



# **IGNACE**

**Willingness Engagement Team**

**Ignace Willingness Study Final Report**

**June 2024**

# Report Overview: Roles, Responsibilities, & Results

With Chéla Inc. (WCI) was hired to conduct a Willingness Study in Ignace, Ontario, in order to determine the position of Township residents regarding continuing the process of being considered as a potential host community of a Deep Geological Repository of used nuclear fuel.

A set of values, principles, and a willingness process was established by Hardy Stevenson and Associates Limited (HSAL) in their report published in December 2021 and were adopted and applied by WCI in the Willingness Study. Furthermore, a methodology created by WCI sociologist Dr. Jackie Schoemaker Holmes, provided the guidelines for the Engagement Team to apply when interacting with the community. The Engagement Team animated the methodology using policies, procedures, and protocols informed by the values expressed by Ignace residents in the HSAL Report.

The Engagement Team prioritized reaching as many residents as possible to encourage and garner their participation to become registered in the Study, engage in the community program, and eventually log their choice concerning willingness. The Registrar, Holly Hayes, enabled inclusive pathways to achieving eligibility to participate in supportive ways that would satisfy the Eligibility Policy. Registration and casting the decision concerning willingness occurred on the Neuvote system, a secure elections management system, in all cases.

The Engagement Lead, Chéla Breckon, designed the community engagement program and led the facilitation of its elements. Ms. Breckon also carried out each confidential interview and is the controller of all confidential information gathered and archived outside of the Neuvote system. Maria Petrini-Woolley acted as the Resident Participant Steward in support of both the Registrar and Engagement Lead roles to ensure the correct individual was present for data gathering and documentation, ultimately supporting the required document controls for achieving quality assurance.

The Outreach Team, a division of the Engagement Team, was composed of Jason McCormick, who also acted as the Health & Safety and Logistics Lead, and Laura Julien, Outreach Coordinator. The objective of the Outreach Team was to satisfy the Perseverance Protocol through door-to-door activities and the documentation of this outreach.

The Willingness Study was successful in determining the position of willingness held by the residents and property owners of Ignace over the age of 16.

## **63.8% Participation - Clear Majority**

WCI reports that the majority of residents were indeed reached using a wide range of engagement activities, having seen 660 of the estimated 1035 Resident Participants become registered and approved as eligible to participate in the Willingness Study.

## **97.0% Completion - Validity of Readiness**

WCI reports that of the 660 approved user accounts in the Neuvote system determined to be Resident Participants, 640 of them cast their decision by April 30th, 2024.

## **89.9% Readiness - Clear Majority**

WCI reports that of the 660 approved Resident Participants, 594 declared they were indeed ready to cast their decision and felt informed enough to do so in advance of, or during, the voting period in April 2024. Of those 34 (5.1%) approved Resident Participants who declared they were not ready to cast their decision, all but one cast their decision concerning willingness by April 30th, 2024. Another 33 (5.0%) approved Resident Participants did not declare readiness during the process.

## **77.3% Willing to Continue as a Host Community - Clear Majority**

WCI reports that of the 640 votes cast in April 2024, 495 (or 77.3%) of Resident Participants of marked “yes” on their ballot in support of continuing as a potential host community of a Deep Geological Repository of used nuclear fuel near Ignace. The voting results also demonstrated that 133 (or 20.8%) of Resident Participants marked “no” indicating their desire to stop the process of becoming a potential host community, and 12 abstained (1.9%) from making a clear choice. Only 3%, or 20 individuals, chose not to vote in April 2024 despite being approved, reminded, and were eligible to.

The following information was gathered during the Willingness Study and helps to provide the reader with detailed information concerning the Engagement Team results with respect to reaching residents, the observations made during engagement program activities, the qualitative analysis and reporting of 72 confidential interviews, the summary and details of the expressions of readiness made by the Resident Participants, and ultimately the factors that provide confidence in the displayed results of willingness.



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# Introduction

With Chéla Inc. was hired to conduct a Willingness Study in Ignace, Ontario, in order to determine the position of the township residents regarding continuing the process of being considered as a potential host community of a Deep Geological Repository of used nuclear fuel. The methodology they followed was developed by Dr. Jackie Schoemaker Holmes, a Sociologist and qualitative research specialist, was upheld during the eight-month process conducted by the Engagement Team, led by Chéla Breckon, principal consultant and owner of With Chéla Inc.

The Willingness Study took place from September 2023 until the final voting, or decision-casting portion of the study, was completed on April 30th, 2024. Throughout the study, the Engagement Team developed and followed policies, procedures, and protocols that guided their work when interacting with residents. The Eligibility Policy (Appendix A) outlined the two essential factors for participation: to be at least 16 years of age on or before April 30th, 2024 and to demonstrate current residency or property ownership within the Township of Ignace borders.

Holly Hayes, the Willingness Study Registrar, held the responsibility of ensuring that all users who attempted registration were indeed eligible to participate. The Registrar offered custom pathways that assisted residents who lacked documentation, proximity to Ignace, and/or online capabilities in order to ensure that the greatest number of eligible residents were able to exercise their right to participate.

The objective of the Engagement Team was to take an exhaustive approach in reaching all eligible residents in ways that were culturally appropriate, accessible, and convenient. The results of the robust outreach strategy deployed by the Engagement Team demonstrate that a variety of communication channels and support services were needed to be able to reach all residents in an inclusive manner. The Engagement Team was able to reach residents in a manner consistent with the Perseverance Protocol (Appendix B).

Residents were offered diverse opportunities to participate in ten social and community events that were focused on familiarization with the study, developing connections with the Engagement Team, and participating in conversation about the decision at hand.

Residents also had the opportunity to schedule a voluntary confidential interview with Chéla upon registering to participate in the Study. The purpose of the confidential interviews was to understand the context and reasons for residents' willingness to participate in the siting process with the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO). At the end of the process, all registered participants were provided the opportunity to cast their ballot using a secure elections management system provided by Neuvote over five days in April 2024.

This report provides a detailed perspective of the engagement results, demonstrating what worked to generate widespread participation among residents, along with summary observations summarized concerning the in-person events. The final sections of the report offer an analysis of data collected in confidential interviews, represented in themes and connections. The qualitative context is followed by a summary of the quantitative results of the willingness decision which indicates the ultimate position held by the majority of the residents of Ignace.

The appendices contained herein are the public-facing materials and documents WCI developed in order to carry out the Study and activate the methodology of the Study. Additional documents and materials that are sensitive in nature that require confidential storage and protection due to the nature of the contents - and due to the commitments made in WCI policy and applicable legislation - are archived and not accessible to the public.

The Engagement Team would sincerely like to thank the Township, both elected officials and staff, for their support to carry out the project and assistance to accomplish this important work. We would also like to thank our partner who provided the elections management system, Neuvote, and the people behind the proven system Matthew Heuman, CEO, and Laura Garrett, CTO. Special thanks are also extended to the peer review team, Dave Hardy and Dr. Keelin Pringnitz who each supported the liaison between the client, the Township of Ignace, and WCI.

The most significant group who contributed to the success of the Study were the residents of Ignace themselves. We wish to thank, especially, the volunteers from the community who stepped forward during the engagement period and before to aid in the leadership and resident-led aspects of the project, specifically the former ICNLC committee and the Willingness Ad Hoc Committee. The residents of Ignace by vast majority welcomed us, connected with us, and shared with us their most personal feelings and perspectives about their future and the potential siting of the DGR in the place they call home. The Engagement Team is endlessly grateful for offering your open hearts, homes, and minds as we captured your voice and choice concerning a critical community question.

# Community Engagement Data Reporting

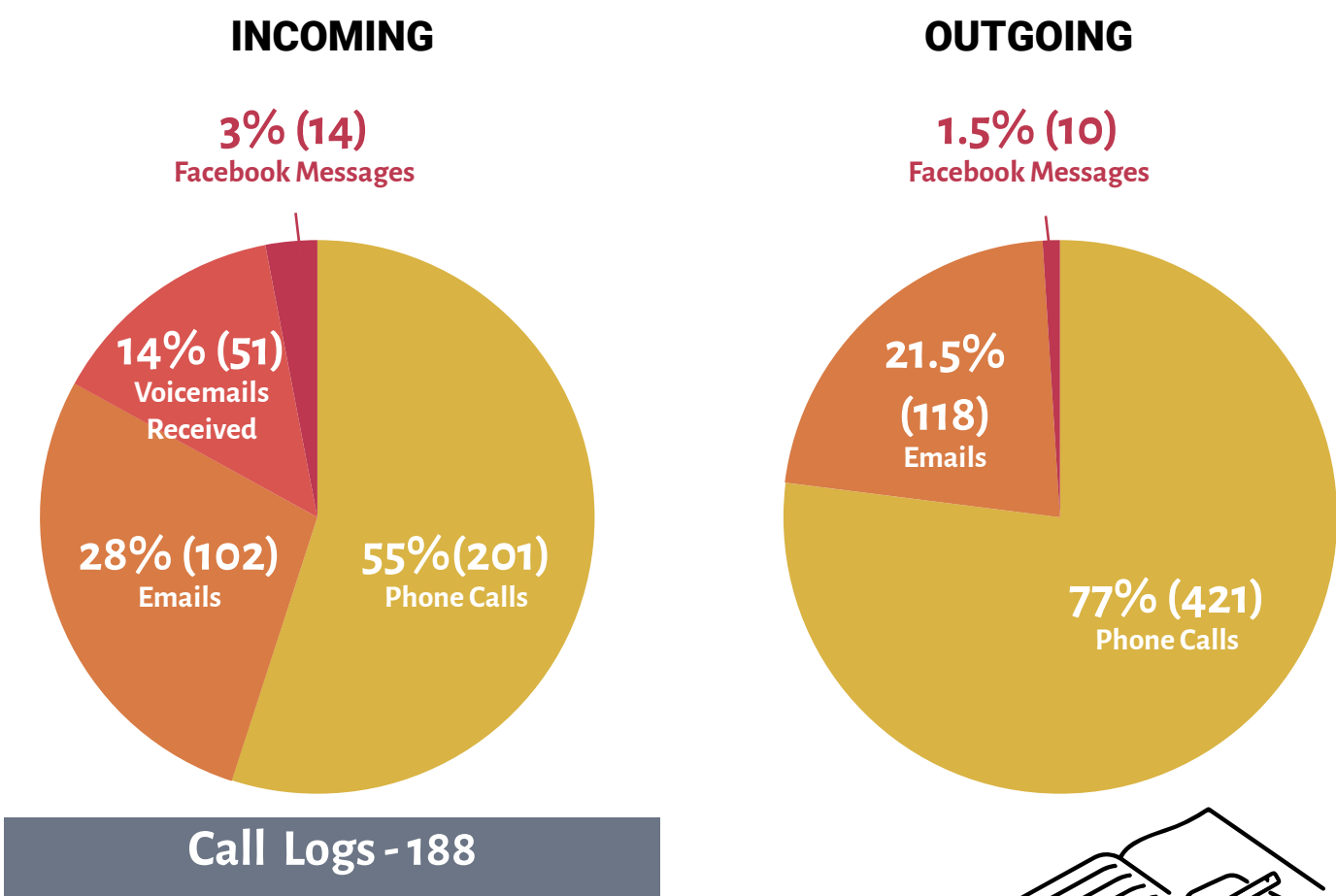
The following data was compiled to demonstrate the total activity conducted by the Engagement Team to ensure we reached all eligible participants.

## TOTAL CORRESPONDENCE

Table 1 is the total amount of incoming and outgoing correspondence for all community engagement directly to and from WCI and only in Non-Voting System Channels.

The data demonstrates that the majority of residents preferred phone support over email correspondence. Social media, was the least popular method despite the 28,868 impressions, or total views and interactions, with the Engagement Team Facebook page.

Table 1: Incoming and Outgoing Outreach to Resident Participants



Total Amount of Call Logs relating to Ignace Resident Participants:

Each Call Log represents one person who we supported through one or more communication channels.

Call Logs include a record of who contacted us, which channel they used to reach us, the reason for their interaction, and what was done to complete the supportive service.



## PHONE CALLS

Table 2 demonstrates the outgoing calls made by the Engagement Team to Resident Participants by month.

**Table 2: Total Outgoing Calls from the Engagement Team to Ignace Resident Participants**

OUTGOING CALLS	TOTAL
JAN	22
FEB	5
MAR	4
APR	124
	<b>155</b>

Table 3 demonstrates incoming calls received by the Engagement Team for general contact and support by month.

**Table 3: Total Incoming Calls from Ignace Resident Participants to the Engagement Team**

INCOMING CALLS	TOTAL
JAN	12
FEB	9
MAR	10
APR	106
	<b>137</b>

Table 4 is the total amount of voicemails received by the Engagement Team.

**Table 4: Total Voicemails Received from Ignace Resident Participants through the Voicemail service from December 2023 - May 1, 2024**

VOICEMAILS RECEIVED	51
DEC	8
JAN	6
FEB	8
MAR	4
APRIL	25

Table 5 demonstrates total outgoing calls related only to the registration and voting system navigation and support made by the Registrar by month.

**Table 5: Follow Up Calls for System Navigation, Registration, and Voting Support**

SYSTEM SUPPORT FOLLOW UP CALLS	TOTAL
NOV	31
DEC	28
JAN	40
FEB	9
MAR	35
APR	123
	<b>266</b>

Table 6 demonstrates the total incoming calls made by Resident Participants to the Registrar relating directly to the registration and voting system navigation and support services by month.

**Table 6: Incoming Calls for System Navigation, Registration, and Voting Support**

<b>SYSTEM SUPPORT INCOMING CALLS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
NOV	8
DEC	7
JAN	6
FEB	5
MAR	10
APR	28
	<b>64</b>

## **REASONS FOR CONTACTING THE ENGAGEMENT TEAM - PHONE CALLS**

Table 7 provides a breakdown of the reasons for contacting the Engagement Team relating to incoming phone calls only.

**Table 7: Reason(s) for Contact - Incoming Calls and Voice Messages**

<b>REASON FOR CONTACT - INITIAL INCOMING PHONE CALLS AND VOICEMAILS ONLY</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Inquiry, General	19
Callback Request	26
Media Request	2
Registration Assistance	110
Miscellaneous	8
Complaint	4
Willingness to Participate	2
Unwillingness to Participate	1
Voting Support (Apr 26-30)	57
	<b>229*</b>

\*This number represents the total number of times a "reason for contact" category was applied to an initial contact call and is not equal to the total number of incoming or outgoing calls as such. i.e. Residents contacted us with more than one reason for their call.

## REASONS FOR CONTACTING THE ENGAGEMENT TEAM - PHONE CALLS CONTINUED

Table 8 provides a breakdown of the topics explored in support services related to calls with Resident Participants and the Engagement Team.

**Table 8: Topics and Support Services Related to Calls with Resident Participants and the Engagement Team**

ALL FOLLOW UP PHONE INTERACTIONS BY TOPIC	TOTAL
Registration Assistance	40
Prize Inquiry	2
Willingness Study Discussion	11
Information & Support Request	3
Offline Participation Request	4
Interview Related	4
Voting Support	10
Media Related	2
Appointment Request	4
ICLNC	1
Referral	1
NWMO	1
At-Home Assistance	2
Resident Supporting Resident	1
In-Person Support	15
Voiced Opinion in Message	4
Transcript/Interview Copy Request	2
Mailers Received	7
Account Access	10
	<b>124*</b>

\*This result reflects the total topics that were introduced once in the follow up support cycle of communications back and forth between the Resident Participant and the Engagement Team.

## REASONS FOR CONTACTING THE ENGAGEMENT TEAM - EMAILS

Table 9 demonstrates all email correspondence to the yourvoice@withchela.ca email account and the topics of interest contained in the initial email to the Engagement Team.

**Table 9: Topics of Interest for Incoming Email Correspondence**

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE, EMAIL (yourvoice@withchela.ca)	TOTAL
Incoming: Interviews	7
Incoming: Inquiries, General	61
Incoming: Vouches (Resident Eligibility Process for those without documentation)	3
Incoming: Unwilling to Participate	1
Incoming: Prize Winners	1
Incoming: Registration Navigation	14
Incoming: Website Form Submissions	15
	<b>102</b>

Table 10 demonstrates all email correspondence from the yourvoice@withchela.ca email account and the topics of interest contained in the thread.

**Table 10: Topics of Interest for Outgoing Email Correspondence**

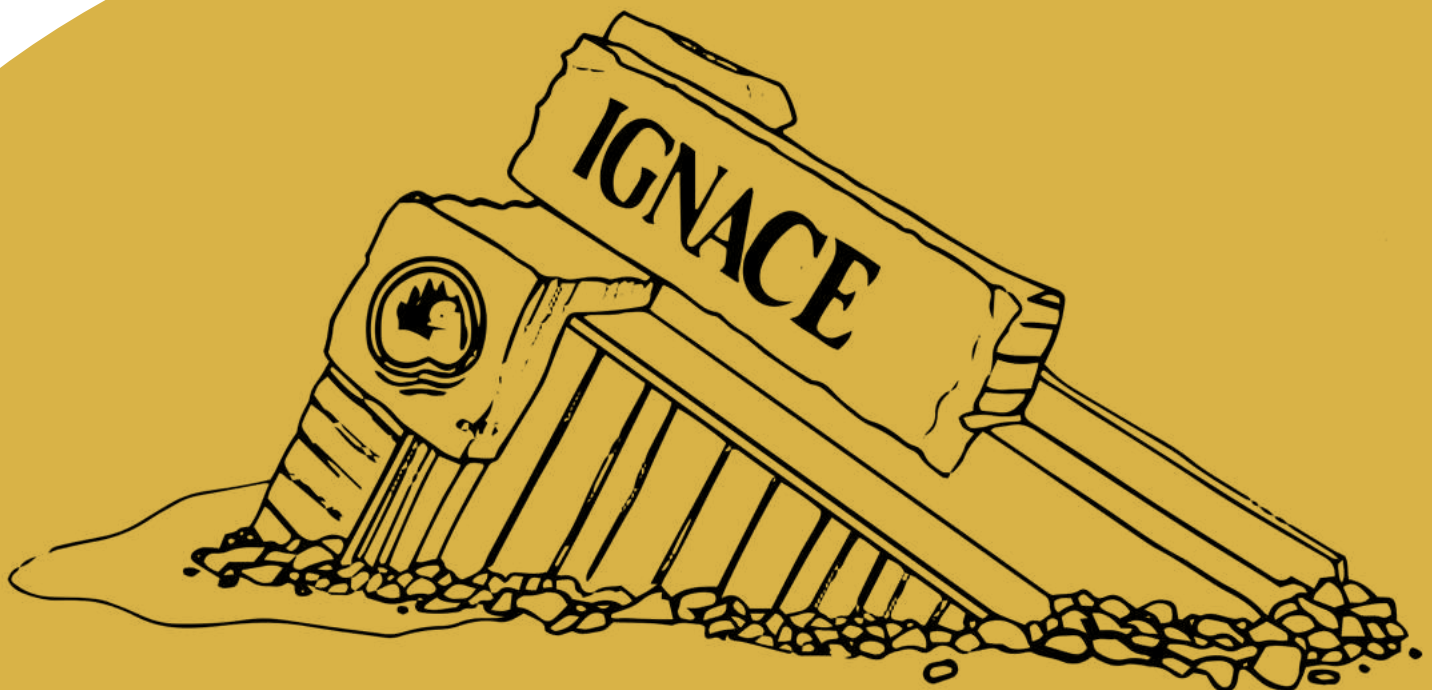
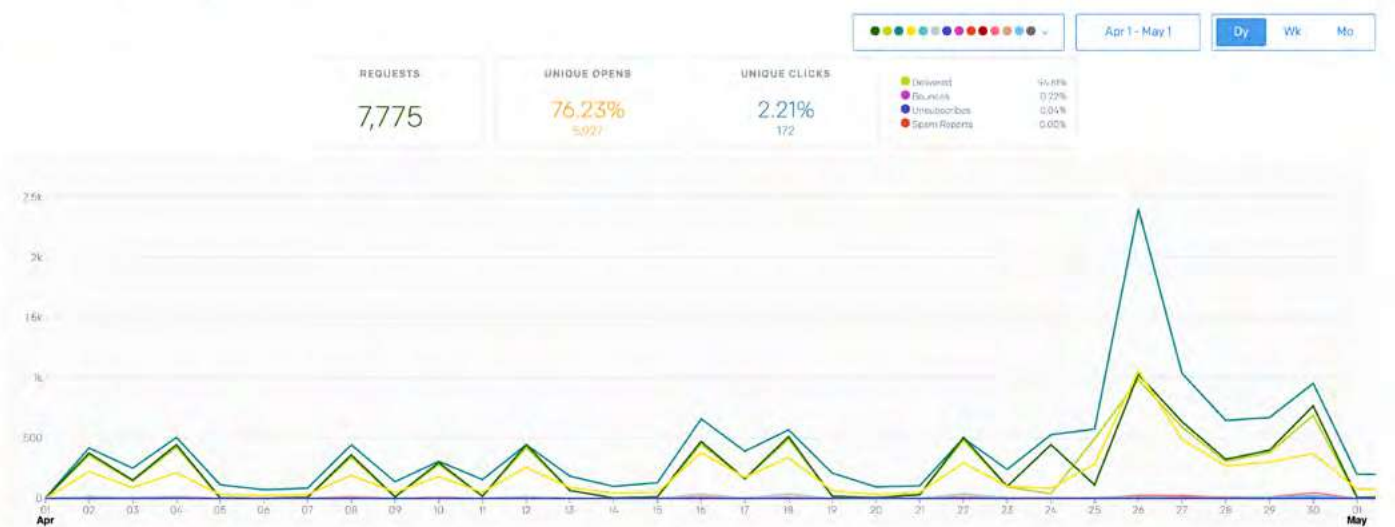
OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE, EMAIL (yourvoice@withchela.ca)	TOTAL
Outgoing: Media Correspondence	3
Outgoing: Information About The Willingness Study	7
Outgoing: Registration Assistance & Approvals	43
Outgoing: Interview Confirmations	21
Outgoing: Neuvote Correspondence	15
Outgoing: Standard Messaging Responses	18
Outgoing: Interview Booking Requests	5
Outgoing: Forwarded Emails for Team Assistance	6
	<b>118</b>

## Email Open Rates: Statistics Overview

The image below represents the total number of emails sent out by the system provider during the build up to the voting period beginning April 1 2024 and ending April 30 2024. The graph demonstrates the percentage and number of the emails that were opened, and the number of unique clicks of links contained in the emails.

