- \* To show your true colours, you have to come out of your shell.
- \* The best things in life come in assorted colours.

**Your Child's Hearing**  
 If you have any concerns about your child's hearing, call your doctor or the Local Health Unit 934-2236

**Happy 85<sup>th</sup> birthday to Vern Dungey. He celebrated at the Ignace Silver Tops potluck dinner on March 17<sup>th</sup>**



**SAY YES  
TO LEARNING MORE ABOUT  
CANADA'S PLAN FOR THE  
SAFE PERMANENT STORAGE  
OF USED NUCLEAR FUEL  
PELLET BUNDLES**

**WE ARE  
IGNACE**

**THE REVELL BATHOLITH IS BEING STUDIED AS THE POSSIBLE SITE FOR  
CANADA'S ONE AND ONLY DEEP GEOLOGICAL REPOSITORY**



**"WE, THE PEOPLE OF IGNACE,**  
Are willing to learn how we might be  
able to help Canada."

*"We think that the repository for Nuclear Waste would be great for Ignace; improving the economy, revitalizing our little town, bringing new businesses, to mention a few advantages."*  
- Berry & Lise Wetelainen  
Residents of Ignace

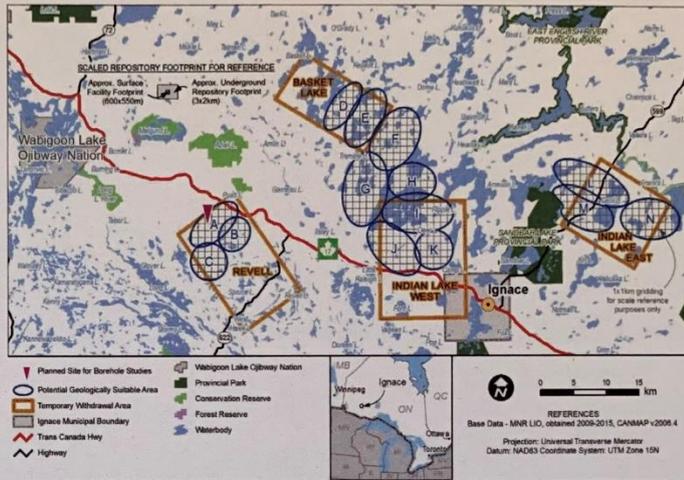
**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

- Invest in Ignace.
- Learn about the benefits of having this project in close proximity to Ignace.
- Spread the word about Canada's plan.
- Learn about the need for the project.
- Show your support for the project.

The Earth has told us what to do. The uranium came from the Canadian Shield and we are bringing it back to the shield - it is coming home!

Maybe not to the same place, but nevertheless to a safe place.

**AT THEIR CANDIDATE SITE IN THE REVELL BATHOLITH,  
THE NWMO HAS BEEN DRILLING THE ROCK**



- For over 10 years the NWMO has been in the Ignace area investigating the possibility of it being the Host Community for the Deep Geological Repository (DGR) project.
- Since the inception of the Ignace Community Nuclear Liaison Committee, successive Ignace Councils, Administrations, along with community members, have participated in the "Learn More" process including a number of comprehensive studies. Where expenses have been incurred, the Community has been reimbursed.
- The proposed site is less than 40km west of Ignace.

**LEARN  
MORE @**

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**DID YOU KNOW...**

**BYLAW 30.2022** was recently passed by the Township of Ignace Council in February 2022 to accept and enter into a contractual agreement with the MTO, to use ARIS.

"ARIS" means the Authorized Requester Information System of MTO, which is an electronic system used to receive License Plate, Vehicle and/or Driver Information for the sole purpose initiating legal proceedings in an effort to collecting outstanding fines from Parking Ticket charges.

Unpaid Parking Ticket holders would eventually be subjected to refusal to renew plates or drivers' licenses until outstanding tickets have been paid in full.

**Who's Interested in getting On Board?**



The Mary Berglund Community Health Centre Hub is seeking energetic and passionate people to serve on our Board of Directors, who are willing to volunteer their time to promote MBCHCH mission, provide connections that help the centre and bring enthusiasm in working with the team.

**What is the Board Member commitment?**

Board members must commit to regular attendance at the pre scheduled board meetings. Willing to contribute to conversations and open to others opinions.

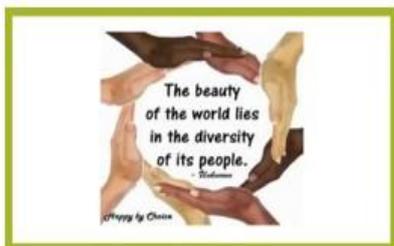
**Would you like more information?**

Please call Heidi at 934-2674 or email at hwest@bellnet.ca

**MBCHC Board Meeting Schedule for 2022**

- February 9, March 30, May 18, June 22, October 26, December 7
- September 21 (Annual General Meeting)

All regular meetings of the Board are held at 5:30 pm at the Health Centre. The Annual General Meeting is held at 7:00 pm at the Silver Tops Senior Centre.



**The New Mental Health Crisis from Covid Isolation**

The Covid pandemic has introduced many changes that have impacted mental health. Loneliness was already a major health problem before the enforced isolation of quarantines and social distancing. Now, after a gradual return to pre-pandemic normalcy, there is still cause for concern that Covid isolation may have triggered a mental health crisis.

Below are resources available to Ignace Community Members

- Crisis response services 1-866-888-8988
- Mary Berglund CHC mental health services 807-934-2251
- Dryden Regional mental health and addiction services 807-934-2834
- Nodin CFI 807- 737-6142
- Connex Ontario 1-866-531-2600
- Canadian mental health association 807-345-0060
- Kids help phone 1-800-668-6868

Text: CONNECT to 686868

**Screen for Life Coach coming April 5-7. Call 807-684-7777 for an appointment.**

**Ignace**

Child and Family Centre  
**EarlyON y va**  
Centre pour l'enfant et la famille



**APRIL 2022**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Lambs 	The Ignace EarlyON Centre, Ignace Recreation Dept. and partners are hosting the "Spring Fever Day" Sat. April 9 @ 1-3 at the Ignace Rec. Centre. Event will include the Nursery School Fundraiser - Mousercise-A-Thon, Crafts, Activities and Easter Egg Hunts.				Friday Play Groups 10-11:30 & 1-2:30	Playtime 10:30 to 12 noon & 12:30 to 2
Toothbrush Painting 	Playtime Schedule 6-7:30	Playtime Schedules 1-2:30 & 3-4:30	Play Pals 10 - 11 am Playtime Schedule 6-7:30	Playtime Schedules 1-2:30 & 3-4:30	Friday Play Groups 10-11:30 & 1-2:30	CLOSED 9 SPRING FEVER DAY 1-3 Ignace Rec. Complex Upper Hall
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Earth Day Paint My World 	CLOSED Easter Monday	Playtime Schedules 1-2:30 & 3-4:30	Play Pals 10 - 11 am Playtime Schedule 6-7:30	Playtime Schedules 1-2:30 & 3-4:30	EARTH DAY Friday Play Groups 10-11:30 & 1-2:30	Playtime 10:30 to 12 noon & 12:30 to 2
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Hours  
Mon. & Wed. 6 - 8:30 p.m.  
Tue. & Thurs. 1 - 5 p.m.  
Fri. 9 a.m. - 3p.m.  
Sat. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.



Masks are now optional. Please do you part to keep the little ones and their families healthy. Stay home if you or anyone in your family is sick or has COVID symptoms. Thank You



**Ignace's 2022 White Otter Days Hockey Tournament**

**JULY 1 - 3, 2022**

**ENTRY FEE- \$650.00**

**DEADLINE TO ENTER WILL BE MONDAY, MAY 30TH, 2022**

**A \$300 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT MUST BE MADE.**

**MEN'S NOVICE  
WOMEN'S  
MEN'S OLD TIMERS**

Please Contact Trista at [recprogrammer@ignace.ca](mailto:recprogrammer@ignace.ca) or 807-938-7749



Let's have a garden party

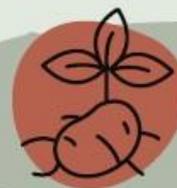


**Lettuce turnip the beet!**

Are you interested in using a garden box at the Ignace Community Garden?

Are you interested in volunteering at the Community Garden?

We are in need of some repairs to existing boxes and are looking at building additional ones.



It's not just a garden! It's the place to be this summer. Please call Yvonne at 934-2290 to reserve or request a box.



Mary Berglund  
Community Health Centre Hub  
Centre de santé communautaire  
C.P.S. 504, L.T.P.P. 517  
Your Centre for Health and Wellbeing

**WE ARE RECRUITING**  
for the  
**IGNACE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Do you want to have a say in what happens in our town? Do you want to help explore all of Ignace's possibilities?

**CONTACT US TO APPLY!**  
807-934-2202 Ext.1034  
[projectcoordinator@ignace.ca](mailto:projectcoordinator@ignace.ca)

# Shades of Grey

Silver Tops Newsletter

Active Retirement Living

April 2022

(also online on Facebook)

## March 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting Highlights:

- Starting in April, potlucks will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month
- Update from Gerald Gannon on the kitchen extension project
- Overview of planned activities and events for 2022-23

**Bingo Report** – Bingo on Tuesdays, calling starts at 1:15. It's for anyone 18+ years. Feeling lucky? There's always the chance you'll win!