Screenshot of data was provided by the system provider on May 18, 2024.

**Unique Clicks:** number of times a specific users clicked a link provided within the email to navigate to the Engagement Team website.



## Registered Email Data

Table 11 summarizes the results of the emails sent to those residents who had registered and were approved to participate in the study. The emails were sent to the addresses provided during the registration process. Additional emails sent that are not listed here were also sent by the system and reflect only the automated messages such as confirmation of submission responses and confirmation of successful voting. As of April 26th, 2024, only the registrants or resident participants who had not yet voted were sent reminder emails until the voting period closed at 11:59 PM April 30th, 2024.

**Table 11: Summary of Emails Sent to Registered and Approved Resident Participants for Study Participation and Voting Reminders**

Total Unsubscribers: 22									
Date	Subject Line	# of Requests	Delivered	# of Emails Bounced	April 2-30, Unique Opens	Unopened Emails	April 2-30, Email Reopened	April 2-30,2024 Total Opens	Unsubscribers
2-Apr	Voting - 1 Month Out	238	238	0	197	41	270	467	2
4-Apr	Find us in Town	251	251	0	185	66	232	417	3
8-Apr	We're In Town	264	264	0	185	79	165	350	2
10-Apr	Outreach	266	266	0	161	105	8	169	
12-Apr	Come to the Arena	279	279	0	191	88	165	356	2
16-Apr	Last Chance!	339	339	0	245	94	-74	171	3
18-Apr	Voting Opens in 1 Week	350	350	0	70	280	201	271	
22-Apr	Voting Opens This Week	357	357	0	250	107	322	572	1
25-Apr	Voting Opens This Week	371	370	1	254	116	259	513	3
26-Apr	Voting is Open	368	367	1	278	89	366	644	1
27-Apr	Voting is Open	209	208	1	139	69	119	258	
28-Apr	Voting is Open	113	113	0	113	0	31	144	3
29-Apr	Voting is Open	92	92	0	92	0	30	122	
Apr 30 #1	Last Day to Vote 7am	58	58	0	33	25	22	55	
Apr 30 #2	Last Day to Vote 11am	40	40	0	15	25	16	31	
Apr 30 #3	Last Day to Vote 2pm	30	30	0	7	23	6	13	1
Apr 30 #4	Last Day to Vote 6pm	25	25	0	9	16	13	22	
Apr 30 #5	Last Day to Vote 9pm	20	20	0	7	13	50	57	
Apr 30 #6	Last Day to Vote 10pm	20	20	0	7	13	51	58	1
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>3690</b>	<b>3687</b>	<b>3</b> 0%	<b>2438</b> 66%	<b>1249</b> 34%	<b>2252</b>	<b>4690</b>	<b>22</b>

## Unregistered Email Data

Table 12 summarizes the results of the emails sent to those residents who had provided their email address during the 2022 municipal election and were not on the Willingness Study registration list. Although this email group is small, it is an example of how the Engagement Team used every resource available to connect with residents.

**Table 12: Summary of Emails Sent to Unregistered Residents from the 2022 Municipal Election Email List**

Total Unsubscribers: 4      \*One link per email

Date	Subject Line	# of Requests	Delivered	# of Emails Bounced	Apr 2 -30, 2024	April 2-30, 2024	Unopened Emails	April 2-30, 2024	April 2-30,2024	May 1-23,2024	Unsubscribers
					Total Clicks*	Unique Opens		Email Reopened	Total Opens	Opened After Voting Closed	
2-Apr	Initial Contact	92	87	5	20	42	45	68	110	1	2
3-Apr	Offer of Support	87	82	5	9	33	49	34	67	0	
4-Apr	Find Us in Town	85	80	5	7	29	51	111	140	3	1
8-Apr	We're in Town	85	80	5	5	34	46	38	72	1	
12-Apr	Come to the Arena	84	79	5	14	33	46	25	58	1	
16-Apr	Last Chance	76	71	5	38	55	16	21	76	1	
18-Apr	Vote in 1 Week	74	69	5	36	53	16	15	68	0	
22-Apr	Vote Coming Soon	73	68	5	39	48	20	18	66	2	
23-Apr	Voting is Opening this Week	71	66	5	6	18	48	60	78	7	
25-Apr	Voting is Opening this Week	71	66	5	13	15	51	7	22	5	
26-Apr	Voting is Open	70	65	5	7	20	45	19	39	5	1
27-Apr	Voting is Open	65	60	5	6	16	44	10	26	3	
28-Apr	Voting is Open	63	58	5	9	12	46	22	34	3	
29-Apr	Voting is Open	62	57	5	7	11	46	3	14	2	
Apr 30 #1	Voting is Open	60	55	5	2	11	44	9	20	7	
Apr 30 #2	Voting is Open	59	54	5	2	5	49	3	8	2	
Apr 30 #3	Voting is Open	55	50	5	4	10	40	3	13	18	
Apr 30 #4	Last Chance to Vote	55	50	5	4	4	46	0	4	14	
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>1287</b>	<b>1197</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>4</b>
				7%	51%	38%	62%			6%	

The delivered maximum value on April 2nd is 87 and the delivered minimum value is 50 on April 30  
This demonstrates that 37 people of this email group became registered as a result of receiving the email.

## WEBSITE CONTACT FORM SUBMISSIONS

Table 13 demonstrates a breakdown of the reasons for submission of Website Contact Us Forms received by the Engagement Team via the website yourchoiceignace.ca contact form notification system.

**Table 13: Website Contact Us Forms: Reasons for Submission**

Registration Assistance	2
Callback Request	6
More-Info Request	1
Marketing Spam	1
Appointment Request	2
Inquiry, General	2
Phishing	1
	<b>15</b>

## DIRECT TO RESIDENT ADDRESS OUTREACH

Table 14 demonstrates the total number of mail outreach elements as well as the total amount of materials sent out for each outreach attempt.

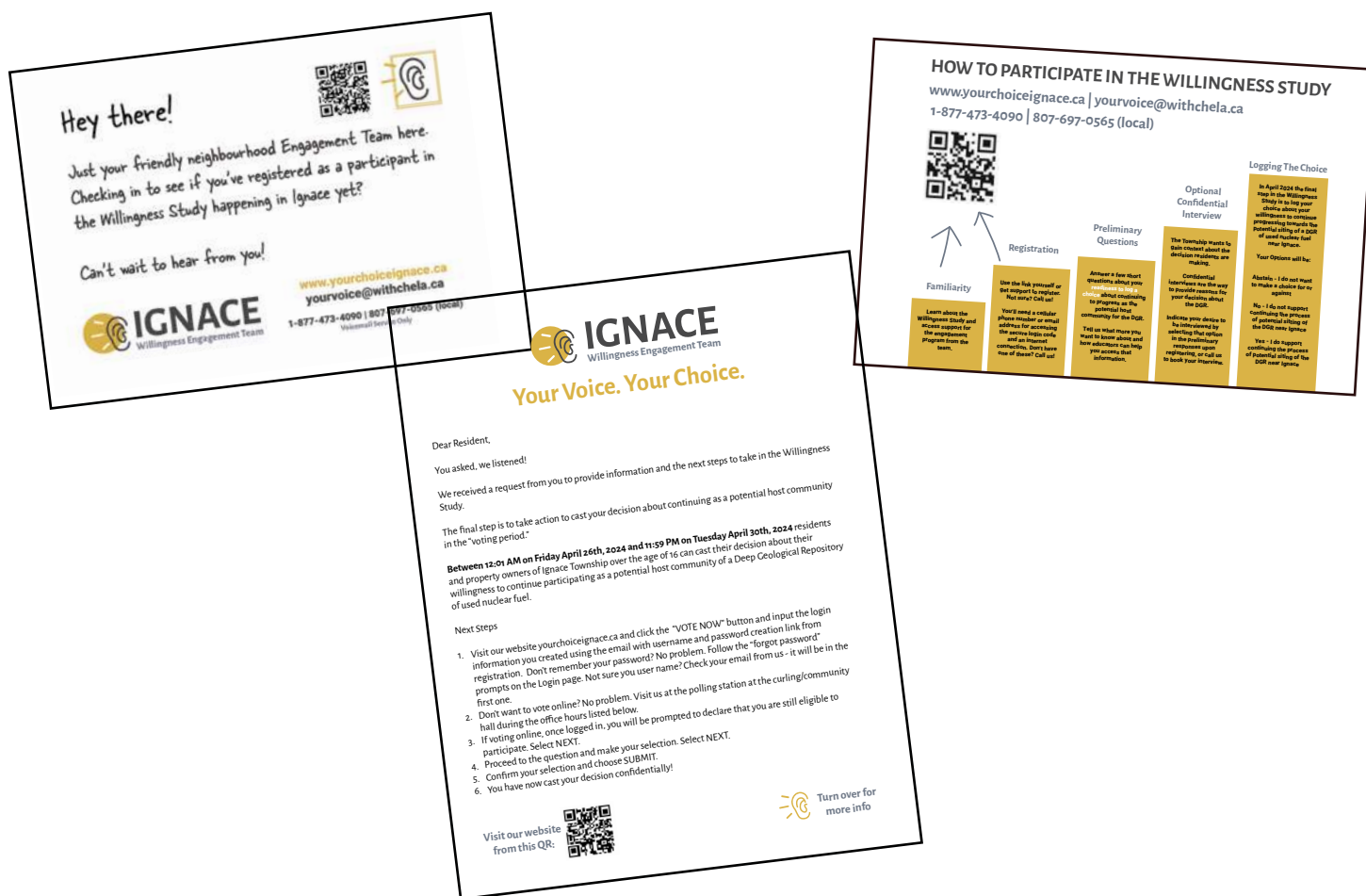
“Mailers” were sent to addresses from the municipal tax roll file that were not registered yet in the Study.

“Snap Ad Mail” is Canada Post door-flyer delivery to specific postal codes, in this case it was P0T 1T0.

“Tax Bill Insert” is a one-page letter that was sent out in the regular Township tax bill mailing.

**Table 14: Resident Mailer Outreach and Distribution Timeframes**

Resident Mailer Outreach		Send Date
Mailer 1	612	Mar 28 2024
Mailer 2	596	Apr 12 2024
Snap Ad Mail 1	531	Dec 4 - 8 2023
Snap Ad Mail 2	531	Jan 22 - 26 2024
Tax bill Insert	621	Approximately Feb 28 2024 (sent by the Township)
<b>Total Mail Outs</b>	<b>2891</b>	





DOOR KNOCKING DATA

In accordance with the door knocking data sheets and summary tables below, the total number of doors reached in-person, with correspondence made in-person or left by leaving physical materials, is 417. Additional correspondence was sent via Canada Post in order to offer more than one method of reaching residents.

The Engagement Team focussed on the addresses that were not found in the registration system and yet also reached doors that had been registered as well due to timing of data access. i.e. If registration occurred after the pre-job brief was completed by the Engagement Team, or the plan for outreach with mapping was created, the outreach team did encounter those residents who had indeed registered to participate.

The purpose of the door outreach activities was to encourage registration. As such, the first round of door knocking that took place in January was focussed on reaching all doors, or as many doors as possible, in the time frame allotted. When the outreach team returned in April, they focussed on the addresses that had not registered between the first outreach cycle in January 2024 and the second beginning on April 25th, 2024 as a targeted effort to meet the Perseverance Protocol.

The Engagement Team can confirm that all addresses within the Township were reached with a door hanger, at minimum. These addresses were also reached by mail and community, or neighbourhood mail (flyer service) via Canada Post whenever the address did not appear in the registration system at the time of printing and subsequent delivery.

Table 15 demonstrates the responses and actions recorded by the Outreach Division of the Engagement Team during the January 25 to 28, 2024 visit to Ignace.

**Table 15: Responses and Actions Recorded by the Outreach Division of the Engagement Team (January 25 - 28, 2024).**

DOOR KNOCKING RECORD (JAN 25-28, 2024)	#
I’m Registered	4
I’m Unregistered	44
I Need Assistance	11
I Will Register	41
I Need More Information or Support	19
Door Hangers Left by Outreach Team	121
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>240</b>

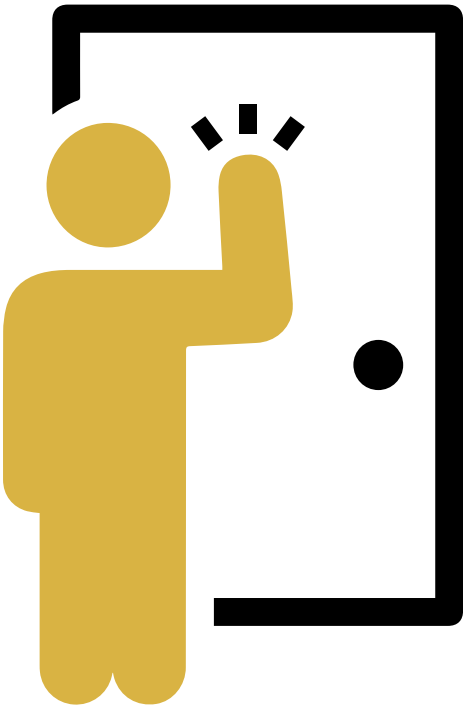


Table 16 demonstrates the responses and actions recorded by the Outreach Division of the Engagement Team during the April 25 to 30, 2024 visit to Ignace.

**Table 16: Responses and Actions Recorded by the Outreach Division of the Engagement Team (April 25 - 30, 2024).**

<b>DOOR KNOCKING RECORD - APRIL 25-30, 2024</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Abandoned Home, Door Hanger Left	1	
Not Interested in Participating in the Willingness Study	17	
Declared they are Informed about the study; potential voters	4	
Commercial/Non-Residential	3	
Confirmed Voted	58	Data cross referenced with data file provided by Neuvote
Non-responsive residents present	2	Resident was home, made eye contact, but did not respond or open the door.
Voting Impeded by System Navigation Challenges/ Frustration	1	Resident advised due to ID Upload difficulties - would not be voting.
Received On-The-Spot Support	3	Resident received registration and/or voting support by Engagement Team
Seeking In-Person Support to Vote/Register	2	Resident advised they were going to Ignace Curling hall for in-person support.
Vacant Lot	14	
Opt-Out, Firm Declaration of Non-Consenting to be Contacted	3	
Address Unreachable	4	Outreach team could not locate the property
Intends to Vote	5	Residents advised they had registered and were going to vote.
Advised that they Voted but Did Not Vote	2	Data cross referenced with data file provided by Neuvote
Registered	3	Resident Advised they were Registered
Door Hangers Left by Outreach Team	55	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>177</b>	

## ONLINE ENGAGEMENT

### YouTube Analytics

Table 17 demonstrates the total views and impressions for each Youtube instructional and informational video uploaded by the Engagement Team on January 22nd, 2024 until May 14th, 2024.

**Table 17: Total Views and Impressions for YouTube Instructional and Informational Videos Uploaded by the Engagement Team**

VIDEO	VIEWS	IMPRESSIONS
Introduction	246	759
Step One	87	713
Step Two	87	288
Step Three	82	243
Step Four	77	194
Step Five	81	140
Our Mission	77	455
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>2792</b>

### Facebook Analytics

Table 18 demonstrates the overview of analytics for the Engagement Team Facebook page. Table 19 demonstrates a breakdown of social media engagement achieved on Facebook.

**Table 18: The Ignace Willingness Engagement Team Facebook Page Analytics**

FACEBOOK STATS	
Posts	43
Comments	37
Followers	26
Internal Shares (WCI Pushed)	30
External Shares (Non-WCI Pushed)	50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>186</b>

**Table 19: The Ignace Willingness Engagement Team Facebook Engagement Overview**

FACEBOOK PAGE OVERVIEW	
Post Reach	23,772
Interactions	1,760
Page Likes	16
Page Followers	26
Page Visits	2740
Reactions	31
Comments	37
Shares	80
Link Clicks	406
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28,868</b>

Table 20 demonstrates a time-line based table of all posts with interaction totals. i.e. The table begins with the most recent post and insights and concludes with the first post and insights. (Examples of high-performing reach are highlighted below)

**Table 20: Timeline of Facebook Posts and Interaction Summaries**

#	DESCRIPTION	DATE POSTED	REACH	REACTIONS	COMMENTS	SHARES
43	Voting Opens Today!	4/26/2024	825	2	3	3
42	Come on Down for some Bowling!	4/25/2024	162	1	0	2
41	Voting Opens Friday	4/25/2024	23	0	1	0
40	Voting Opens Friday	4/24/2024	21	0	0	0
39	Free Bowling Night & Pizza Party	4/23/2024	583	0	0	3
38	Voting Opens Friday	4/22/2024	30	2	0	0
37	One Week until Voting	4/18/2024	719	1	0	5
36	Come Say Hi! Expo Event Post	4/13/2024	35	2	2	0
35	Apr 12 & 13 Expo Event	4/12/2024	30	0	0	2
34	We're Traveling to Ignace for Door-to-Door Outreach!	4/4/2024	1683	1	10	5
33	How to Submit your position	3/27/2024	727	3	7	11
32	Thanks for Welcoming Us!	1/29/2024	749	3	0	1
31	Video Upload: Our Mission	1/28/2024	42	0	0	0
30	Video Upload: Logging Your Choice	1/28/2024	42	0	0	0
29	Video Upload: Booking a Confidential Interview	1/28/2024	41	0	0	0
28	Clooch's Hockey & Wings Night!	1/25/2024	792	3	0	2
27	Hockey Night @ Clooch's w/ The Engagement Team	1/25/2024	0	--	--	2
26	Engagement Team In town Thurs - Sat	1/24/2024	1263	3	0	4
25	Video Upload: Answering Preliminary Questions	1/24/2024	54	0	0	0
24	Video Upload: Getting Familiar w/ the Willingness Study	1/23/2024	50	0	0	0
23	Video Upload: Introduction	1/22/2024	49	0	0	2
22	FAQ: Steps to Participate in the Willingness Study	1/22/2024	47	0	0	0

**Table 20: Timeline of Facebook Posts and Interaction Summaries Continued**

21	Register by Feb 14 for a Chance to Win \$500	1/21/2024	988	0	0	4
20	FAQ: Why Are We Offering Incentives	1/20/2024	1359	1	0	2
19	FAQ: What is a Willingness Study	1/19/2024	40	0	0	0
18	Bringing a Neutral Perspective to the Study	12/6/2023	44	1	0	0
17	We will Support you on your Journey to making a decision	12/4/2023	41	1	0	0
16	We want to Connect with you on an individual level	12/1/2023	42	1	0	0
15	\$500 Prize Winner has been Contacted	11/30/2023	43	1	0	0
14	It's our last day in town + \$500 Prize	11/26/2023	800	1	5	0
13	Video Upload: Ignace to decide on NWR	11/26/2023	45	1	9	2
12	The Engagement Team Attending Ignace Gala	11/25/2023	42	1	0	0
11	We have No Opinion about YOUR Opinion	11/24/2023	41	0	0	0
10	Join the Team at Clooch's	11/24/2023	40	0	0	0
9	Meet The Team	11/23/2023	49	2	0	0
8	Registration Open for the Willingness Study	11/23/2023	1612	0	0	2
7	Come out to Clooch's Friday Night	11/23/2023	873	0	0	4
6	Cover Photo Updated	11/22/2023	0	0	0	0
5	Committed to Delivering a Community Program	11/22/2023	41	0	0	0
4	Engagement Team Attending Mayors Breakfast	11/22/2023	36	0	0	4
3	Ensuring your voice & Perspective are heard	11/19/2023	171	0	0	1
2	News Release	11/1/2023	32	0	0	0
1	Profile Picture Updated	10/24/2023	31	0	0	0
			<b>14,337</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>61</b>

**Voting is open!**



**We're in Ignace next week!**  
**Come say Hello!**



**Residents and Landowners  
of Ignace Township:**

**\$500**

**Register in Neuvote to  
participate in the Willingness  
Study by February 14th for  
your final chance to win a  
\$500 gift card!**



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## Facebook Messages

Table 21 demonstrates a breakdown of the topics relating to contacting the Engagement Team via Facebook Messenger.

The total topic tally exceeds the number of messages due to multiple topics being presented on one message to the Engagement Team.

**Table 21: Breakdown of Facebook Message Topics and Subjects Received by The Ignace Willingness Engagement Team**

FACEBOOK MESSAGES	14
Registration Assistance	2
Miscellaneous Commentary, Residents	3
Miscellaneous Commentary, Non-Ignace Residents	4
Ignace Residents Seeking Study Navigation and Information, seeking follow up	10
Appointment Request	1





## Website Analytics

Table 22 demonstrates the top 20 location demographics of visitors to the yourchoiceignace.ca website from launch date October 30, 2023 until the data was captured on May 15, 2024.

\*Assumption: Not Set is likely related to the area of the Study, Ignace Ontario, based on the timing of the surge in visits found in the analytics in November and December 2023 and April 2024.

**Table 22: YourChoiceIgnace.ca Website - Top 20 Location Demographics**

LOCATION	USERS	ENGAGED SESSIONS	ENGAGE-MENT RATE	SESSIONS PER USER	AVERAGE ENGAGEMENT RATE	FILE DOWN-LOADS	EVENT COUNT
Toronto	344	333	54.95%	0.89	54s	41	2,911
Not Set*	71	84	54.55%	0.95	63s	12	670
Thunder Bay	71	69	66.35%	0.97	63s	15	623
London	44	38	48.10%	0.72	29s	1	317
Dryden	38	29	64.44%	0.73	27s	14	246
Mississauga	32	83	53.90%	2.13	3s	8	711
Winnipeg	35	40	65.57%	1.05	104s	11	480
Petawawa	28	80	60.15%	2.42	22s	17	901
Elliot Lake	26	28	65.12%	0.9	43s	2	179
Kenora	27	29	70.73%	1.04	155s	3	263
Little Current	22	19	65.52%	0.79	33s	2	137
Montreal	19	15	46.88%	0.63	34s	2	153
Fort Frances	19	15	60.00%	0.75	28s	1	149
Ottawa	15	15	57.69%	0.79	18s	0	111
Quebec City	18	8	38.10%	0.42	16s	0	69
Pembroke	9	14	73.68%	0.88	53s	1	118
Atikokan	14	14	63.64%	0.93	20s	1	118
Calgary	10	9	81.82%	0.9	68s	3	87
Greater Sudbury	8	12	85.71%	1.2	104s	0	88
Sioux Lookout	8	7	63.64%	0.78	35s	4	67
<b>TOP 20 TOTALS</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>62.03%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>49s</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>8,398</b>
			AVG TOTAL	AVG TOTAL	AVG TOTAL		



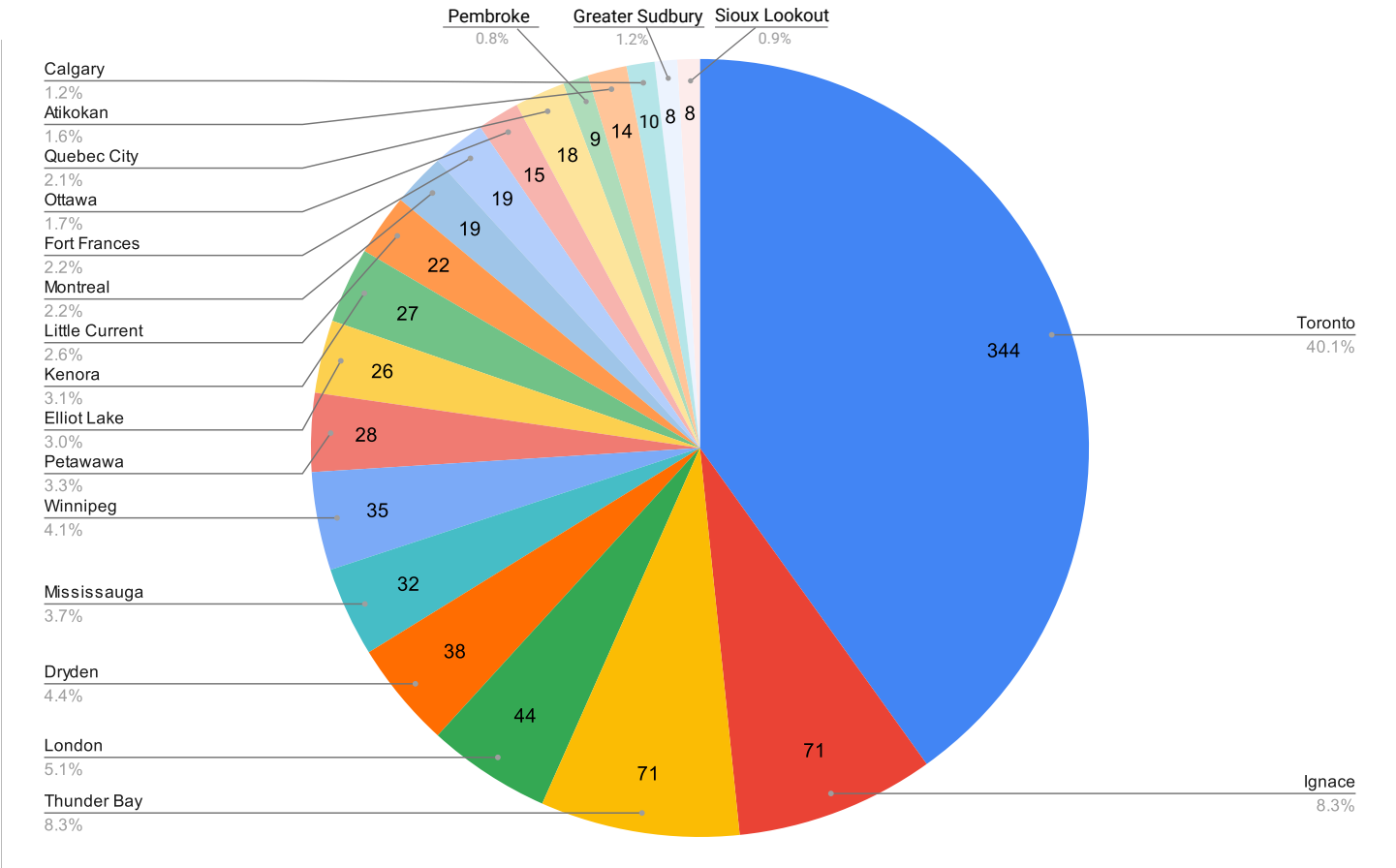
Table 23 demonstrates the total website analytics from all 238 location demographics for the reporting period.

Table 23: YourChoiceIgnace.ca Total Location Demographics

LOCATION	USERS	ENGAGED SESSIONS	ENGAGEMENT RATE	SESSIONS PER USER	AVERAGE ENGAGEMENT RATE	FILE DOWN-LOADS	EVENT COUNT
238 TOTALS	1,281	1,230	55.38%	0.96	1m 06s	177	11,456
			AVG TOTAL	AVG TOTAL	AVG TOTAL		

Table 24 demonstrates the total Top 20 Location Demographics website analytics for the reporting period.

Table 24: Top 20 Location Website Demographics Chart



Website Users by Visit Over Time

As depicted here, a clear surge in website visits took place near the end of November when the registration system went live and then again near the end of April when the voting period was open.

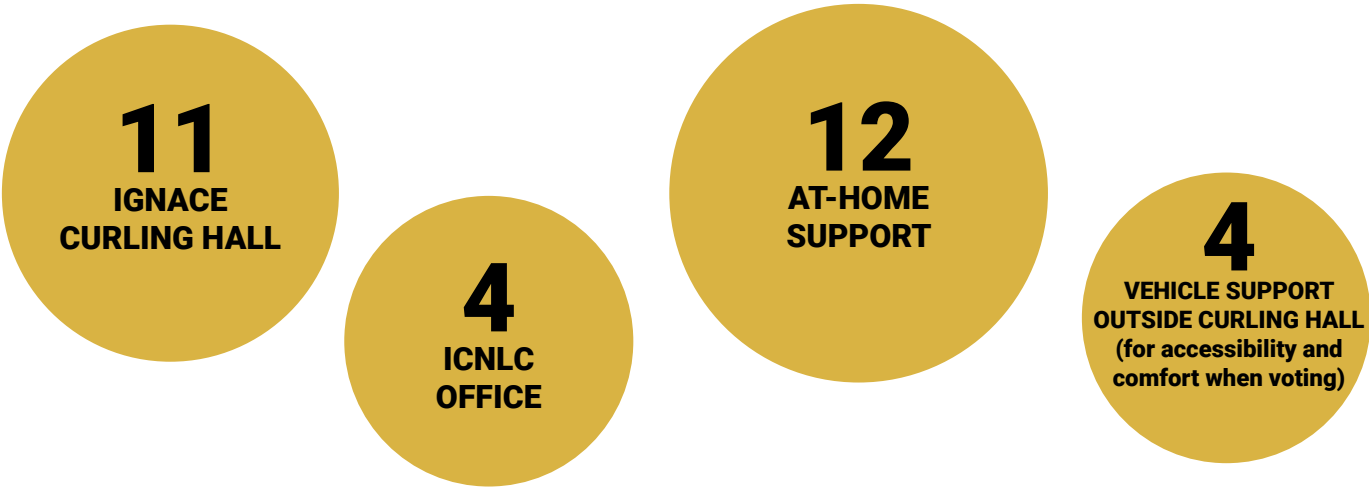
Website Users by Visit Over Time	
November	325
December	99
January	121
February	63
March	83
April	627
May	72
Total users from November 1, 2023 - May 31, 2024	
1390	

IN-PERSON SUPPORT

In-Person Support Request Locations

Table 25 demonstrates the total numbers relevant to where a resident requested in-person assistance over communication channels.

Table 25: Location Requests for In-Person Support



TRANSLATION SERVICES PROVIDED:



# Deliberative Democracy in Action and Engagement

## Event Observations

### Background

#### An Excerpt from the WCI Methodology

The Willingness Project is explained in a seminal document<sup>1</sup> prepared by consultants Hardy Stevenson and Associates Limited (HSAL) (December 2021) which engaged residents in a community conversation about **how** they would like to be engaged to make this decision for their community. In the executive Summary, HSAL explains,

The Township of Ignace is the first community to enter the APM [Adaptive Phased Management] siting process. As part of the steps outlined in the siting process, Ignace residents will need to make a decision on whether or not they are willing to have the APM project implemented in their area. *This report presents findings from community engagement that occurred in 2021 to explore how Ignace residents want to make this community decision, that is, 'what ought to be the decision process for Ignace'.* Note that the APM project requires safety be demonstrated at the site. In addition, the project will only proceed with the involvement of the interested municipal, First Nation and Métis communities in the area and surrounding communities, working together to implement it (italics added).

This core consultative document informs and underpins the strategy that the Willingness Engagement Team will undertake to engage with the residents of Ignace because it details how they would like to be engaged in order to render a decision regarding willingness.

The following passage is an overall reflection on who should be engaged and how:

The HSAL<sup>2</sup> team reflected on the findings of the research and share the following observation. Many models of democratic decision making exist in Ontario today. The process that emerges from the responses to the comment forms, interviews and community workshops is consistent with models associated with deliberative democracy in a number of respects. Residents suggested that all residents of Ignace be active participants in the APM decision. They encouraged public deliberation and an exchange of ideas before decisions are made. Residents expect to have equal access to unbiased information and every resident would be encouraged to become involved in the decision. Ignace residents see themselves as equals and expect that each resident would become informed as they consider their decision. All views would be welcome with the expectation that open-minded individuals would adjust their views upon receiving additional information and listening to the views of others. The process of deliberation and democratic engagement supports the direction voiced by the community as their views are shared with the Mayor and Council, and the Mayor and Council make its decision (pg. 27).

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1 Township of Ignace Willingness Decision Project: Towards a Decision. December 2021

2 Hardy Stevenson and Associates Limited

Deliberative democracy is referenced in the HSAL Report as follows:

The central tenet of deliberative democracy holds that decisions are best reached through public deliberation – argument, debate, exchange of ideas – among citizens: “talk-centric democratic theory replaces vote-centric democratic theory.” The expectation is not that in real-world situations every person would participate actively and extensively. Rather, deliberative democracy envisions public forums to which the entire citizenry has equal access and thus the opportunity to participate, even if most do not – indeed, could not – take it up. A wide range of views are expressed and discussed in these forums; both active participants and passive – but attentive and engaged – members of the audience are sufficiently open-minded to revise their views in response to the discussion. The process of deliberation and decision making becomes intertwined with the outcome; or, as one writer summarizes a prominent strand of theorizing about deliberative democracy: the “transformative power of politics makes democratic engagement an end in itself; deliberative democracy should be advocated precisely because of the beneficial educative effects it has on citizens.”<sup>3</sup>

## Deliberative Democracy in Action

Throughout the engagement period, the Engagement Team attended, hosted, and participated in small and large events that helped to shape our approach, perspective of understanding with respect to the method of information sharing, meaningful dialogue and decision-making, and what was valued for the willingness and engagement process among Resident Participants. The Engagement Team adopted, applied, and built on the principles and stepped process outlined in the Hardy Stevenson and Associates Limited (HSAL) Report (see Figures 1 and 3)<sup>4</sup> in order to address the background work on willingness and current realities and context of Ignace.

Figure 1: Hardy Stevenson and Associates Limited Willingness Report (2021) enhanced draft plan process for determining willingness



<sup>3</sup> Cameron, D., C. Mulhern, and G. White, 2003. Democracy in Ontario. A Paper Prepared for the Panel on the Role of Government. University of Toronto. August 2003. <https://citeseerx.ist.psu.edu/document?repid=rep1&type=pdf&-doi=2f7b2d0b79ff8d6298f76990f43603c9b9ec3e2c>

<sup>4</sup> More details about process and principles can be found in the 2021 HSAL report found here: [https://www.ignace.ca/media/k2/attachments/2021-12-13\\_Ignace\\_Willingness\\_Decision\\_Report.pdf](https://www.ignace.ca/media/k2/attachments/2021-12-13_Ignace_Willingness_Decision_Report.pdf)

Figure 2: Principles identified by Ignace residents as important to determining willingness as outlined by the Hardy Stevenson and Associates Report, 2021 (EXCERPT BELOW):

### Values Guiding the Decision-Making Process

The sample decision making process discussed above (see **Figure 5 – Draft Plan Process**) referred to the ‘*assessment of the APM project based on our values*’. The values cited referred to values that had been articulated by Ignace residents through the Values exercise<sup>18</sup> conducted by the Municipality. Thus, consideration of earlier work completed by Ignace residents on values, principles and a community vision would be important.

**Participants stated they would expect the Township’s decision-making process to be principled: fair, balanced, transparent, confidential, and inclusive**

However, as a serendipitous result of the willingness engagement process, respondents also weighed in on the values associated with the APM willingness decision-making process. Participants stated that they would expect the Township’s decision-making process to be principled: fair, balanced, transparent, confidential, and inclusive. In terms of being *fair* and *balanced*, respondents want to ensure that residents have additional opportunities to learn about the decision-making process and for their questions to be answered before stating

their opinion. All views would be heard. The decision period would not be rushed and there would be time for deliberation and discernment. There is an expectation there would be multiple attempts to obtain views of all residents, particularly for the community survey to ensure that the process meets the above noted principles. *Transparency* would occur in terms of the INCLC allowing open access to the results of the decision and how conclusions are being drawn. *Confidentiality* is seen to be an important value. Respondents do not want to make a decision in public or in a manner where others could either see or hear how they made their personal decisions. This desire for confidentiality would extend to the family unit level, specific to the administration of the community survey. Therefore, each family member would be provided the opportunity to state their opinion in their own way and in a confidential manner.

Respondents are aware that some Ignace residents have neither participated in the Learn More Process nor want to participate. That being said, they indicated the importance of a third party reaching out to provide every resident ample opportunity to participate. Organization would be required to document that every resident had been approached. In this way, the decision-making process would be *inclusive*.



The Engagement Team committed to carrying out these principles in the ways that the HSAL Report had previously articulated and balanced the expressed need for dialogue to build an informed perspective, and the need for confidential spaces to explore opinions. Some residents were very happy to speak publicly while others were more private about their decision-making process. The Engagement Team honoured the needs of the residents by offering in-person engagement at a variety of locations that were both public and private. The Engagement Team made themselves available to answer questions about the process in a variety of settings and were very clear about their role within the process, referring to educators and others when inquiries went beyond the scope of the Study. These varied approaches and venues for interacting, informing about the Study, and engaging with residents are detailed below.

## **In-Person Events**

The events planned and carried out during the Willingness Study were primarily geared towards offering opportunities to participate in and familiarize residents with the Willingness Study and the Engagement Team. The aim of these events was to build relationships, rapport, and trust that we, as the community research team, were neutral, curious parties here to accurately and confidentially capture the voices and choices of the residents of Ignace.

The observations in this section of the report reflect what the Engagement Team members documented in both public and private environments where informal dialogue took place. None of these conversations or observations recorded from the in-person events were considered formal data and rather act as anecdotal reflections. Formal data was generated in confidential interviews, answering preliminary questions about readiness to choose, and logging the choice. Rather, the observations and experiences summarized in this section, event-by-event, provide the reader with a sense of how the community truly desired to engage and how. The topics and questions that emerged in these settings are also chronicled. The following is a summary of those observations.

### **Events 1 & 2 - September 15 & 16, 2023** **Northwestern Nuclear Exploration Event** **Meet and Greet Booth**

This event saw a number of local and regional visitors in attendance. Approximately 20 individuals approached our booth for conversation. The initial visitors were made up of those from outside the township, hailing from neighboring communities such as Dryden and Thunder Bay. The non-residents we spoke with focused on topics concerning their exclusion from the Study and expressed their disappointment with that fact. Our aim was to communicate that this Study was about serving the community who put their name forward in the bidding process fifteen years ago and that now that same group was to be asked the willingness question.

Those who were residents of Ignace focused on the willingness process overall - how they could interact and take part in the Study. Many had important questions for us including some about our methodology and how we would be engaging the community. The more intimate conversations we had with residents reflected a desire to communicate the importance of widespread participation and the urgency of our presence there. This was related to an expressed concern that anti-nuclear groups had been visiting their homes in a campaign to provide information that would impact our process negatively.

The perceived urgency for us to counter this campaign was apparent among many visitors to our booth who declared they were residents. Because we do not and did not represent the pro-nuclear

community in any fashion at any time, we aimed to communicate that our work was not intended to counter or endorse any one “side” but to capture the decision-making of the residents of Ignace. We communicated that our role was to be neutral and investigate the willingness of the community. WCI proceeded noting this warning.

We also observed that the use of living room furniture and offering hospitality and comfort for conversation was appreciated and helpful to engage and interact with residents. Longer, more fruitful discussions were made possible due to this comfortable setting.

During this event, our Engagement Team Lead Chéla Breckon, presented to a room of approximately 40 individuals who attended in order to learn more about the Willingness Study and the process. The questions posed by residents were about details concerning the process, who would make the final decision in the end, and what they could expect from the Engagement Team.

## **November 2023 Engagement Cycle 1**

### **Event 3 - November 24 Mayor's Breakfast**

Hosted by the Township of Ignace, the Mayor's Breakfast was facilitated by the staff and volunteers and offered the community a hot breakfast and opening remarks to any resident who was able to attend. The Engagement Team, represented by Chéla, the Engagement Lead and Holly, the Registrar, attended in order to meet with the elected officials, staff, volunteers and residents present.

What was accomplished during the process was a formal introduction of the Engagement Team by Interim Mayor Kimberly Baigrie. Her introduction aided in clarifying that the Engagement Team and WCI were not representatives of NWMO and were hired by the Township to represent the voice and choice of residents.

### **Event 4 - November 24 Silver Tops Luncheon hosted by NWMO**

The Engagement Team was invited to attend this luncheon only a few hours prior to the event beginning. It was expressed that many seniors would be in attendance and that it was a good opportunity for the Engagement Team to meet with the members of the social club. Although the luncheon was sponsored by NWMO, the Engagement Team paid for their own meals.

The event was well attended, hosting approximately 60 visitors for lunch. Holly and Chéla circulated among the tables and ate a meal with the seniors in attendance. Holly reported that her conversations with residents focused on participation and registration. They expressed need for support given that registration required a device and some knowledge of how to engage in online environments. The residents engaged with expressed that they felt it was a valid study and that it was important that everyone participate. Chéla reported that her conversations included speaking about what was important to this group of seniors as individuals and as a member group. They noted that volunteering and supporting children was a top priority. This led to further discussion about how the potential siting of the Willingness would have a generational impact. Many in attendance felt a responsibility to future generations to ensure that the DGR process was done correctly. We also booked several confidential interviews at this event and were eventually able to record those during this engagement cycle.

## **Event 5- November 25**

### **Social Open House at Clooch's Tavern**

In order to attract the folks who preferred to engage over a meal and in a more informal and social setting, the Engagement Team partnered with Clooch's Tavern to offer a hot meal and non-alcoholic beverages to those attending. Holly and Chéla hosted the event and engaged in conversation with a variety of individuals, both residents and some visitors. Approximately 80 people attended the event and more than 20 individual conversations took place.

Holly reported that her conversations with residents reflected an interest in the Willingness Study and learning how to participate. Attendees asked questions about eligibility and how it would work for the process of registration. Some of the residents communicated that they were unaware of the siting process, or vaguely aware of the decision at-hand. Chéla reported that the attendees she spoke with were largely ICNLC members, or former members, who expressed interest in communicating about the historical factors that may impact the study and our ability to engage with residents.