**Thank You...** to Gerald Gannon for all the work he put into the building project.

## Coming Up at the Centre:

Potluck on April 20<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday Lunches  
Book club meets on April 21<sup>st</sup>  
Garage Sale April 30<sup>th</sup>

## Do You Remember??

Floor wax – Johnson's Paste Wax, I believe, in a tin, with a lid you had to pry off. Down on your hands and knees, scoop up a gob of wax on a cloth, spread it around – evenly! – on the tile or linoleum floor. It dried to a dull finish, so it had to be polished. That was the fun part – sliding around in your socks to bring up the shine. If the kitchen was big enough, you could get a 2- or 3-step run at it, and set a record-breaking slide. No-wax floors? Where's the fun in that!

**Be sure to check our FB page regularly for club news. We're "Ignace Silver Tops Greystorming". Ask to be a member of the group.**

**Drop-In** – The Centre is open on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons from 1:00-4:30. Tea, coffee, and goodies are available. Come in, visit, read the notices about upcoming events and activities, use the internet, have a friendly game of cards. There is a sign-in book (we need to keep track of how many people make use of the club facilities to help us plan) and comments and suggestions are welcome.

**Next regular monthly meeting** – Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm

Our monthly meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month. All members are strongly encouraged to attend. There will be coffee and

## Wellness – Dental Health

Did you know that gum disease is associated with an increased risk of developing heart disease? Poor dental health increases the risk of a bacterial infection in the blood stream, which can affect the heart valves.

Reanna Munn, from our local Northwestern Health Unit office, will be a guest at our April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, to give more information and answer questions. You may qualify for financial assistance under a new program.

**Perogies for sale!** We have perogies available for purchase at \$35.00 for a bag of 5 dozen. Contact Lise at 807-936-0165.

## Renovations Update

The Steering Committee has decided that the renovations project is not feasible at this time. We need instead to focus on transitioning back from 2 years of minimal activity and rebuilding our club finances and membership.

**Book Club** – The Book Club will be meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at 10 am, with coffee and goodies. Our first meeting will be on April 21<sup>st</sup>. April's book is *Pride and Prejudice*, a classic romantic novel by Jane Austen. May's book will be *The Clan of the Cave Bear*. More members – and book suggestions! – are welcome.

## Song

Many of you may remember Glen Campbell singing *Less of Me* – words to live by!

"Let me be a little kinder, let me be a little blinder  
To the faults of those about me,  
Let me praise a little more,  
Let me be when I am weary just a little bit more  
cheery,  
Think a little more of others, And a little less of me!"

## Tell Me a Story

"I'll take you back to the Springtime of 1968, I was working at Gene's Cabin's and Restaurant in La Ronge, Saskatchewan. I was working as a dishwasher and sometimes as a short-order cook when my boss Gene had his lunch. This particular day I was to make Crispy Wieners for Pierre. I had only met him a few weeks before that. Pierre was a Flotation Operator at Anglo Rouyn Mines and he rented one of Gene's Cabins.

To make Crispy Wieners you put the wieners into an egg mixture, then into some Corn Flakes crumbs and then onto a cookie sheet and pop them into an oven at 350oF until they brown a bit. I took the cookie sheet out of the oven and placed the wieners onto a plate along with some potatoes and vegetables and took Pierre's meal out to him. Then I went back into the kitchen.

A few minutes later I was called back into the restaurant. Something was wrong with the wieners!! Pierre went to cut the wiener and his knife slid across the wiener. I had left the plastic covering on the wieners when I prepared them. The lighting in the kitchen was dull and I couldn't see the plastic on the wieners.

It is now 2022 and Pierre and I have been married for almost 54 years. Every so often I ask Pierre if he would like Crispy Wieners for Supper. You guessed it, the answer is No thank you."

- Catherine De Keyser

## We're Back!

Silver Tops is back in business. We're opening up again after the "2 weeks to flatten the curve" – the longest 2 weeks in the history of the planet.

At the planning session on February 26<sup>th</sup> the focus was on fundraising and transitioning back into full club operation.

What's back? Bingo (Tuesdays), Thursday Lunch, Digital Learning (Tuesday nights, Thursday afternoons), Exercise Class with Yvonne (M, W, F mornings), and monthly potluck suppers and Book Club meetings.

As well, the hall is now open on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons from 1 - 4:30 for drop-in socializing. The coffee pot is on, and baking is available.

A Garage Sale is planned for April 30 – we're doing spring cleaning/clearing at the hall! – and your donations will also be appreciated. Other activities, such as CPR/Defib training and a Safe Food Handling course will be announced as they are coming up, and on the fun side, boat activities on Agimac, an antique car event, and BBQs.

Don't be surprised if you get a phone call asking if you can help with one of these events – your club needs you!



Digital Learning is happening at the Ignace Silver Tops Centre. AJ and Greg are very patient and understanding. This is a great opportunity for our seniors to further their understanding of all technology, including laptops, tablets & ipads as well as using phones.