The Engagement Team handed out business cards and directed the residents to call us if they needed support with registration. Many of the attendees also booked an interview and maintained contact with the Engagement Team over time. The outcome of this event was a great deal of rapport and relationship-building.

## **Engagement Cycle 2**

### **January 2024**

## **Event 6 - January 25 - 30, 2024 and April 25 - 28, 2024**

### **Door Knocking**

The Outreach Division of the Engagement Team included Laura Julien and Jason McCormick who set out to connect with residents at their doors beginning on January 25th. Laura reported that the people they encountered at the door expressed various responses to their presence. Namely, some residents expressed little interest in the Study at first and then responded positively after learning about the meal and social offer at Clooch's tavern the following night. Residents were, for the most part, kind, welcoming and interested in the work of the Engagement Team. The Outreach Team also reported that those who they connected with at the door were observed to have attended the registration office at the curling hall later during the engagement cycle.

As the door knocking process continued, the Outreach Team observed signs indicating private property, no trespassing, no nuclear, and found some residents to be completely unaware of the project as well. Residents also felt comfortable expressing questions at the door concerning the willingness process. The Outreach Team provided information about the willingness process and informed that residents did not have to be physically present in town to have their say due to the online decision-casting system.

The Outreach Team encountered a large number of senior residents who generally seemed to be in support of the APM project but refused any type of assistance at this stage in the process. They also encountered senior residents who wanted no part of the willingness process and felt by the time anything happened they would be long deceased. There was also a slim minority of residents who indicated directly to the Outreach Team they were not interested in the APM project or the willingness process and would prefer to be left alone. The Outreach Team also encountered residents who would



not engage at all, refusing to open the door, or only spoke to the team through an open window. These community members expressed that they had knowledge of the APM project but no interest in participating in the willingness process or learning more.

Some residents were very helpful with local information by explaining which houses were abandoned and why, or which residences are seasonal, for example. The Outreach Team also encountered people who were disillusioned with the process and felt that the APM project was eroding the sense of community that had drawn them to the area in the first place. These residents expressed frustration with the negativity and the polarizing views expressed in the community and online and were concerned about the impact that has had on the cohesive community they had experienced in this area in the past.

The Outreach Team encountered a few residents who had recently registered in person at the arena and/or had participated in an interview already during this engagement cycle. Door knocking and engaging these residents was not a negative experience due to being repetitive in nature, and if anything, confirmed they had completed the process and that the outreach was effective.

### **Event 7 - January 26, 2024**

#### **Hockey Game at the Clooch's Tavern**

The hockey event was the event with the highest attendance of all of the engagement events. At one point in the evening, there was standing room only and the food was being prepared continuously. The conversation was also lively. Many of the residents who spoke with Chéla expressed their excitement for the process and what may come next for the community. The residents also took the opportunity at this event to speak to the Engagement Team about more than the potential siting of a DGR in town. They included us in their family stories, experiences, and recreational plans for the weekend.

It was also observed by the Outreach Team that most of the attendees to this event resided in the more affluent neighborhoods that were visited and mostly knew each other and were acquainted, either professionally or socially, as well as were acquainted with the township staff and/or elected officials. The Outreach Team noted a lack of attendance from the more vulnerable population of resident homes we visited.

Holly reported that her conversations centered on registration and coming down to the arena to seek support to become registered and take part in the Willingness Study. The casual nature of the event and the Engagement Team's approach to connecting and communicating helped to build rapport.

### **Event 8 - April 12 & 13, 2024**

#### **Northwestern Nuclear Exploration Event**

##### **Booth Engagement**

Holly and Chéla carried out supportive services at the Willingness Study booth at the event and invited residents to a private area for assisting with registrations. This location proved to be quite effective for gathering observations and information concerning the resident perspective of the event and hearing the dialogue and topics presented at booths and during main stage events. One highlight of the event was having the children and youth attend and come to the booth. Children

came and went from our area in order to chat, play, and tell stories about their experiences at the event. Many referred to the experiences of the science-based curriculum being offered at the event - specifically learning about bats. The teens that joined us were also curious about our presence there, and spent time at our booth to chat about their feelings about the future. Some of the expressions included a focus on “getting out of town” as their first priority while others spoke about what it would take for them to stay, noting the importance of jobs and the prospect of employment in Ignace as a limited possibility for their futures.

Many residents who we had not yet connected with came by to visit us at the booth and to seek assistance to register. We experienced a consistent flow of people who were seeking assistance and who had come to the event for that reason. Some residents approached us starting with “Are you Chéla or Holly?” helping us to see that word of mouth from previous engagement cycles and interactions was taking place.

### **Speaker and Panel Feedback**

An observation made by Chéla of this event was related to attendance at various speaker presentations and panel discussions. Chéla observed a varied number of attendees that appeared to fluctuate based on the topic of the discussion. The most well-attended sessions were presentations delivered by Dr. Jason Donev concerning Openheimer, a session with Chief Terry Richardson, from Pabineau First Nation, expressing his perspective on the project and his experience with infrastructure development, and finally, the panel discussion with two resident voices willing to support the continuation of Ignace as a potential host community, and two non-resident voices who do not support Ignace continuing as a potential host community. It cannot be speculated about as to why these particular presentations were most popular, but Chéla reported that the most feedback at the booth directly followed these sessions.

The feedback relating to Chief Richardson’s session related to his having experience and direct contact with this kind of large project as well as his reputation as a trusted leader who was in the best position to comment about the values and rights of Indigenous Peoples.

The feedback provided to the Engagement Team following the yes/no panel was ample. Residents we connected with after the session concluded were by far the most in number of all the sessions. The residents we had interacted with previously and who were known to us expressed sentiments about the commentary made by non-residents in opposition to the APM project group that were unambiguous. Each person, approximately twelve, who visited us after that session made clear that they perceived the non-resident panelists as viewing the residents of Ignace as uneducated and therefore not smart enough to decide for themselves - effectively, that they were being swindled. Many residents took offense to this notion and expressed their feelings of hurt and anger openly at the Engagement Team’s booth.

Others expressed that the non-resident led groups in opposition to the APM project have created divisions in the community. Residents referred to door-knocking campaigns and social media discourse that caused people to be fearful about expressing their opinions publicly. Chéla observed the sentiment as that of resentment towards these groups - that their actions over time fueled the polarities and that their tactics and messages caused harm to the community. The Engagement Team also observed that some residents who openly opposed the APM project coming to Ignace also suffered humiliation and poor treatment in person and online. As this section of the report is anecdotal, the Engagement Team can only speculate concerning the saturation and reach of these sentiments. The section of this report which delves into the context and explanation of decision-

making by residents paints an evidence-based picture of a sample of residents who expounded on these sentiments.

### **Engagement Cycle 3**

#### **Event 9 - April 25, 2024**

##### **Silver Tops Training and Familiarization Luncheon**

Chéla attended the Silver Tops luncheon on April 25th in order to provide training and/or familiarity with registration and voting procedures with the local seniors. She engaged with the group, speaking with approximately 20 individuals, who each expressed that they required support to participate. Chéla invited attendees to the arena/curling hall to receive the support they required during the voting period. Some residents expressed that they would find it difficult to walk up the stairs at the arena and that they did not wish to “make a fuss” by using the available lift. This concern sparked the idea of helping seniors vote from their vehicles in the parking lot.

No conversations about their position of willingness emerged here, but it was clear to Chéla that the previous interactions at this location and in previous engagement activities helped to develop rapport and illustrate that the Engagement Team was there to assist with the process. Seniors came out to vote and expressed thanks for the supportive services we offered.

#### **Event 10 - April 25, 2024**

##### **Family Bowling Night**

In order to include youth and children aged 11-15 years in the study, the Engagement Team sought the advice of the Willingness Study Sociologist, Dr. Jackie Schoemaker Holmes in order to determine an effective approach to engaging young people in developmentally appropriate, ethical, and meaningful ways. It was determined in our preliminary report that a different methodology would be required in order to connect directly with children. In order to meet the basic criteria for parental consent and ethics when engaging with children, the Engagement Team would be required to take steps that were beyond the scope of our contract. As such, the Engagement Team deployed the principles of the Art of Hosting<sup>5</sup> approach and the elements of The World Café exercise to create a safe environment for children and youth to take part. As a modification to the World Café model, the Engagement Team provided a poster for children and youth to respond directly by using markers at each table, rather than having a table recorder. The sharing component of the session was also changed, with an artful expression using illustration to communicate the results of the dialogue and interaction at the tables, rather than a roundtable sharing of ideas and content gathered.

The bowling event was very well attended with more than 75 people who attended in family and social groups in order to take part in the event. It was noted by the Outreach Team that several families and individuals who did not attend the other social events did attend the bowling night. Laura Julien specifically noted observing the attendance of those who had previously expressed uncertainty with participating in the Study. Bowling, pizza, cookies, and non-alcoholic beverages were consumed throughout the night as families had fun and teens spent time with their friends. The tables where attendees gathered and ate were filled with posters that contained questions for the participants to answer if they wanted to participate. They would then move to another table to find a new question and answer that next question directly on the poster paper. Over the course of the evening, each

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5. <https://theworldcafe.com/tag/art-of-hosting/>

poster was filled with creative ideas, stories, and statements from the participants.

These responses were then transformed into illustrations for the children and youth to view in this report and in their school. The effort to include children's and youth's voices was deemed important as many had engaged with the Engagement Team at various events and provided their thoughts and insights in an unsolicited way. The Engagement Team did not ask questions relating to the DGR. Rather, the Team asked questions concerning what the children loved about their community, what they wanted to be when they grew up, and other questions related to their present and future in Ignace which reflected how they had already spoken to the Team. Below are their thoughts and ideas about what they value as expressed in this incredible artwork created by Team Member Laura Hanek.



# Qualitative Report – Ignace Willingness Study

## Thematic Representation of the Context of Resident Willingness

The qualitative dimension of the Ignace Willingness Study is predicated on two central questions and provides the context for the decisions that resident participants made regarding their willingness to continue with the siting of a Deep Geological Repository (DGR) near Ignace. These questions, which will be answered in this qualitative section of the overall report, are as follows:

1. Why are resident participants willing or unwilling to move forward with the siting of the DGR?
2. What informed the willingness – specifically, what made resident participants confident in their willingness decision?

Confidential interviews were a voluntary opportunity provided to residents who self-selected and declared a desire to provide context concerning their willingness decision. Thus, the resident voices and perspectives contained in this section of the report reflect a random rather than specific sample of respondents selected by WCI to participate. The offer to provide confidential interviews was made because the Township Council expressed an interest in understanding the context of the willingness decisions made by residents. The sample of residents who participated in a confidential interview makes up 11.25% of total logged decisions cast by resident participants, that is, 72 of 640 individual votes cast. Further aggregated expressions of readiness to choose and feeling of being informed enough to choose confidently are demonstrated in the next section of this report, which amplify the findings recorded here. The reporting concerning qualitative data collected and analyzed is a thematic representation of those resident participants who desired to be interviewed and voluntarily offered their perspectives.

Seventy-two resident participants participated in semi-structured qualitative interviews during which they were asked the same thirteen questions (which can be found in Appendix D). The questions were divided into two themes: Theme One captured demographic and background information about the resident participants, and Theme Two captured information specifically related to the resident participants' willingness and decision-making processes about the possibility of the DGR siting project continuing in Ignace. The intention of this qualitative context is to provide a community-voiced rationale for their decision-making – that is, to explain the numerical data that is expressed in the quantitative Neuvote data. All resident participants were provided the opportunity to participate in a qualitative interview in order to “voice their vote” – that is, explain their willingness, unwillingness, or undecidedness in the context of both their lives and their personal decision-making process, otherwise understood as how they informed themselves toward a confident decision that they expected to cast in the online Neuvote system during the voting period in April 2024.

The qualitative context provided is consistent with the overall Willingness Study guiding principles and methodology. The interviews were analyzed via a thematic analysis and an inductive approach.<sup>1</sup> Thematic analysis is defined by Naeem et al. (2023) as follows:

- Thematic analysis is a method to analyze qualitative data. It involves the identification and reporting of patterns in a data set, which are then interpreted for their inherent meaning (Braun & Clarke, 2006; Liebenberg et al., 2020; Xu & Zammit, 2020); these patterns can be found on the basis of understanding the meaning of keywords used by participants (2).

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<sup>1</sup> Inductive coding and analysis are exploratory and data-driven – codes and themes emerge organically from the data (Naeem et al., 2023: 9).



Keywords are coded and provide the foundation for emergent themes. Themes are identified through the most repeated patterns in the data, therefore thematic analysis “involves the identification and reporting of patterns in a data set” (ibid. 2). Researchers who undertake thematic analysis do not assume they know the meaning of the data before it is generated by participants, but they do have guiding research questions (identified above) that guide the development of the interview schedule (questions asked in Appendix D). Emergent themes from the data must consistently respond to the research questions in order to qualify as relevant and meaningful data. It is important that anyone who reads this report understands not just how data was generated, but also how it was analyzed, so that they can be clear about the decision- and meaning-making by resident participants in their own words, from their embedded and invested perspectives, and how all of that is connected to the ultimate decisions they make regarding their willingness. This is the subjective explanation by the resident participants themselves – the qualitative aspect of this report organizes and translates that data through a systematic coding process which both organizes and analyzes the data. The goal is for the reader to hear the voices and perspectives of Resident Participants through this thematic analysis. The researcher – or analyzer’s role – is to impart the information via qualitative tools with as little analytical manipulation of the data as possible. In this way, the data is organized and presented without overreaching into conceptual framework development where a unique representation of the data is formulated (ibid. 4) (which is more indicative of academic approaches to qualitative research). All quotations provided in this report are direct; however, some have been edited only for clarity and readability meaning that extra “filler” words (e.g., um or right or yeah), pauses, and repetitive or trailed off sentences have been edited out and linked together by the use of [sic] indicating that some words have been removed. All identifying information about the Resident Participant has been removed from quotations as well. This means that some of the life experience/professional/identity characteristics that also contributed to informing decision-making about the DGR were removed from the report for the sake of confidentiality.

The themes that are outlined below clearly support the overall willingness of the community. This willingness is not just expressed in terms of numbers, that is, the volume of Resident Participants who are willing as clearly expressed in their interviews, but also from their emphatic support, as well as hopes, for the project. These are the voices of the residents who, for the most part, feel very confident in their decision-making around willingness and were grateful for the opportunity to speak their minds and put their thoughts on the record. The qualitative themes will start there, with the so-called “silent majority,” and their specific articulation of willingness.

### **“Silent Majority” & Vocal Naysayers**

The vast majority of Resident Participants who participated in interviews indicated a clear willingness to move forward with the siting process for the DGR near Ignace. One participant explained that the group of willing residents was the voice of the “silent majority.” Specifically, the Resident Participant stated,

- There’s a community that’s a silent majority, I call it, and you’ve probably seen it on the deeper discussion, because I would say [it’s] the silent majority. There’s a huge silent majority that won’t say anything for whatever reason, because they don’t want to be out there and attacked.

Resident participants who expressed willingness indicated that they did not, in fact, discuss their position in the community beyond family and friends whether due to their position in the community, that is, their work, or because they didn’t want to get into arguments with people who may be against the project. One example of this position comes from a Resident Participant who explained, “I don’t go out soliciting for people to ask what their opinion is. I don’t ask for trouble.” This silent majority

was self-reportedly quite active in participating in the programming and information provided by the NWMO and took it upon themselves to educate themselves about what the DGR was and what the science of risk and safety was behind it. While most Resident Participants who were willing were willing from the start, some others took a while to warm up to the idea and approached it either negatively, neutrally, or skeptically from the outset. What all of the willingness group, or silent majority group, had in common was the desire to learn more about the DGR. The willing group also began their search for information soon after they became aware of the possibility of the DGR and continued participating in events and at the Learn More Centre as time passed.

All Resident Participants called on their life experiences in combination with the information they gathered – or that they heard. This combination of life experiences and personal information gathering was part of the process of being informed and confident in their decision-making (this will be discussed in greater detail elsewhere in this report). Many residents were emphatic about their desire to have the DGR sited near Ignace, and for many of the same reasons, which will be detailed below. Contrasted with this silent majority were a few Resident Participants who were either strongly against the project or were uncertain about their choice at the time of the interview. The “no” or uncertain residents, and those who backed them (commonly characterized as outsiders to the community), were characterized by many in the silent majority as uneducated (a direct quotation from a resident participant was as follows: “Yeah, I mean anybody who is against it is basically in my opinion refuses to be educated”) about the science<sup>2</sup>, loud, negative, creating a bad name for Ignace, and often very vocal on social media. Some willing Resident Participants also discussed being vocal on social media, but they were in the minority. There was considerable discussion about “divisions” and “scars” created in the community between those who were willing versus those who were unwilling and that social media (e.g., Facebook was often cited) exacerbated these conflicts because some people were “keyboard warriors” who had forgotten how to be social, especially in the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic. One unwilling Resident Participant said that they had experienced bullying in online spaces and had reported this to the NWMO. The NWMO apparently indicated to that Resident Participant that was not something that was under their jurisdiction. Connection to place and the community of Ignace was a deciding factor for many who were willing and some who were unwilling and sought to protect Ignace. This brings us to the theme of Ignace as a community and the home of the boom-and-bust economy.

### **Ignace: Home of the Boom-and-Bust Economy**

Resident Participants, regardless of willingness, were very invested in Ignace as a community that had once been prosperous and a vibrant community with lots of amenities and activities to be proud of. One participant said that they call it their “blue lakes and rocky shores” – and this is just one of many quotations by Resident Participants expressing their deep love and sincere appreciation for the beauty of the land where they reside. Only one Resident Participant expressed not being very fond of the community and desiring to leave. Despite resident participants acknowledging that Ignace has a difficult climate in the winter, most residents expressed love for the outdoors, appreciation for the hunting and fishing, the friendly safety of the small town<sup>3</sup>, and the rugged rural beauty of the land.

- Ignace is a small town, so, you know, people are pretty well connected. If you go to the grocery store or the mail, then you’re gonna bump into people, you know, and people look out for each

2. There was discussion in a number of interviews about the television show “The Simpsons” informing ideas that some unwilling residents held around nuclear energy and nuclear waste e.g., “slimy green goo” that was very dangerous.

3. The safety of Ignace was sometimes discussed by resident participants as changing “with all the drugs” and other changes wrought by unemployment and Ignace “being on life support” in terms of opportunity both social and economic.

other. For the most part, social media doesn't really do justice with a few that can sometimes be quite negative. But for the most part, I think people are caring and look out for one another and help each other. You know, the outdoors is really important to people. I think in Ignace there's lots of fishing and hunting and people like berry picking and that sort of thing.

In addition to the appreciation of Ignace as a community, the vast majority of participants discussed the ebb and flow of the Ignace economy over time. One Resident Participant explained it this way,

- I've seen the town go from railroad town, you know, thriving and then kind of dying off and then having the mining and then dying off. Then forestry and dying off.

A Resident Participant put their appreciation for Ignace in conjunction with hopes about what it had been and could be again as a community,

- Living in Ignace has been a quiet community, close knit, but with enough. With enough separation for, you know, a little bit of privacy. One of the things I'd like to see is, you know, a little more with businesses and just activity and whatnot. That's what I'm hoping for. History has shown that Ignace was once prosperous in the late seventies, early eighties. And I've heard stories, I've seen pictures, and, you know, something like that would be interesting and hopeful to see again.

Another Resident Participant explains the impact of these booms and busts over time by stating,

- But, yeah, it's been sad to see how much our community has gone from very prosperous and a lot of engagement for our youth and for our adults and our seniors and opportunities and jobs and everything like that slowly kind of dwindle out over the years just because of lack of economic growth and interest in being here. Because of that our population has definitely decreased as well. As a result, [it's] still a great community, great people, good connections and relationships, for sure. Same with being outdoors and everything. That certainly hasn't changed. I think it's just a matter of our opportunities for us to learn and grow and for our younger people, especially to stay in the area, feel like they want to. But given the circumstances with how we live nowadays, inflation, having to make a good income in order to survive and be able to have a family and stuff, [sic] Ignace is not fitting in that dream anymore. It's not a reality for a lot of people if you want to have a good life in this day and time.

Willingness seems explicitly tied to these realities in Resident Participant interviews. In the first instance, Resident Participants want to see Ignace flourish as it once did. The caveat here is that Ignace does not become too big or overrun, thereby losing its small town feel and charm (and/or the fear that prosperity brings the unwanted elements of other resource-based economies such as criminal activity for example). Willingness is very much predicated on the desire of Resident Participants to see prosperity come to the town, region, and all of Northwestern Ontario to varying degrees based on the Resident Participant. Willingness was, in some ways, inspired by this hope of prosperity. One Resident Participant had this to say,

- I hope that it'll bring some economic stability to town, maybe bring some more young professionals into the area and stuff as well. This town's had a rough go of it in the last 20 years or more, and I'd like to see something happen that can help bring it back up. It's a great place, but we're losing a lot of stuff, a lot of amenities and a lot of things like that. It's a typical small town that's struggling, right? To have something big like this come in could really give it that extra shot of life. I think there's a lot of opportunity.



This statement was reflected in many of the sentiments expressed by those willing to continue with the siting process, either in their hopes for the community or directly in relation to the expression of their willingness, often in the same answer. An example of this intertwining of hopes for community, prosperity, and the project is well expressed in this excerpt by a Resident Participant:

- I feel Ignace will massively benefit from it financially. The business will grow if it takes off. I feel it's very safe because I've done a tour to see what the pellets are like and how the storage containers are and how they'll be transported. And so I understand the whole process and how it's just going pretty well back to where the product came from and being stored even safer than it was before it was ever mined. So I have zero concerns. And all I can see is that the community will grow and flourish. New businesses will come, the education level of the community will grow because you have to be educated to work there and know the project. It provides so many opportunities for children, the younger generation to stay here. This community might actually still be around in 100 or 200 years, where otherwise it may not be as all. I'm totally for it.

### **Understandings of Safety, Risk, and Trust in Relation to the DGR**

Embedded in the response is another connected component of willingness – understandings of safety and risk – as well as the element of trust in knowledge-holders and the science and governments.

Willingness emerged for many Resident Participants as a process of self-discovery about the project overall. This knowledge gathering was self-reported as self-directed, multi-faceted, and ongoing from the time of learning about the project (regardless of length of time from point of discovery to interview – e.g., from six months to over ten years). The words most commonly associated with this discovery include learning, understanding, NWMO, Learn More Centre, being educated, and discussions about moving from ignorance to understanding. One resident explained,

- And so I'm an information gatherer. I just love gathering information before making too much of a decision. And I've just gathered as much as I could. People that talk about it that are part of the NWMO seem to be quite knowledgeable. They've always been able to answer the questions that I've had, and if they couldn't, they found out and got back.

Resident Participants who opted for an interview characterized themselves similarly to this Resident Participant – curious and capable of decision-making via the information, resources (including those provided by the NWMO), and science available to them (as both the result of working peripherally – or broadly speaking – in science and/or engineering as well as online and as provided by the NWMO in the community). Willingness was, for the most part, determined by assuaging safety concerns as articulated by the Resident Participants in interviews. The following quotations reveal the extent to which safety concerns, and their abatement through understanding of the science, particularly of safety and risk mitigation, of the project, were key aspects of willingness (each quotation below is from a different Resident Participant):

- But then, you know, my son does research, and after a while, we realized it, you know, I realized it was good. It was okay. It's not - you know – it's still dangerous. But eventually, one day, hopefully, the government will get smart enough to turn it into hydro. Then we won't have to pay a fortune for hydro.
- I've always had an understanding about basic science, so I understood that the safety of it was always something that was relevant and important. That was for a lot of things that I've learned.

So a deep dive on a lot of the stuff that I've learned over the last couple years has really solidified my basic understanding of everything. So now I just...I have a really good understanding of, you know, the safety and the process of the potential of it being here. In my knowledge, I thought that it would be a liquid coming that they would keep here that would seep into the ground and that would, like...They were just going to have it in barrels and put it here and that's it. Until I learned more of what it is and how they're going to contain it and how they're going to keep it, which is way more safer than what I had in my mind when I first heard about it...The way they explained what it actually is that they're bringing here and how they're bringing it here and how they're storing it. It's not just going to be thrown in the ground. It's going to be monitored. It's safer than a lot of the mines that go underground and near the lakes and stuff seeping into the lakes, that cyanide and all that. It's the way that they've explained it to me is way safer.

- Um, just kind of realizing how it's safe, and I like how it's going.
- So, we did a lot of research, like everything that they had out that, you know, reading and you have to trust the people that they're doing it. They are not from off the street doing things like this. They have to [sic] really know what they're doing, scientists, and learn from there.
- So, I've been to a lot of community events where they've had some of their scientists or experts or representatives from NWMO, and anytime I've seen a question posed to them, they have had an answer for it, and a well-rounded answer. I think there's only been one occasion through the years we've been here that I've heard them not have an answer to a question, and their response was, that's a really good question. We will have to look into that and get back to you. And for that to only have happened once, you know, like, they're clearly doing the work [sic] A question is posed to them, it's been thought out before the question's been even asked. And so that reassures me that they're doing their due diligence ahead of time.

What emerges from these quotations about safety is a sense of Resident Participants satisfactorily answering their safety concerns through a variety of means, including – and especially, the information they receive from the NWMO – and people in their networks and families, as well as themselves, that they see as knowledgeable and reliable regarding the science of safety and risk behind the DGR.

Trust was a significant part of willingness decision-making process and was most often expressed in two ways: 1) Trust for the scientists, science, or knowledge-holders of the process and, 2) Trust in the government, regulations, and safety protocols that would theoretically be in place if the DGR were to come to Ignace. The interviews bore out that this trust was not blindly held, but was articulated as informed by existing knowledge (e.g., the Resident Participant had knowledge of/experience with mining, or engineering, geology, or science generally), discussion with knowledge-holders either within the NWMO or events/excursions facilitated by the NWMO, or discussion/experience with knowledgeable family members or friends who had experience with science, engineering, or nuclear power more generally. Trust in government was also a regularly articulated reason for having trust in the overall process. There was a widely held belief that emerged from the majority of the willing Resident Participants that the government would adhere to stringent safety rules and regulations. The quotations below demonstrate this trust (again, for this section, quotations below are individual and unique to different resident participants):

- I don't have any concerns about it because I know the standard for safety is going to be really high because Canada on the world stage is classified the highest you can get and everybody wants to imitate what Canada's doing. So, I can't see a government failing or doing something stupid

because of the high rate the world has put us on that pedestal.

- And I can't see the government doing anything to harm anybody. You know what I mean? You're going to put it in here and then have the town blow up or something? You know, like stupidity. You know, they've had nuclear waste for I don't know how many years, and they have it down in the Toronto area where there is a bigger, heavier population. So, if it was that dangerous, the government could step in at any time and say, we are moving it. Whether you like it or don't like it, that could be done.
- There was one fellow from the NWMO who was in charge of the safety of the project and he gave us a talk on what he does - what his job entitles. And when he was finished, that pretty well sealed it for me to be. To feel that it was an absolutely safe project, because his job was to pick anything that their group could find that could possibly go wrong, no matter how miniature, how minute, the problem could be, they were going to deal with it. That was one thing that did it for me...And then when they showed how they were going to, what they were putting it in, I thought, oh, wow, that's really safe.
- I understand the process and why they're doing it and that enough is for me to have trust in the process. Should they decide that the Ignace geology is the safest place for it, then I support that. Should they decide that it would be South Bruce, I support that because I don't know where my children will choose to live. Maybe they choose to live here. Maybe they choose to live somewhere down south, near South Bruce. So, for me, having that divided family and that divided life geographically, it really doesn't make a difference to me. It's either affecting my family down south or it's affecting my family up north.
- I haven't really attended a lot of the meetings, but I have looked into it myself and I have thought that we have to {sic] there comes a time when you have to have faith in the people who know what they're doing, the experts, and I'm not an expert, but I have to depend that they know what they're doing. And aside from human error, which nobody can predict or prevent, I feel that it will be safely stored underground. Whether it's here or whether it's in South Bruce doesn't matter. It'll be safely stored and somebody will be looking after it [sic] and we've created something. We've created a monster. We have to deal with the monster. And I think this is a safe way of doing it.
- I know, like, I was really trusting in the NWMO. They've done a fine job in educating the community and really have done a fine job at being challenged to find the answers. And, you know, there's a lot going on right now. As you know, you're only hearing the one side, you're not hearing the other. But really when it comes down to it, if NWMO is challenged on something, they provide them with scientific research and the answers. Now, whether these people, the people that are not in favor, accept that information or not is totally up to them. But I've seen them being challenged and providing the information that is scientifically based with data and research.
- So, safety was definitely, I think, one of the primary things. And it's been made very clear to me that the nuclear industry is held to the highest standards of safety over any industry, especially energy industries. I've often said to the nuclear industry, when I talked to people sort of up in the industry, I said, you guys are far too kind. I said, BP has a green leaf as their logo - you guys still have nuclear in your name. So, I make that argument often and I suggest to them that they should be fighting to hold other industries to the same standards that they're held to. And we will quickly see just how efficient and cheap and clean nuclear is. So, understanding the level of safety that embodies their whole. And transparency, the fact that they are silly nice, they're so nice, it's not even good for them because they have this ideology of transparency to the maximum degree and

they don't want to be perceived at all as being manipulative or anything - anything that could be perceived by that nature. And I think that attitude that they have, that ideology that they have, I think that brings me great comfort, knowing that. I think that no matter what they plan on doing, what they think is the right thing to do based on the best information we have. And I believe that personally is the primary reason that I support, support the process and would make that decision to support their decision.

These articulations of trust and faith did not mean however that all willing Resident Participants did not still have reservations. Transportation was an oft-cited safety concern for Resident Participants, even amongst those who expressed their willingness to move forward with the project. Some of the Resident Participants cited safety on roads/accidents, the closure of roads, the current transport of dangerous materials such as cyanide along the highways (as examples both of the safety and risk), and the safety of those transporting the nuclear waste as causes for concern. Some Resident Participants had faith that these issues would be resolved, while others wanted to hear and see more about the safe transport of the nuclear waste as part of the project moving forward.

From the information provided by Resident Participants who were interviewed, the NWMO provided a great deal of learning, including experiential and hands on learning, that contributed to what Resident Participants considered their informed decision-making. NWMO events and information often spurred Resident Participants to do further research on their own. Many Resident Participants spoke about how they appreciated and enjoyed NWMO events and staff members.

Different levels of government were given varying degrees of trust by the Resident Participants. In general, the higher the level of government, for example, federal, was understood as trustworthy regarding regulatory mechanisms. Lower levels of government were viewed with more suspicion, especially the municipal government, as much had changed in the years since the project was first announced to current times in terms of Council and leadership. Some Resident Participants expressed hope that the current government could adequately deal with this size and scale of a project coming to Ignace. Relatedly, there was some concern expressed by Resident Participants that larger centres nearby would benefit more than Ignace, by nature of the already existing infrastructure there. These future-oriented concerns about the DGR were considerable for Resident Participants as they kept in focus the impact on the future of both the community itself and the future of youth - youth who had, for many years, had to leave the community in search of employment and opportunity. The next theme to be examined is therefore the future of Ignace as both a community and as expressed as individual young people who the project was understood enabling to remain in Ignace as discussed and hoped for by Ignace Resident Participants.

## **The Future of Ignace**

Ignace Resident Participants often spoke of how they would not see the project come to Ignace or reap the benefits of the DGR if it was to come to Ignace, given their age and stage in life. The reality of the project coming after their time did not negate their willingness to have the project come to Ignace, however. The ways in which Resident Participants discussed the future of Ignace in relation to the project, and in relation to the future possibilities for the generations coming after, was a notable refrain. For example (again, individual and unique quotations from resident participants):

- Well, I hope it will be here. I really hope 100%, like, I'm [advanced in age], so I won't live that long, but my grandchildren and my great grandchildren will probably profit from it.
- My hope is that we are the successful location. Not only is it a potentially good project for Ignace,

but for the region. One of the biggest things we see in this town and small towns is the drain on the youth. They finish school and they leave because there's no opportunities a project like this could bring. High tech opportunities for individuals. And they can make Ignace their home, like, they don't have to leave.

- I think we need young families in the town to support recreation and things like the schools and the facilities that we currently have, and to drive further development down the road to keep young families here and keep Ignace prosperous.
- Get that outside new money. Get that new money from the world coming in. So that'd be my goal.
- I would want to be able to give my chance for my future, the generations behind me, all those things. So, I'm just doing it the way I would want it and the way my grandparents would want it and the way that my kids would want it or whatever. Right? Like, it's about dignity and respect for me. And at the end of the day, [I want to support] small town people who often get overlooked. Yeah, we're often overlooked, and particularly in the north.
- Well, I hope it will pick up the town and make it sustainable for the future.
- It creates opportunities for people to raise their families and have the family stay here. That's a big thing. Having raised a family and having our kids leave. I know it's going to create a lot of trades, a lot of jobs like that, but there'll be a lot of white-collar things, too. So, and again, it's not like we don't have kids coming out of high school here that are going to be nuclear sciences right now, but maybe in five or ten years that'll be something that will be an option for them that they can actually stay where they grew up.

Some Resident Participants also discussed how nuclear waste is a problem created by the current generation and so felt it was their responsibility to find solutions for the next generation. There was general consensus among Resident Participants that nuclear energy was the way of the future and that science would continue to advance in ways that would help safely store, transport, and potentially recycle nuclear waste.

Despite the vast majority of Resident Participants who were interviewed being willing to proceed with the potential siting of the DGR near Ignace, it is important to highlight the concerns of those who voiced unwillingness. This report will address the specific concerns of these unwilling Resident Participants in order to ensure their voices and concerns are also highlighted and included as members of the community and as contributors to the study.

## **The Whys of Unwillingness**

Unwillingness was expressed by a slim minority of Resident Participants who participated in an interview. Amongst those Resident Participants, unwillingness emerged in the interviews in three thematic areas: Safety, environmental protection/future sustainability, and what can be generally categorized as anti-nuclear energy/waste sentiments. Examples of each are provided in quotations below and are individual to unwilling resident participants:

- I just absolutely don't agree with it. I think there's something wrong with the whole system. When you want to move something that is dangerous across the country, to put it in the backyard of somebody else because you don't want to keep it where you've made it. So, if you're going to have something like that, store it where it's at. I do not believe in burying it. I just don't. To me, you need

to have it above ground. You need to have all kinds of warning lights, signals, alarms, whatever the case may be, burying it out in the middle of nowhere just doesn't make a lot of sense to me. It's just wrong. It's just wrong. I don't want anything to do with nuclear waste, period. A lot of people, they're chit chatting. A lot of information that's come across the desk, we've read. And I just watch how people are being so swayed by money instead of being swayed by what's happening. Some people are going to make money off of this and that's fine. But you don't make money off of something like this when you know it's dangerous for the next generation or even two years down the road. You don't want your children being responsible for the reactions that we're making today. And that's exactly what's happening. Adults are making all of these damn decisions that could really ruin Ignace and ruin our children's way of survival.

- Just in general, I do not want nuclear waste moved across this country. I do not want nuclear waste buried in the ground. I don't care where it is. Number one, I don't care what they want to say - how safe they want to say. If they have any loads to travel that far with any load of any toxic substance is insane. And also, they can never guarantee ground movement. Ground will move. Whether it be a thousand years, 10,000 year, or 50 years, the ground will shift.
- They claim the containers are not destructible or non-destructible. I don't believe that. Okay. Any man-made material that you hit hard enough is going to break, end of discussion. Anything you bury in the ground that's man made, any kind of metal, I don't care what it is, it will eventually deteriorate, especially if there's water introduced. Okay. One big concern I have is that I guarantee you that they're going to offer tenders for the contract to haul this up here, and it's going to be given to the outfit that can do it the cheapest. Unfortunately, the people that do it the cheapest are also the least experienced. So, you just know there's going to be a crash. Right, like, that's just a recipe for disaster. Also, they want to bury this in the ground, and they want to close the hole. So, if something goes wrong, how do you access them? How do you access the problem? I've heard there's supposed to be some sort of monitoring in the hole. I don't know. Like, what are they monitoring? You know, radiation levels, I'm assuming. If the hole has been plugged up, how do you get back down there? Like, what do you do? How do you pull that out? What do you do when that stuff starts to leak and gets into the water table?
- No, I don't want it here. There's too many dangers, too many red flags, not enough...I've been studying it since I found out, reading NWMOs papers, looking at stuff on social media [sic]. And I'm looking for scientific data to back it up. That's the type of person I am and it doesn't sit well with me. There's something. I have a gut feeling, okay. I was born with it right from a little one. If I didn't listen to this gut and I decided to go opposite, I always got screwed. So, my gut feeling is not good on this.
- But, I mean, to me, it scares me because, uh, you know, they could paint a picture and say it's very safe and say that you can farm on the land above it, you know, years later and not be disturbed, but you know, science has been wrong in the past, you know, and with certain things, like, they always say, believe the science, but I don't believe the science because in the past, science has failed. And things have you learned them after the fact. You know, like, for example, when doctors used thalidomide and they said it was safe for pregnant moms and it wasn't until these babies were born and without limbs that it was after the fact and it was too late it, like. So, this being very scientific as well, and there's lots of examples. I'm just throwing that one out there, for example.

In general, Resident Participants who were unwilling to continue with the siting process for the DGR had questions about the project that had not been successfully or satisfactorily answered by the existing science and/or presented information. As evidenced by the above quotations, some Resident

Participants may or may not have engaged deeply with the events or the presented information but felt a sense of uncertainty about the project overall, especially with regard to safety protocols. Unlike many members of the community who were willing, unwilling Resident Participants had ongoing concerns about safety, transportation, environmental protections, or lack thereof, that they felt had no clear or persuasive answers in the existing science and/or the information that had been presented as they understood it. A few unwilling Resident Participants relied on what they had heard which backed the “red flags” they had identified about the process. In general, all Resident Participants, willing or unwilling, gathered information they found relevant, talked to those they felt were knowledgeable, and came to conclusions based on their understandings around safety, environment, lived experiences, science, and benefits or pitfalls for Ignace as a community and as an aging population. The final section will consider some reflections by the data analyst that will outline what can and cannot be generalized from the data presented.

## **Summary of Qualitative Analysis**

What can be clearly understood from the data generated in this study is that the vast majority of Ignace residents who participated in interviews are willing to proceed with the possible siting of a Deep Geological Repository (DGR) near Ignace, Ontario. Resident Participants are hopeful and optimistic about what the DGR could bring in terms of socio-economic benefits for Ignace and the larger region. The majority of Resident Participants had largely worked through their fears and concerns and had satisfied their informational and educational requirements in self-defined and self-led ways in order to reach a confident decision of willingness. A small minority of Resident Participants voiced unwillingness or uncertainty regarding the DGR and primarily cited safety and environmental impact concerns as reasons that they would vote no to the process continuing. The data captures a particular demographic who have the following characteristics:


- Most Resident Participant interviewees felt a deep, often familial, connection and care for the community of Ignace – and to some extent, a commitment and, arguably, an identity, tied to Northwestern Ontario
- Most Resident Participant interviewees cared deeply about the land they lived on and the surrounding beauty and ruggedness of the landscape around them and wanted this preserved into the future
- Most Resident Participant interviewees were very active in the community in terms of volunteering and engagement with local community life whether that was explicitly political or simply community-oriented
- Most Resident Participant interviewees had made the time to engage with the NWMO and had made time to research the science of the project on their own – that is, they were invested in their own education about the project and had the leisure time, education, and experience to dedicate to these learnings and/or opportunities
- Most Resident Participant interviewees stated that they had a real stake in the outcome – even if it was not for them personally – for the future of their families and the future sustainability of Ignace as a community
- Many Resident Participant interviewees directly related their life and work experiences to their understanding of the science and other technical aspects of the project and these life experiences directly informed their un/willingness

What was not captured in the data is the population who simply did not care about, or did not have the capacity to engage with, the project and had not followed the informational rollout, sites of information, or any NWMO educational event or opportunity. WCI cannot speculate as to why those that did not participate chose not to.

There is a great deal of rich data in the interviews from this study that indicates a great deal about the hopes, concerns, fears, priorities, and considerations of the people of Ignace. What this means is that there is a great deal more that can be gleaned from this data in addition to answering the two central research questions. There is also much more data in the form of direct quotations that could have been included under each thematic heading in this report; however, in order to be illustrative and not exhaustive, only some have been included. The Engagement Team is always ready to discuss each and every theme in the report in greater depth. The Engagement Team also wants to express tremendous gratitude and appreciation to the Resident Participants of Ignace for their contribution to the study.

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# Readiness to Choose and Feeling Informed

A key part of the Willingness Study involved voter registration through the Neuvote elections management system. Embedded in this system was the opportunity not only to register to log a choice about the residents' willingness to proceed with continuing the process for Ignace to be considered as a potential host site of the DGR but also to participate in questions about readiness. Participants were asked the following questions upon registration:

- If you were asked today to answer the question of whether or not you'd support a Deep Geological Repository near Ignace, do you have enough information to make a decision?
- If yes, please explain why you feel ready to log a choice.
- Prompt: Please indicate if you'd like to schedule a confidential interview about your expected choice that will be logged in March 2024. (optional response)
- If not, what information do you need to help you make a decision?
- Follow up: Do you have a preference for the way you would receive that information?

The following table represents the expressions of readiness of all registered and eligible participants. It should be noted that the timeline of declaring readiness is related to when the user attempted to register and not when they were approved as an eligible participant. The data presented below represents the approved and eligible Resident Participants alone. All users who were deemed ineligible, or with pending status, are not included in the following analysis.

## Resident Participant Readiness Data

Table 27 demonstrates a monthly summary of responses along with the totals when Resident Participants were asked the question; "If you were asked today to answer the question of whether or not you'd support a Deep Geological Repository near Ignace, do you have enough information to make a decision?"

**Table 27: Resident Participant Monthly Summary of Informed and Uninformed Responses**

Month	Ready to Choose	Did not Respond	Not Ready to Choose	Total Registration Submissions (eventually approved)
November	93	11	7	111
December	5	2	0	7
January	82	1	7	90
February	6	1	0	7
March	19	0	2	21
April	378***	18	18***	414
May *	11	0	0	66
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>661</b>

<b>Total Voted</b>	<b>640</b>
<b>Total Approved</b>	<b>21**</b>
	<b>661</b>

\*Account creations in May are limited to May 1, 2024 during the final hours of the voting period as the system provider is located in a different time zone. In fact, these submissions occurred on April 30th 2024 in the central time zone before 11:59 PM.

\*\*This number represents the total Approved Resident Participants who did not cast their ballot during the voting period.

\*\*\* These values contain responses made before and after the voting period began on April 26, 2024.

Note: one account which was duplicated due to a system reset is found in both the approved and voted statuses. This is why one more count is noted here in the approved status group than in the next section of the report outlining results.

## Readiness by the Numbers

As illustrated by the above table, the vast majority of residents who registered declared readiness at the outset - 90% of eligible and registered residents. The information collected that was voluntarily provided in response to the follow-up question "If yes, please explain why you feel ready to log a choice" is provided exhaustively in Appendix E. Of the 594 cases where readiness to choose was answered yes by the Resident Participant, 465, or 78.3%, provided a reason why. All data depicted in Appendix E is resident authored and may lack context or clarity as to its intended meaning. The total number of residents who declared they were ready to choose and did not provide a response to why they felt ready is 129, or 21.7%.

WCI collected responses to the readiness follow up question "If not, what information do you need to help you make a decision?" and those responses can also be found in Appendix E. In reaction to those responses, the Engagement Team prepared an Educator and Information Holder Brief which was published on the website [yourchoiceignace.ca](http://yourchoiceignace.ca) and circulated to trusted information holders for responses. Those responses were gathered and published on the same website on the resource tab and provided to the residents in the manner they preferred to access them. Only five percent of those who registered in the six-month period declared unreadiness and most of those residents declared unreadiness in the final month of the Study, making it difficult for the Engagement Team to gather and provide the necessary information from trusted information holders to the residents in a timely manner. However, the Northwestern Nuclear Exploration Event offered by the Township of Ignace on April 12 and 13, 2024 did provide ample access to the information requested two weeks or more in advance of logging a choice about willingness. Of those who declared unreadiness, all but one voted during the registration period indicating that those who voted came to readiness in the final month.

Of the 18 residents who declared unreadiness in April, eight of those residents registered, declared their unreadiness, and voted during the same engagement with the Neuvote system.

The magnitudes by the numbers indicate the general and widespread readiness of the community. Both the reasons for readiness and unreadiness provided by residents via the Neuvote system are fully detailed in Appendix E and provide further context to the numbers in Table 27 as well as to the overall qualitative data.

# Community Willingness Results

Two key actors enabled confidence in this voting result from two critical roles - The Registrar, Holly Hayes, and the elections management software service provider, Neuvote.

The following statement reflects the election management system service provider expression of confidence that the ballots cast and choices logged are valid, accurate, and unique.

## **Statement of Confidence from the Elections Management Service Provider, Neuvote**

Neuvote was contacted to provide the technology to facilitate the Willingness Study primarily because we had conducted the 2022 municipal election for Ignace Township without issues and because we can provide an advanced form of online voting technology called end-to-end verifiability which reinforces the online votes by applying digital signatures and cryptography to each cast vote.

While conducting the Willingness Study, we employed strict registration criteria with a manual review process conducted by the Registrar to ensure that only verified users approved as eligible participants could take part in the study. Throughout the voting period in April 2024, security was actively monitored to ensure no outside interference could affect the election, or decision-casting, results. Any potential disruption would trigger the alert system, which would then manually review the incident and consult with the study administrators to determine the cause, impact, and assessment. Two alerts were discovered that were signaled during the voting period, and after review and analysis, I can confirm that the determination was that the alerts were false alarms and no threat was impacting the system or integrity of the voting process in the end.

Upon completion of the votes cast, we closed the election event in the system we provided and then tabulated the results before providing the administrators the logs, reports, and debriefing of the election/decisions cast. It is our assessment that the Willingness Study and voting process was conducted thoroughly, with clear oversight, and with no outside interference.

I can express with confidence that all votes cast in the Neuvote system for the Willingness Study are valid, reported accurately, and reflect individual ballots cast by only registered and approved resident participants.

*Matthew Heuman*

Matthew Heuman, Neuvote CEO

04/07/24

Date

The following statement reflects the Registrar's expression of confidence that each resident participant was indeed verified as eligible to participate in the Willingness Study and ultimately, to log their choice about willingness.

## **Statement of Confidence from The Registrar**

Throughout the registration and voting process I, Holly Hayes, acting as the Registrar, was responsible to review all registrations to confirm if the user met the eligibility criteria laid out in the Willingness Study Eligibility Policy (Appendix A). The criteria to participate includes either residing in or owning property within the Township of Ignace and being at least 16 years of age as of April 30th, 2024. I reviewed every user submission personally in order to confirm or deny them as a registered

participant and I documented that the above criteria were met prior to approving the individual to participate and eventually vote on their position of willingness.

As registrations were received they were first reviewed for the confirmation of age and then that the address entered matched the documentation the user provided in the uploaded document that demonstrates their name and address in Ignace. The tax roll file, containing all addresses of lots and homes within the borders of the Township, provided by the Township, was then used to confirm if the Ignace address provided on the identification upload was located within the Township. As our intention in the Willingness Study was to have as many eligible resident participants as possible take part, and to ensure others from outside the community did not participate, the approval process aimed to be as rigorous as possible so that there could be confidence that only those eligible were able to participate in the end. This was always balanced with an effort to make registering convenient and simple so that people would not become frustrated and stop participating.

This meant that wherever possible the tax file or some other method such as street maps, visits to the address, or another registered participant "vouch" would be used when needed to confirm and document eligibility when no documentation existed. If the documentation uploaded was not enough to confirm eligibility, I would contact the individual to request that they provide adequate documentation that would confirm property ownership or residency in Ignace. In this case, where upfront documentation was not able to satisfy the criteria for eligibility, the registration attempts were not rejected, but rather a correspondence thread was created to attempt to find the documentation that would prove eligibility. Those user accounts where insufficient documentation was provided were kept as a "pending" account in the system so that a resubmission by the user would not be required if adequate documentation was eventually found. All of the documentation is archived and notes are kept concerning the resubmission of documents to prove eligibility on file. In some cases no response to the request for additional information was provided and the registration was not approved, maintaining the "pending" status of the user account.

I can confidently state that the figures represented herein and the supporting documentation archived concerning approval context and proof of identification are accurate and that each user account regardless of status in the system was accurately categorized in the following groups:

**640** - Those who are marked as voted in the Willingness Study registered, were approved and logged their choice.

**20** - Those approved to participate in the Willingness Study who had the opportunity to log their choice in April 2024 but did not.

**Total eligible and registered participants: 660**

**53** - Those users declined to participate in the Willingness Study that were:

- a) Confirmed to be ineligible - 3
- b) Moved out of Ignace during the engagement period - 2
- c) Submitted duplicate user account registration requests - 33
- d) WCI test accounts - 15

**7** - Those pending to participate in the Willingness Study who did not satisfy the eligibility criteria and were not determined to be ineligible nor eligible to participate.

*Holly Hayes*  
Holly Hayes (Jul 4, 2024 11:08 EDT)

Holly Hayes, Registrar

04/07/24

Date

## Voting Results and Expression of Willingness


Based on the reports provided by the elections management system service provider, Neuvote, WCI can confidently confirm the following results of the overall position of willingness held by the residents of Ignace concerning the continued progression as a host community of the potential siting of a Deep Geological Repository of used nuclear fuel.

**Majority Participation:** 660 eligible resident participants, voting and non-voting combined, took part in the study, demonstrating a **63.8% participation rate** based on the estimated eligible population.

Resident Participants	Magnitude	Proportion
Total Eligible Resident Participants, Estimate	1035 <sup>1</sup>	100%
Total Approved Resident Participants, non-voting	20	2%
Total Approved Resident Participants, voted	640	62%
Total Non-Participating Potential Resident Participants, estimate (Total Eligible Resident Participants Estimate less non-voting and voted)	375	36%

**Majority Results:** Of the 640 logged votes, 494 or 77.2% are in favour of continuing as a potential host community.

Logged Choices	Magnitude	Proportion
Total Approved Resident Participants Voted	640	100%
Total Choices Logged, NO	133	20.8%
Total Choices Logged, YES	495	77.3%
Total Choices Logged, ABSTAIN	12	1.9%

  
Chéla Breckon (Jul 4, 2024 11:10 EDT)  
Chéla Breckon, WCI

04/07/24  
Date

1) Estimate is based on 2021 census information concerning the total population in Ignace who were 15 and over. The file was downloaded May 10, 2024 and displayed that the population segment aged 15-64 was 690 individuals and that the population segment aged 65+ was 345 individuals. Total estimated eligible voting group is then 1035 individuals.

# Appendix A - Ignace Willingness Study Resident Participant Eligibility Policy

## **Purpose**

In order to participate in the Ignace Willingness Study residents must register using the online Neuvote system by providing proof of identity and residency or property ownership within the Township of Ignace, and proof they are at least 16 years of age as of April 30th, 2024.

This policy outlines the requirements to prove identity and residency for the purpose of being included in the data generation portion of this project. Many of the requirements outlined in this policy are based upon existing research and public consultation policies including those that are used to plan and manage elections throughout Canada. The following pages explain the identity verification provisions for this project and how the Engagement Team has established the processes and list of authorized pieces of identification.

The policy sets out the principles of inclusiveness, trust, and service that will be used to guide the process.

## **Application**

This policy applies during the generation (collection) of both quantitative and qualitative data from the community members of Ignace regarding their willingness to continue as the potential host community of a Deep Geological Repository of used nuclear fuel near Ignace.

It applies anytime throughout the Study when residents are required to prove identity, age, and residency within Ignace to register and in turn provide responses to questions posed about willingness.

## **Effective Date**

This policy takes effect on October 16, 2023, and may be reviewed at the discretion of the WCI.

## **Expected Results**

- Residents demonstrate their identity, age, and residency and/or ownership in accordance with this policy.
- Residents have various alternatives for proving their identity, age, and residency and/or ownership in order to register and participate.
- The Engagement Team effectively and efficiently administers identification and residency and/or ownership requirements under the Policy.

## **Context**

The purpose of the Willingness Study is to provide an opportunity for the community of Ignace to indicate their opinion related to the creation of the DGR. This process involves more than each resident having a yes or no vote. The purpose of this study is to provide the community with a number of opportunities to express their positions verbally during interviews and discussion groups and in writing through a secure online system. In order to ensure that the voice of Ignace is clearly captured, criteria have been established to define who the participants are and this document outlines the methods required to register for participation.

In October of 2023 a Working Group that included members of the WCI team, external advisors, and the Township of Ignace met to discuss the criteria that would be used to determine participant eligibility criteria for the Willingness Study. The specific purpose of this working group was to accomplish the following three objectives;

1. Define who is eligible to participate in the willingness project
2. Define the process for demonstrating proof of eligibility
3. Produce a short decision document explaining the process and rationale behind the conclusions for the first two objectives.

### **Guiding Principles**

Three principles to implementing the identification regime: Inclusiveness, trust, and service to the Community.

**Inclusiveness:** Means that all eligible residents should have equal access to participate.

The majority of participants will have sufficient identification, but some face barriers because they may not have any pieces of identification, or may have difficulty proving their residence.

No piece of identification issued by the Government of Canada, and few pieces of identification issued by provincial, or local governments, contains a photograph, name and address. The most commonly held piece of identification that satisfies these criteria is the provincially issued driver's license. Some residents may need other pieces of identification in order to register.

WCI is committed to facilitating participation by all eligible residents. The Engagement Team carries this out by communicating prior to an event about when, where, and ways to register, and how to prove identity, age, and residency and/or ownership in Ignace Township when registering.

**Trust:** Means that the integrity of participation should be protected and preserved.

Public confidence in the process of data generation is important to ensure a complete and confidential study. Residents must have trust in how the data has been generated and incorporated into the report in order to support the legitimacy of the outcome.

**Service to participants and the community:** Means that the data generation and reporting will be administered efficiently and that the rules applied consistently and fairly.

While the identification requirements contribute towards protecting data integrity, administration within the process should not interfere with participation of as many eligible residents as possible.

### **Policy Requirements**

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

Currently own property or reside within the geographic borders of the Township of Ignace.

*This excludes those who potentially will inherit or purchase property in the future.*

Be at least 16 years of age as of April 30th, 2024.

#### **Providing proof of identity and residence**

There are three options for residents to prove their identity, age, and residency and/or property ownership. Under each option the Registrar must be satisfied that the participant has established



their identity as well as residency or property ownership.

**Option 1: One piece of identification to establish proof of name, age and residence**

Participants may prove their identity, age, and residence with one piece of identification issued by a Canadian government or agency (federal, provincial, territorial, or local) that includes their name, date of birth, address and photograph. For example: A provincial driver's license, a provincial identification card or a band membership card.

**Option 2: Two pieces of identification to establish proof of name and residence**

Participants may prove their identity, age, and residency and/or property ownership with two pieces of identification from the list authorized by the WCI policy, both of which must include the participant's name and at least one of which must include their address and date of birth (Schedule 1 outlines the complete list of identification documentation that can be used).

The Registrar may authorize types of identification for the purposes of proving identity, age, and residency and/or property ownership. These pieces may be issued by non-government entities and are less likely to contain the participant's photo.

The pieces of identification authorized by the Registrar aim to be broad enough to ensure accessibility for residents who may face barriers in providing documentation and proof of their residence while also protecting the integrity of the data generation.

**Option 3: Solemn declaration and vouching to establish identity and residence**

Participants may prove their identity, age, and residency and/or property ownership by making a solemn declaration and being vouched for by another registered participant.

The person being vouched for does not require a piece of identification; however, the person vouching for them does. The individual who vouches must have proven their own identity and residence using option 1 or 2. The individual who vouches must also be registered within the Neuvote system, know the participant personally, must not have vouched for another participant or have had their own identity, age, and residency and/or property ownership vouched for, and must also make a written solemn declaration.

**One source for two pieces of identification**

Two different pieces of identification from the same source can be used if the documents serve different purposes. For example, a student may present a bill for services and a transcript of their grades, even if they have been issued by the same school, college, or university.

Two pieces of identification from the same source cannot be used if both documents serve the same purpose. For example, a participant may not provide two telephone bills from the same provider for the same telephone line, even if both documents are for different billing cycles.

**Identification that does not prove residency and/or property ownership**

In some cases, the address on a piece of identification is insufficient to prove residency and/or property ownership. For example, the piece of identification could indicate a post office box or other mailing address. If the residential information is nevertheless consistent with information related to the resident, the participant's residence is deemed to have been proven.

The Registrar determines consistency based on all information available to them. If the Registrar is satisfied that the identification documents prove the participant's identity and residence in

accordance, the participant shall be allowed to contribute to the study.

The Registrar shall record each approval made and keep notes related to the context for all approvals when the direct policy clause cannot be applied and alternatives are deployed.

### **Consistency between name, address and the list of Township Tax Roll addresses**

In some cases there may be a discrepancy between the name, address on the list of addresses and individuals found on the township tax roll list, and on the piece(s) of identification presented by the participant. For example, the list may contain a “Robert Smith” while the piece of identification presented says “Bob Smith”. Or, the Township tax roll list may have “2400 Saint-Laurent Street” and the piece of identification may have “2400 St-Laurent Boulevard”.

In such cases, the Registrar will determine eligibility based on all information available to them.

### **Resolving doubts about participant identity or residence**

Where the Registrar is not satisfied that a document presented by a resident establishes their identity, age, or residency and/or property ownership, the Registrar may request that the resident provide an additional document or be vouched for by another registered participant.

### **Oath of qualification**

In order to be qualified to participate, a participant must be a resident of the Township of Ignace and at least 16 years of age on April 30th, 2024. Residents will be asked to declare that these are both true at the time of registration and at the time of casting their decision. Both are required in order to address that the time period between registration and voting may be long enough for the resident to have migrated or sold their property in Ignace, which would cause the resident to be eligible at registration and then not at the time of casting their decision.

### **Definitions**

**Registrar:** Refers to the individual responsible for data security and eligibility approval consistency on the Engagement Team. This individual is appointed to exercise powers or perform duties under this policy to prepare for and conduct the registration of participants. This individual is assigned to verify that a resident meets the participant identification requirements.

**List of Township Tax Roll Addresses and Names:** Refers to the list provided by the Township of Ignace to the Engagement Team in confidence that includes all properties located within the township borders and the name of the individual or business recorded as owning the property.

**Proof of identity and residence:** Refers to a resident providing the Registrar with satisfactory proof of their name, age, and address.

**Piece(s) of identification:** Refers to all pieces of identification that are accepted as proof of identification and residence under this policy. They are each used interchangeably for identification purposes.

**Verification of identity and residence:** Refers to the Registrar verifying that the name and address contained on the piece(s) of identification provided by a resident match the information on the Township Tax Roll address list.

## **Ignace Willingness Study Participant Eligibility Approved Documents**

### **From a government or government agency**

- Band membership card
- Canadian Immigration Identification Card
- valid Ontario Photo Card
- Certificate of Canadian Citizenship (plastic card)
- Certificate of Indian Status (paper or plastic card)
- Confirmation of Permanent Residence (IMM 5292), if signature is shown
- birth certificate
- Permanent Resident Card, if signature is shown
- current professional association licence
- Canadian citizenship card or certificate
- Canadian Forces identity card
- Canadian passport (accepted only as proof of identity)
- Record of Landing (IMM 1000)
- Passport
- firearms licence
- government cheque or cheque stub
- government statement of benefits
- health card
- income tax assessment
- Indian status card or temporary confirmation of registration
- library card
- licence or card issued for fishing, trapping or hunting
- liquor identity card
- Métis card
- old age security card
- parolee card
- property tax assessment or evaluation
- social insurance number card
- vehicle ownership
- Veterans Affairs health care identification card

### **From Elections Canada**

- targeted revision form to residents of long-term care institutions
- voter information card

### **From an educational institution**

- correspondence issued by a school, college or university
- student identity card

### **From a health care facility or organization**

- blood donor card
- CNIB card
- hospital card
- label on a prescription container
- identity bracelet issued by a hospital or long-term care institution

- medical clinic card

**From a financial institution**

- bank statement
- credit card
- credit card statement
- credit union statement
- debit card
- insurance certificate, policy or statement
- mortgage contract or statement
- pension plan statement
- personal cheque

**From a private organization**

- employee card
- residential lease or sub-lease
- utility bill (e.g.: electricity; water; telecommunications services including telephone, cable or satellite)

**Letters of confirmation**

- Additional pieces of ID may be added. We accept e-statements and e-invoices. Print them or show them on a mobile device.
- This list of accepted ID is also available in [multiple languages](#).

## Appendix B - Perseverance Protocol

When engaging in outreach activities, the WCI Engagement Team will take each of the following steps in an attempt to connect with all Residents.

In the event that each step has been taken and no response has been received from the Resident, the Engagement Team is then permitted to move the Resident to “unreachable” status until a response is received, if ever, prior to April 30th 2024.

All Residents identified as “unreachable” can emerge, connect with the Engagement Team, and participate in the Willingness Study at any time prior to the completion of the study on April 30th 2024.

Not all steps are required to reach each Resident - once a response has been received and recorded, the outreach is considered complete and the Resident is moved to registration management and then engagement program management. Registration management is the process in which a Resident becomes approved to participate in the Willingness Study by satisfying the Eligibility Policy, carried out by the Registrar. Engagement program management is the ongoing process of communicating with, and gathering information from Resident Participants.

To identify a Resident as “unreachable”, the Engagement Team must complete the following steps:

1. Two (2) Neighbourhood Mail drops (flyer mail) to the residence via Canada Post Community Mail Service
2. Two (2) letters mailed to the address on file at the Township for tax purposes, via regular Canada Post Mail Service
3. Two (2) visits to the local address from the outreach team, taking place in 2024
4. Two (2) emails sent to the addresses provided in the 2022 municipal election process, if available

As these steps involve third party service providers, WCI adopts the position that Canada Post, as our service provider, is trusted and capable of delivering on the expectations related to the federal service. Any mail undelivered or lost for any reason is not the responsibility of WCI to track and monitor. Email (via read receipt) and door knocking provide the surety alone that indeed a resident has been attempted to be reached and so document controls related to those individual encounters are required for proof of completion.

# Appendix C - WCI Confidentiality Policy - Ignace Willingness Study

## Statement of Commitment to Protecting Private Information

With Chéla Inc. and the Engagement Team are committed to protecting the confidential data generated in the Willingness Study. Our responsibility to the community is to accurately and appropriately capture the voice and choice of participants. Our primary priorities are privacy, consent, confidentiality, neutrality, and supportive communication. The Engagement Team clearly communicates with all resident participants what confidentiality entails and how it is enacted via the procedures outlined below.

### Rationale

Residents of Ignace made it clear in the responses captured in the Hardy Stevenson and Associated Limited report of 2021 that their decision-making is best done privately and confidentially, even if the DGR project is discussed publicly and openly amongst residents. There was a strong desire for all residents to be able to speak their minds publicly at a variety of events, but that was not equivalent to privately and confidentially logging an answer.

### Engagement

The Engagement Team provides every opportunity for each resident to privately and confidentially log an answer via the online system, and to have an opportunity to be interviewed about that answer. No resident is required to log an answer in front of another resident (including a family member) and no resident must participate in an interview. Those residents who do want to participate in an interview will have the opportunity to schedule a private and confidential interview with a member of the Engagement Team that will not be overheard by any other resident (including family members) unless the participant elects to have someone else present.

### Application

Confidentiality in this regard is holistic – no names are associated with participant interviews or opinions or decisions. Where those connections are made, that is, before identifying information is converted into a participant number, the information is securely stored in the Neuvote system and only accessible by system administrators and the With Chéla Inc. team. No participant can be completely anonymous in this study as all participants are residents of Ignace and are required to provide proof of residence and age eligibility to participate. However, care can and will be taken to ensure that the information generated in the study does not reveal the identities of participants, even if identifying information is provided during resident participation in the study.

### The following mechanisms ensured this holistic confidentiality:

1. Division of labour between the registration team, specifically between the data collection and analysis team, and the outreach teams so that at no time could any one person from the WCI personnel group could know a person's identifiable information and their decision concerning willingness unless the resident participant consents or reveals that information in a manner beyond these controls.
2. Creating unique ID numbers to identify interview respondents in transcripts and audio files so that no names or other identifiable information is recorded or archived that can connect a person's perspective to their identity in a public forum.

3. Recording all confidential interviews on an audio device not connected to the internet and generating transcripts via a valid, reputable, and secure data provider.
4. Hiring an online elections management service provider who can capture the choice of residents, tabulate the results, and calculate the magnitudes of responses in a confidential manner to WCI without revealing which resident participants inputted those choices.
5. Avoiding the upload or digitization of protected information whenever possible.
6. Destroying hard copies and documents containing protected information at the completion of the study that are immaterial to defensibility of the report.
7. Archiving hard and soft copies of documents containing protected information in secure storage areas determined in confidence at WCI for the purposes of proof and defensibility alone.
8. Ensuring that one person on the Engagement Team has expertise in the relevant municipal, provincial and federal laws pertaining to the protection of private and confidential information, who acts as the advisor and controller of the confidentiality policy.

## Appendix D - Confidential Interview Schedule of Questions

Resident Interview Questions - Prepared by Jackie Schoemaker Holmes, PhD, October 20, 2023.  
Edited by Chéla Breckon - November 23, 2023.

Begin by reading the Interview Facilitator Script for Launching Interviews with Resident Participants.

Follow the Confidential Interview Procedure.

### **Demographics & Ignace Personal History**

1. Please tell me a little about yourself.
2. How long have you resided in Ignace?
3. What brought you to Ignace and/or when did your family settle here?
4. Please tell me about your experience living in Ignace.
5. When did you hear about the possibility of a Deep Geological Repository (DGR) coming to the community?
6. What did you think about the possibility of a DGR coming to the community at that time?



## Deep Dive into Why They Made the Decision They Did

1. What decision have you made regarding the Deep Geological Repository?
2. What information helped you to make this decision?
3. Who did you talk to about your decision?
4. Has this always been your position on the DGR?
5. What concerns do you have about the DGR, if any?
6. What hopes do you have about the DGR, if any?
7. Is there anything else you'd like to say today about your decision or anything else that we haven't covered?

## Appendix E - Readiness Data Provided by Resident Participants

### Readiness Data Provided by Resident Participants

The following tables display the responses captured in the Neuvote elections management system as provided by the resident participants. Information provided that would reveal a respondent's identity has been removed from the data presented unless the respondent desired to publish their perspective intentionally.

Table A - Resident Participants who Expressed Readiness to Choose and Voted - 577 in Total

Status	Ready to Choose?	Month Response Logged	Tally by Month	Reason for Readiness Provided by the Resident Participant
Voted	YES	November	1	Always been supportive from the start, had discussions about this on 1970's and wanted it then
Voted	YES	November	2	As a [sic] person who grew up in ignace and hopes to one day own property and settling here, i support NWMO.
Voted	YES	November	3	As an [sic] resident, I prefer to keep my land pure in accordance to my beliefs
Voted	YES	November	4	Attended events and satisfied with information
Voted	YES	November	5	Because ever since the nuclear place (NwMO) opened we have been learning and reading online.
Voted	YES	November	6	Because I have attended a lot of the sessions locally.
Voted	YES	November	7	Because I heard enough information on it and I wanted them to move forward when it started.
Voted	YES	November	8	because I've gone to a number of actives put on my the NWMO and from that information I have decided that it is feasible, safe and desirable. I have also read literature that has been produced.
Voted	YES	November	9	Believe it to be safe and would provide very many needed jobs
Voted	YES	November	10	Extremely informed, and have visited numerous nuclear facilities in Ontario. [sic] NWMO and trust the science
Voted	YES	November	11	Go for it been for it for last 6 years
Voted	YES	November	12	Have done research, asked questions, apprive if the project

Voted	YES	November	13	Have learned sufficient information to feel comfortable making a definitive choice.
Voted	YES	November	14	History in the area. Have visited the learn more centre numerous times to get information and speak to experts
Voted	YES	November	15	I am comfortable with the science behind this new venture.
Voted	YES	November	16	I am confident in the research that I've read and I'm realistic.
Voted	YES	November	17	I am informed and agree that it is safe!
Voted	YES	November	18	I am ready due to the information I've been given by the NWMO and questions they have taken the time to answer. There is no harm to the people or the environment with this process I am all for it.
Voted	YES	November	19	I am very well informed about the prospect of the DGR and hope Ignace is the successful area
Voted	YES	November	20	I attended a few info sessions, the office and mobile trailer and read the literature
Voted	YES	November	21	I believe in the science presented. [sic] I feel confident making the decision of nuclear product travelling our highways or rail.
Voted	YES	November	22	I believe the science and technology today is quite capable. Its a great opportunity for the area. I do believe in recycling and hopefully they may find a way to make use of it before it goes in the ground .
Voted	YES	November	23	I feel comfortable that there is all of the information needed to make an informed decision.
Voted	YES	November	24	I feel confident in my decision.
Voted	YES	November	25	I feel I have enough information.
Voted	YES	November	26	I feel like the jobs and review from the project will greatly help our town
Voted	YES	November	27	I feel that I am well informed !
Voted	YES	November	28	I feel that I have been given the opportunity to learn and have enough information.
Voted	YES	November	29	I had been involved in the willingness process for a couple of years for two years. I believe the project will benefit the community and I believe nuclear waste will be safely stored in a dgr.
Voted	YES	November	30	I have attended learning sessions and have visited the site of the DGR. My questions have been answered.
Voted	YES	November	31	I have attended several information sessions, have listened to several speakers and value opinions of others
Voted	YES	November	32	I have attended the learn more centre numerous times for overviews, to listen to experts and ask questions. I have [sic] in Ignace a good part of my life and have local knowledge and history of the area.
Voted	YES	November	33	I have been actively involved in the discussion of whether WLON and Ignace should support the construction of an operational DGR to house Canadas used nuclear fuel since the early stages of the siting process. Since that time I have engaged with members of the community and surrounding area about this topic [sic] I am confident in the work that the NWMO is doing and believe this project will be very beneficial to the community and to Canada. I have no concerns about the safety of this project should it go ahead in this siting area.
Voted	YES	November	34	I have been educated enough from living in Ignace [sic] allowed me to learn more information all the time when working with NWMO. I was also able to take part in a trip to Toronto to see many different aspects of the DGR to know what it's all about.
Voted	YES	November	35	I have been educated about the NWMO continuous throughout high school, being able to go to Toronto and visit their site on our Grade 8 Toronto Trip. I have wrote and done many project throughout school on the NWMO as well as visiting the site in Ignace and participating in the Learn More programs and presentations. I am confident in my knowledge and choice on why NWMO should come to Ignace.
Voted	YES	November	36	I have been following the process since the beginning
Voted	YES	November	37	I have been getting information since they started talking about the project. I have recently gone to Toronto to learn more about the project.
Voted	YES	November	38	I have been involved in community studies, attended several information sessions and had the privilege of touring the Bruce, Oakville, McMaster and Finland sites.
Voted	YES	November	39	I have been informed enough
Voted	YES	November	40	I have been involved in this from day one. [sic] I have researched and have received enough information to make a decision. I want what is best for our community. So they will make the decision in the end. My only concern is transportation that's all. Thank you
Voted	YES	November	41	[sic] I have done a lot of research, I feel confident in making my decision today.

Voted	YES	November	42	I have been reading, listening and thinking about it for years now.
Voted	YES	November	43	I have been to the nwmo building and have seen the set up and have had an explanation of the process and feel comfortable with what they have said
Voted	YES	November	44	I have been to the open houses, gone to southern Ontario and taken part in the education that has been offered. The spent fuel has less radiation then dental xrays. I have seen it touched it. Placing it incased in bed rock is better then leaving it on the shores of Lake Ontario
Voted	YES	November	45	I have done research and listened to the information that is available at this time
Voted	YES	November	46	I have kept my self informed through the whole process and feel that the NWMO has provide ample opportunity and access to the information required.
Voted	YES	November	47	I have learned and asked questions
Voted	YES	November	48	I have participated in a wide variety of learning opportunities that have educated on the benefits and drawbacks on the deep geological repository that is being proposed.
Voted	YES	November	49	I have researched since 2008 and am confident it can be done safely. Our region requires a major economic influx to prevent homelessness and young people relying on selling illegal drugs to earn a living. I would like an interview.
Voted	YES	November	50	I have spent the time to learn all about the DGR project and am very confident in it and hope Ignace is the successful location 😊
Voted	YES	November	51	I have visited the bore site and NWNO office and have spoken to numerous people.
Voted	YES	November	52	I have visited the center at the Ignace Plaza, spoken to a number of people in the field of science, done some reading and spoken to some members of the community liason group.
Voted	YES	November	53	I have visited the learn centre to get information
Voted	YES	November	54	[sic] I have a deep understanding of the aspects that comprise the project, and each strongly surpass my criteria for a project that is safe, scientifically sound, ecologically positive, and has strong benefits for the community. My support for the project has only ever increased over time [sic] for the highest imaginable concern and focus on peoples' safety, the level of respect for the environment and for the well-being of local people and the local way of life. I have stayed critical and even cynical throughout the project, and over 10 years of consideration, criticism, and constant work to try to understand the deepest levels of the planned project, I have never found any information that even raises a doubt
				about the safety of the project or benefits to the region. I am absolutely ready to support this project as a citizen of Ignace and someone who has been a member of the community for more than 25 years.
Voted	YES	November	55	I think I understand what's going on.
Voted	YES	November	56	I understand that I do not have the qualifications or education to decide whether or not this would be safe, so I trust the experts. I have read a few different articles and opinions that lead me to believe this is safe.
Voted	YES	November	57	I was on the committee for two years, I continue to get the information related to the project.
Voted	YES	November	58	I was on the liaison committee for [sic] years, went on numerous trips and courses with the NWMO. This incorporated people coming here and me going to travel and learn more.
Voted	YES	November	59	i was there since the beginning
Voted	YES	November	60	I went to enough learn more session.
Voted	YES	November	61	I went to events in Ignace and learned about the project as much as possible.
Voted	YES	November	62	I went to Toronto with a group of grade 7/8 to visit a place that showed us all the safety requirements they have to go through. It was a very informative experience that took away any concerns I had. I do believe it is a better plan than what they have going on now.
Voted	YES	November	63	I'm in support and I feel Ignace is prepared for it.
Voted	YES	November	64	I'm sure that whatever they are putting in is going to be safe and I hope that the town gains from it.
Voted	YES	November	65	I've attended information sessions and read articles on the matter.
Voted	YES	November	66	I've been listening to both sides , the plus and the negatives !
Voted	YES	November	67	I've been to a lot of sessions everything that has been offered here and in Toronto I have attended. At first I didn't agree, but I learned and now I am comfortable.
Voted	YES	November	68	I've been to four information events the best on was the one at the arena.
Voted	YES	November	69	I've been to the learn more centre, I've learned what they offer there, talked about drilling, transportation containers. I've talked to the people at these events and they are all very informed. I don't have a problem with Nuclear because my [sic] worked at Chalk River.

Voted	YES	November	70	I've done my home work, I've been at the learn more center ,and I truly believe that we are all responsible to store the waste the best possible way. Which is in DGR way .
Voted	YES	November	71	I've gone to open houses and I read the newsletter related to the nuclear industry.
Voted	YES	November	72	I've taken part in a bunch of the information sessions and paid attention.
Voted	YES	November	73	Ignace is dying, slowly we need something. Been here my whole life im going to be [sic] this year with a young family, i experienced ignace when it was booming and would love to see that again
Voted	YES	November	74	It will provide stability for the community
Voted	YES	November	75	No response provided.
Voted	YES	November	76	No response provided.
Voted	YES	November	77	No response provided.
Voted	YES	November	78	No response provided.
Voted	YES	November	79	No response provided.
Voted	YES	November	80	No response provided.
Voted	YES	November	81	Originally I was very skeptical. But after years of researching it is clear that 1-we need a long-term solution to store our used nuclear fuel and 2-i trust the processes and the peoples involved in determining the best solution. I will support there recommendations regardless which of the two remaining sites are determined to be the best location.
Voted	YES	November	82	spent many years learning and already did an interview
Voted	YES	November	83	The NWMO has been in Ignace for many years, information has been provided, following projects similar have helped as well. I feel the project is more than safe.
Voted	YES	November	84	The teams are always willing to learn more and gather more information as the years go on.
Voted	YES	November	85	Theres been extensive research and testing done.
Voted	YES	November	86	We attended a couple of the open houses and what they had to show us about how it would be transported and stored was amazing and safe and we totally support it.
Voted	YES	November	87	We have been to the open houses and enjoyed a lot of it.
Voted	YES	November	88	we have gone to open houses to learn about the facility. We tried to go to the site. We learned about transportation, the shipping vault.
Voted	YES	November	89	We've been to several seminars, the one at the arena was the best one. We've also had several people at the door.
Voted	YES	December	1	Already have enough information and confident it going to be safe.
Voted	YES	December	2	I got all the information that i need.
Voted	YES	December	3	I'm a registered professional [sic] and I have spoken to the [sic] at NWNO's learn more centre in Ignace.
Voted	YES	December	4	The NWMO has conducted a number of ongoing in-community workshops and information sessions throughout the years to keep the community informed
Voted	YES	December	5	There is a significant amount of science and research that goes into a project like this. I am confident in the science.
Voted	YES	January	1	I have been an active participant in meetings, events, info sessions and I have worked for NWMO for 8 years.
Voted	YES	January	2	Years of being involved in the learning process for the township ignace, i am fully confident in the process.
Voted	YES	January	3	A lot of information was provided.
Voted	YES	January	4	Attended enough presentations , a tradeshow , and read enough on subject that I believe nwmo to be doing their due diligence so I trust the process of their selection
Voted	YES	January	5	Because we have spent time with the available information that has come to town and we understand it.
Voted	YES	January	6	Been to some of the meetings, they brought people from Finland and they made speeches at the Silvertops. I know enough.
Voted	YES	January	7	Excellent communication
Voted	YES	January	8	Feel ready with the information I have
Voted	YES	January	9	Great communication

Voted	YES	January	10	I am ready to log a choice as it is something I think everyone from ignace should do as it affects us all.
Voted	YES	January	11	i do because after ten years of quality education, touring bruce power and onkola finland i can confidently say this can be done safely
Voted	YES	January	12	I don't know, we read the things that come in the mail.
Voted	YES	January	13	I don't want it here, it's too risky.
Voted	YES	January	14	I feel I have a good understanding of the project because I have attended multiple information sessions and have been staying up to date on the progression of the project.
Voted	YES	January	15	I feel I have all the information I need to make an informed decision
Voted	YES	January	16	I feel I have enough information to make an informed decision
Voted	YES	January	17	I feel moderately well informed + am comfortable with the process + dgr construction + storage facility
Voted	YES	January	18	I feel the science behind the decision is sound and that all safety measures will be taken.
Voted	YES	January	19	I feel the selection process has been thorough and feel we are ready for the next step
Voted	YES	January	20	I had attended all the open houses and information sessions in the start and no longer needed to attend because the information became repetitive. Still go to some.
Voted	YES	January	21	I have a opportunity to have all my questions answered regarding the project and feel it is a safe a viable project that will benefit this community. I am all for it.
Voted	YES	January	22	I have asked quite a few questions, I didn't get enough answers, but I feel that there is still time to get more information. I am gonig to ask questions today.
Voted	YES	January	23	I have attended a number of the learning events, done my own research.
Voted	YES	January	24	I have attended numerous ICNLC meetings, seminars, and have been a part of Ignace engagement events both professionally and personally.
Voted	YES	January	25	I have attended the learn more center and have attended town forms
Voted	YES	January	26	I have been briefed, attended expos and completed hands on site tours of nuclear reactors and DGR.
Voted	YES	January	27	I have been following all of the research and information being provided to the community for the past 8 years.
Voted	YES	January	28	I have been following the NWMO story since it was first started, have attended several open house events and visited the proposed site
Voted	YES	January	29	I have been following the project for many years and feel well equipped with information to make a final decision.
Voted	YES	January	30	I have been involved with it since day one. I have visited the plants.
Voted	YES	January	31	I have been looking at both and have my own opinion. Reading information online and social media and have been to two separate NWMO open houses.
Voted	YES	January	32	I have been studying and researching everything I can find for about 13 years plus
Voted	YES	January	33	I have been to community outreach and interacted with educators and educational materials online several times. I have friends who work for NWMO with relevant degrees who have kindly broken down any questions i had.
Voted	YES	January	34	I have been to multiple event pertaining to the repository and feel that I have enough information to make an informed decision
Voted	YES	January	35	I have been to the learn more centre a few times and have gotten all my questions answered.
Voted	YES	January	36	I have been working underground for [sic] years, and I feel like it is more safe here than on the shore of the great lakes.
Voted	YES	January	37	I have done some research, and have had many opportunities to talk to various experts at information sessions. I have found the answers to any questions I've had to be well thought out and researched far beyond my knowledge base. I trust the scientists and the safe guards that are in place (or will be), should our location be chosen.
Voted	YES	January	38	I have followed it from the beginning I don't think you could find a better area for it.
Voted	YES	January	39	I have followed the information over the years since it was first introduced and most of the new gatherings for information as well.
Voted	YES	January	40	I have followed their presentations over the years.
Voted	YES	January	41	I have followed this since the beginning
Voted	YES	January	42	I have has pkebty of oppotunity to learn and gain knowledge on the project.

Voted	YES	January	43	I have heard every argument under the stars for the last five years, I have friends who are against and for the project. I always thought, those of us making the decision may not see the project happen. If people want their kids to grow up here they need things to make a living.
Voted	YES	January	44	I have learned from all of the information sessions that have been provided, at the mall and the learning centre.
Voted	YES	January	45	I have looked into every aspect I could think of. I have attended information convention and I have debated the subject on facebook
Voted	YES	January	46	I have not wavered my support for the NWMO, I think it's a great opportunity for Ignace.
Voted	YES	January	47	I have read up on it and have been told by a friend who went to Finland and was able to see how it was preserved in the ground in canisters, that is was safe. But in life, Nothing is 100% safe.
Voted	YES	January	48	I have taken the time to learn about it and do the research and attend the learning opportunities that have been made available. I have also attended a learn more tour.
Voted	YES	January	49	I have worked in mines all of my life, I have experience that I've accumulated over the years. Knowledge of the project. Basically the same as mining.
Voted	YES	January	50	I know a lot I've listened to my friends and pay attention to the information that is made available.
Voted	YES	January	51	I know some stuff, but not enough to decide yes or no if I want it.
Voted	YES	January	52	I know that the risk is too high, nothing should be put in man made containers and put into the ground as it will eventually corrode and leak. The transportation by truck over 1000's of kms, with drivers who don't have training or the proper licenses and this is too risky.
Voted	YES	January	53	I know the area that it is located it is a perfect location
Voted	YES	January	54	I read everything about the project.
Voted	YES	January	55	I think that people are making a mountain out of a mole hill and the waste has to go somewhere and it's the best option to use the Ignace site.
Voted	YES	January	56	[sic] and I have been following all along, gone to the site and had a tour.
Voted	YES	January	57	I've attended all the learn more centre info sessions, I've seen the things that they use for travel the truck with the containers and I ask questions. I've talked to my friends, NWMO, the info has been made accessible to me. She saw a core and pellets, looked to see the fission in the rock.
Voted	YES	January	58	I've been following the project for around 15 years and feel confident I know enough about it to make an informed decision. For example, I am trained in mathematics and have some business experience. I know that it's important to minimize risks, it's not about anyone guaranteeing there are no risks. No one can tell us there are no risks with this project, but I know the chance of a transportation accident that results in radiation escaping to harm people is exceedingly small, so that's an acceptable risk.
Voted	YES	January	59	I've been to enough info sessions and have educated myself using the learn more centre and have a good understanding of what it entails.
Voted	YES	January	60	I've been to quite a few meetings and read a lot about the project.
Voted	YES	January	61	I've heard enough discussion and I feel well informed now.
Voted	YES	January	62	I've read and attended every presentation and read lost in the paper about the place in Finland. There are way more radical environmentalists in Finland than here and if it's good enough for them they've already done the research over there., we won't find a loop hole or problem.
Voted	YES	January	63	I've talked with my husband and we understand and I trust that it is safe and a good idea.
Voted	YES	January	64	Just feel like I know enough.
Voted	YES	January	65	Listen and read and understand what it's about.
Voted	YES	January	66	My husband shares enough information that I understand the implications of the project.
Voted	YES	January	67	No response provided.
Voted	YES	January	68	No response provided.
Voted	YES	January	69	No response provided.
Voted	YES	January	70	The NWMO has been coming to Ignace long before they have setup an office here. I believe the research and careful process of managing nuclear waste material is acceptable and professionally taken care of.
Voted	YES	January	71	They have had a lot of open houses, I've gone to a few and I have talked to the people who have gone to Finland, and they are impressed and say that it's safe.
Voted	YES	January	72	Transportation is too risky, nuclear waste should be stored on a previously hot site, threatens my livelihood as a tourist operator because of the stigma of nuclear waste. The amount of activity within

				the community is going to deter tourism attractions. Also could hinder mining activities in the area that has a very large deposit of minerals.
Voted	YES	January	73	We deserve more than Dryden. If it is anywhere in Northern Ontario it should be here. We have been attending information sessions and came to the Expo and did the virtual reality.
Voted	YES	January	74	We have been to the open houses and learned about the safety, done the virtual reality tour and visited the site. I have all the information I need.
Voted	YES	January	75	We have lived here for [sic] years before and we have been attending and we have been paying attention to the information.
Voted	YES	January	76	We've been hearing about it for a long while, we've attended the Learn More Centre. It's been at the golf course a few times.
Voted	YES	January	77	When it first came out we went to see what it was all about, they had the containers and we are comfortable with that and then what I hear I am convinced that what we have seen is safe.
Voted	YES	January	78	When it first started we went to quite a few open houses and spoke with Anne and Rachelle and we feel that it's very secure. We have no issue with it.
Voted	YES	January	79	Years of listening to people talk, visiting learn more centre, being a part of the liaison community, and attending relevant events
Voted	YES	January	80	Years of testing and education on the project.
Voted	YES	January	81	You have read information online, talked to others.
Voted	YES	February	1	I researched nuclear waste
Voted	YES	February	2	I'm well aware
Voted	YES	February	3	I feel I have sufficiently educated myself on the DGR, and am confident that it is an overall benefit for the Town.
Voted	YES	February	4	I have read a number of articles and opinions on the topic.
Voted	YES	February	5	I've done some research and I believe I'm ready
Voted	YES	February	6	No response provided.

Voted	YES	March	1	I am 100% completely against this repository. The nuclear waste should stay where it is as it is a major threat to us and our environment to move it. Nobody wants nuclear waste in their backyard. I have recently put in a well which is [sic] feet deep and fear that this will contaminate our waters, lands and air. Nothing has ever been what people say especially science. Ignace has always been in my heart [sic]. It has always been my hunting and fishing grounds which I fear will be contaminated, as it is my Treaty lands. Where else will I go where I would feel safe to hunt and fish? I also feel that we are a tiny Township and our voice is so small compared to the community of the Bruce area which is quite populated and will have a stronger voice, so we cannot compare. I am 100% against this repository no matter what is said in any meetings. I will likely move if this comes to Ignace.
Voted	YES	March	2	I own property in Ignace and am informed on this issue.
Voted	YES	March	3	- transportation through cities and towns either by rail or highway over single lane highways where accidents happen at an alarming numbers put all of Central and Northwestern Ontario at risk. Weather conditions during winter often put traffic at a standstill for days. -the watershed that, if a leak should occur or a spill from a transport truck carrying waste is already suffering repercussions from the mercury contamination from the Dryden Mill in the 1970's - what will the repercussion for property owners of seasonal residents like us, with a nuclear dump site in the vicinity -what repercussions be to tourism and lodge owners with a nuclear dump site in the vicinity of popular fishing and blueberry picking
Voted	YES	March	4	Because I have reviewed the argument and believe it will be long term safe to store.
Voted	YES	March	5	I have educated myself around the project and feel confident.
Voted	YES	March	6	I have educated myself.
Voted	YES	March	7	I have followed this initiative since its inception and have attended a Learn More trip to facilities in southern Ontario.
Voted	YES	March	8	I have gone to some of the events and feel informed
Voted	YES	March	9	I have listened to what the nuclear cells are stored in.
Voted	YES	March	10	I have participated in local learning events and completed my own research and feel relatively informed.



Voted	YES	March	11	I have read and listened to both sides over the past few years and feel I understand the pros, cons and risks involved.
Voted	YES	March	12	I have taken a keen interest in this endeavour and have visited the Learn More Centre on a few occasions. I feel the leg work thus far has been thorough and that the site selection is ideal. I am ready!
Voted	YES	March	13	I was a councillor involved in the beginning of this project process.
Voted	YES	March	14	I work for the NWMO and have spent 6 years learning about or social And technical programs
Voted	YES	March	15	I've educated myself enough to feel informed. Further, I am the former ICNLC Coordinator in 2022 and feel within that position I explored information on the DGR and feel confident in my decisions.
Voted	YES	March	16	I've visited the nwmo office many times and went to the site. I've visited the information trailer when it comes to Ignace. It seems safe and I think burying it in a safe facility is the best choice for Canada.
Voted	YES	March	17	Its been over 10 years with many professionals working on the project. Its a whole of society problem and they have demonstrated to me they are investing in mitigating concerns and understanding any gaps that exist.
Voted	YES	March	18	No response provided.
Voted	YES	March	19	[sic] was councillor at the beginning of learn more process
Voted	YES	April	1	Because nothing I have been told or have read has changed my opinion
Voted	YES	April	2	Nothing I've read or heard has changed my opinion
Voted	YES	April	3	[Staff Person] at the NWMO was very helpful and explained everything very well
Voted	YES	April	4	Any questions I have had were answered in a timely manner.
Voted	YES	April	5	As long as doesn't my business
Voted	YES	April	6	Attended the NWMO information session
Voted	YES	April	7	Because I am
Voted	YES	April	8	Because I live here, it's going to be safe and we are not going to be here when it happens.
Voted	YES	April	9	Because I live here.
Voted	YES	April	10	Because I read everything that I get in the mail box.
Voted	YES	April	11	Because I think its a positive thing for the community I've always believed it to be a good thing
Voted	YES	April	12	Because I was in the [sic] and I know what nuclear stuff is.
Voted	YES	April	13	Because I went to the learning.
Voted	YES	April	14	Because I went to the things and listened to the information. I used to live near the [sic] nuclear plant.
Voted	YES	April	15	Because I'm Smart.
Voted	YES	April	16	Because I've attended a few of the sessions.
Voted	YES	April	17	Because if we don't get this ,then this town is going to have nothing.This council don't want to see anything happening in Ignace.
Voted	YES	April	18	Because it looks safe to me
Voted	YES	April	19	Because it time to make a choice
Voted	YES	April	20	Because it time to make a choice
Voted	YES	April	21	Because it's about dang time
Voted	YES	April	22	Because it's radiation and I don't like the idea, it's not going to harm me but I am concerned about my kids and my grandkids being impacted. There is a chance that there will be an accident and it will get into the waterways. I just feel that they should keep it where they are making it and why do they have to move it. I'm worried about what can happen
Voted	YES	April	23	Because we have researched and are educated on the process and feel it would be beneficial to the growth of the community moving forward .
Voted	YES	April	24	Because with the information that I have received from NWMO it's the best and the safest place.
Voted	YES	April	25	Been going on for so long

Voted	YES	April	26	Been to info sessions
Voted	YES	April	27	Being evolved since started
Voted	YES	April	28	Cause I know my answer
Voted	YES	April	29	done my research
Voted	YES	April	30	Followed all the info
Voted	YES	April	31	From all of the community events that we go to from NWMO.
Voted	YES	April	32	From everything that I've read and what people have been saying. I think that it's a good thing for Ignace.
Voted	YES	April	33	From the inception of the process to find a suitable location and Ignace was among the choices I have researched the the cost /benefits of it be located near Ignace. I feel the benefit an site choice are more beneficial over all.
Voted	YES	April	34	Have attended educational events put on by the nwmo
Voted	YES	April	35	Have attended information sessions,have had lengthy discussions with people on both sides of the issue.
Voted	YES	April	36	Have been looking into it for 5 or more years
Voted	YES	April	37	Have done a lot of reading on the topic.
Voted	YES	April	38	Have done my research and weighed out the pros and cons to come to a decision that is best for me, my community, and what is best for our country and future.
Voted	YES	April	39	Have got plenty of information to my decision
Voted	YES	April	40	Have read all info
Voted	YES	April	41	Have read lots of information with regards to this.
Voted	YES	April	42	Have researched both sidesthouroughly and attended information sessions .
Voted	YES	April	43	Have stayed up to date on information provided by NWMO and opposing sides
Voted	YES	April	44	Heard enough already
Voted	YES	April	45	Heard lots about it.
Voted	YES	April	46	Her cousin has been to Finland, we've discussed the trip and I think I have enough information.
Voted	YES	April	47	I am in Ignace often and have toured the office facility and read the information provided
Voted	YES	April	48	I am informed and ready to make my choice
Voted	YES	April	49	I am ready
Voted	YES	April	50	I am satisfied with the info about the site and all involved with it.
Voted	YES	April	51	I am thinking of the long term future generations that this decision impacts. I am thinking of the country's responsibility to deal with the current backlog of waist to process. I believe the research is sound in placing it underground at this location.
Voted	YES	April	52	I attended several presentations that helped me to understand the safety of this project.
Voted	YES	April	53	I attended the Northwest Nuclear Exploration Event held in Ignace on Saturday, April 13th, 2023 and talked with 4 (four) Qualified Engineers and feel confident enough to make a decision now. As long as Safety is the forefront of the deep geological repository project near the Revell Site, water should not be a problem, nor transportation that I see. I also like the idea of using Robots which the engineers are still working on and testing.
Voted	YES	April	54	I attended the nuclear event in Ignace
Voted	YES	April	55	I believe it's safe and don't see any reason why not
Voted	YES	April	56	I believe the benefits out weigh the costs.
Voted	YES	April	57	I believe the education they have given!!
Voted	YES	April	58	I don't agree there should be a degree in canada
Voted	YES	April	59	I don't feel like I am ready but today is the dead line

Voted	YES	April	60	I don't have an answer for that question.
Voted	YES	April	61	I feel assured of this project and feel i need to express my support to have this project go forward and give this town a chance for prosperity.
Voted	YES	April	62	I feel I have enough knowledge about the DGR.
Voted	YES	April	63	I feel I know the benefits to the cause
Voted	YES	April	64	I feel informed
Voted	YES	April	65	I feel informed
Voted	YES	April	66	I feel it is safe
Voted	YES	April	67	I feel like is have enough information.
Voted	YES	April	68	I feel ready to log a choice as this is a subject that could affect our town for ages.
Voted	YES	April	69	I feel ready to log a choice because of all the information that has been presented at the Learn More Centre as well as the information gathered from the Nuclear Exploration Event.
Voted	YES	April	70	I feel the storage will be safe. It should be in a site that is remote, with a low population density. The economic impacts are unparalleled and will initiate much needed infrastructure to the north.
Voted	YES	April	71	I feel this something good for the community for years to come, growing up there is was amazing place to live, now there is little to no opportunity for younger people to stay
Voted	YES	April	72	I feel well-informed.
Voted	YES	April	73	I found that they explain things well for my brain.
Voted	YES	April	74	I have all the info i need
Voted	YES	April	75	I have all the information I need
Voted	YES	April	76	I have all the information I need.
Voted	YES	April	77	I have attended enough information sessions that I am able to make a sound decision
Voted	YES	April	78	I have attended information sessions already.
Voted	YES	April	79	I have attended numerous education sessions and toured the reactor in Pickering (McMaster)
Voted	YES	April	80	I have attended several information sessions and visited the dry storage site.
Voted	YES	April	81	I have attended several sessions regarding the nuclear waste and I feel that I can make an informed decision
Voted	YES	April	82	I have been considering it for more than a decade and feel strongly about my choice.
Voted	YES	April	83	I have been educated on the subject though the trips and workshops I have taken for work along with doing my own research
Voted	YES	April	84	I have been educating myself on the information that has been provided.
Voted	YES	April	85	I have been engaged for several years and part of many committees
Voted	YES	April	86	I have been following along and asking the right questions and based my decision off of science and common sense
Voted	YES	April	87	I have been following the DGR proposal since Ignace asked to be considered 10 or 11 years ago. I have attended the Learn More center numerous times and attended several information sessions involving the pro and anti voices. I have researched this issue thoroughly and I am ready to log a choice.
Voted	YES	April	88	I have been following the information for several years.
Voted	YES	April	89	I have been following this proposition for a long time. I am NOT supportive.
Voted	YES	April	90	I have been keeping abreast of all pertinent info from the start.
Voted	YES	April	91	I have been reading about this for four years and spoken to the Town officials
Voted	YES	April	92	I have been reading the information as provided as well as the updates on the decision. I also have read information provided on the numbers of accidents that occur on our highways plus recall the train incidents that happened on rail services also. I have a healthcare education background and am well aware of the dangers and devastating effects of of radiation exposure.
Voted	YES	April	93	I have been to conferences and a lot of talks about it.

Voted	YES	April	94	I have discussed the topic with a number of people and feel I have received enough information from both sides to form my opinion.
Voted	YES	April	95	I have done my own research and am comfortable with the repository in Ignace
Voted	YES	April	96	I have done my own research, chatted with various NWMO staff, as well as attended the learning trip to Finland's DGR.
Voted	YES	April	97	I have done some research and I do not feel confident in our transportation with our drivers, roads, rail or air.
Voted	YES	April	98	I have educated myself enough at this point to make the decision that I feel is best.
Voted	YES	April	99	I have educated myself re the issue
Voted	YES	April	100	I have educated myself through community information sessions.
Voted	YES	April	101	I have enough information
Voted	YES	April	102	I have enough information
Voted	YES	April	103	I have enough information
Voted	YES	April	104	I have enough information to make a logical decision
Voted	YES	April	105	I have enough information to make my choice
Voted	YES	April	106	I have enough information to make my decision
Voted	YES	April	107	I have enough information.
Voted	YES	April	108	I have followed all the information
Voted	YES	April	109	I have followed most presentations over the past years and spoken to many representatives. I feel I can make an informed choice with the information I have gathered.
Voted	YES	April	110	I have heard and researched all angles and am ready to vote.
Voted	YES	April	111	I have informed myself and have all the information I need. I will vote yes.
Voted	YES	April	112	I have investigated and support
Voted	YES	April	113	I have just listening to everyone's side of it. The people who are for it are lazy and the people are against it are going door to door.
Voted	YES	April	114	I have kept up to date on all available information.
Voted	YES	April	115	I have knowlage of both sides and feel I can make my decision on the support or non-support of the DGR
Voted	YES	April	116	I have learned about the project and the benefits.
Voted	YES	April	117	I have learning about the project for over 10 years.
Voted	YES	April	118	I have listened to both sides of the issue.
Voted	YES	April	119	I have looked amd reviewed all the information provided to us by the NWMO and followed debates online
Voted	YES	April	120	I have made my decision
Voted	YES	April	121	I have made my decision
Voted	YES	April	122	I have made up my mind. I am NOT supportive
Voted	YES	April	123	I have participated in education conferences and conversations
Voted	YES	April	124	I have read and processed available written material as well as discussed with friends in Ignace
Voted	YES	April	125	I have read and questioned and checked out info at Learn More Center and am quite satisfied in my knowledge.
Voted	YES	April	126	I have read and understand information that has been provided by NWMO
Voted	YES	April	127	I have read and visited the center and feel comfortable with what I know
Voted	YES	April	128	I have received information and gone to events.
Voted	YES	April	129	I have reclined information from the NWMO office. Chantelle was really informative

Voted	YES	April	130	I have researched information from all parties concerned and am ready to cast my vote
Voted	YES	April	131	I have researched the subject.
Voted	YES	April	132	I have researched, and feel that it would be beneficial to have the used nuclear site near Ignace, and safe to do so.
Voted	YES	April	133	I have studied and read reports from all angles and feel I am more than ready to make an informed decision and vote.
Voted	YES	April	134	I have studied up on the matter and read the literature.
Voted	YES	April	135	I have taken in all the information I need to make an informed decision.
Voted	YES	April	136	I have taken the time to talk with the staff at NWMO and other professionals
Voted	YES	April	137	I haven't gone to all the meetings, I've heard about it a lot and have read some of the pamphlets, heard some people's opinions that I trust.
Voted	YES	April	138	I just have enough.
Voted	YES	April	139	I just know.
Voted	YES	April	140	I just know. It's all nice and all that but it's going to come with a cost and the taxes are going to go up again.
Voted	YES	April	141	I know all I need to know.
Voted	YES	April	142	I learned enough from the Learn More Centre and the exploration event
Voted	YES	April	143	I live here and can see how it will help us
Voted	YES	April	144	I owned this home in Ignace for over [sic] years and have researched and got education on the process involved, and I am confident that this will help the community grow and prosper for many years to come.
Voted	YES	April	145	I have shown lots of information both in Ignace and Thunder Bay about the project.
Voted	YES	April	146	I started out against the proposal. I discussed the proposal with other Ignace citizens- both those against the proposal and those for it. I visited Ignace's information center. I read provided information. I talked to two of the people who participated in the trips to other facilities. I have had lots of time to
				think and I have changed my mind. Changing my mind about an important issue is not something I do easily. I feel I can make an informed choice.
Voted	YES	April	147	I trust the science.
Voted	YES	April	148	I understand this project
Voted	YES	April	149	I visited the Ignace information center describing the transfer process and permanent storage of the spent fuel. I believe it is deep enough and remote enough not to pose a down the road problem with contaminated ecosystems. The prospect of township revenue and prosperity warrants a willing and engaged public. I'm on board as a supporter of the project. I enjoy the Ignace area and plan my retirement to be spent there in the summers.
Voted	YES	April	150	I went to Oakville and all the engineers were telling us how it would travel, and all the tests that make sure it is safe. The reading that I've done indicates that the environmental and safety is good. I hope that they will find something to do with the waste so we won't need to dispose of it.
Voted	YES	April	151	I wish people would pay more attention to what it entails but they don't
Voted	YES	April	152	I worked in several uranium mines in [sic]. I am well aware of the practices for radioactive material handling
Voted	YES	April	153	I'm a core Ignace resident and have witnessed community dynamics for years. I do not suspect that there will be any new science that will come along, rather there will be deeper and further explanations about what is known and what will be discovered, effectively putting us at a pathway where a decision is required and my decision is to proceed.
Voted	YES	April	154	[sic] the water will go through anything and the waste will become acid and will go into the water. And I have grandchildren. The jobs that will come will be all contractors it's not going to help the town.
Voted	YES	April	155	I'm confident that I have enough info to make a choice
Voted	YES	April	156	I'm ready
Voted	YES	April	157	I'm ready
Voted	YES	April	158	I'm ready
Voted	YES	April	159	I've been around long enough to see what's going on.

Voted	YES	April	160	I've been dealing with this since 1982 that's when we started looking at this.
Voted	YES	April	161	I've been doing this for over 10 years, studying the project.
Voted	YES	April	162	I've been following the information, but have stopped following when we had issues within the Town council. I do think that the project could be a benefit.
Voted	YES	April	163	I've been hearing lots about it.
Voted	YES	April	164	I've been here my whole life and have been involved with NWMO for more than 10 years. I know what's going on.
Voted	YES	April	165	I've been informed, I've been following, I've gone through information sessions from the town. I'm a life long tree hugger and ecologist. The fact that I have not heard a word from Green peace tells me something. Sometimes it's more important what who you don't hear from. I want something done with it before global climate change is the primary driver of our economy.
Voted	YES	April	166	I've been kind of keeping up with it since they started it getting information, went to the office once to get some info.
Voted	YES	April	167	I've been listening and paying attention to the project for a long time.
Voted	YES	April	168	I've been listening and watching and paying attention.
Voted	YES	April	169	I've been listening and watching, but would like to learn a few more things
Voted	YES	April	170	I've been listening to my niece and brother who have been involved, I feel that someone has to take responsibility for the waste and why not here. They wouldn't be putting it here if it wasn't safe.
Voted	YES	April	171	I've been listening.
Voted	YES	April	172	I've been on the committee, I explored Oakville, talked to a lot of people involved. I don't feel that accidents are going to be an issue, although transportation might be an issue there are process that will reduce help reduce the risk and ensure that it's safe and environmentally friendly.
Voted	YES	April	173	I've been on the tours, just got back from one in Toronto.
Voted	YES	April	174	I've been reading different things, we toured the learn more centre, I talked to people who have gone to Finland.
Voted	YES	April	175	I've been reading everything since it began.
Voted	YES	April	176	I've been reading the basics of what's going on.
Voted	YES	April	177	I've been tracking the process over the past while, I have been to the field tour in Oakville. Have been talking to people locally and understanding what is going on.
Voted	YES	April	178	I've been up to date with everything that has been happening over the last 10 years. There has been enough information.
Voted	YES	April	179	I've been watching all the hype and feel that I have enough information. I have been paying attention to it for a long time.
Voted	YES	April	180	I've been working with the guys who are working at the site and have talked to a lot of people.
Voted	YES	April	181	I've done my research and confident of my choice
Voted	YES	April	182	I've educated myself by asking questions and visiting the learn more center and other events
Voted	YES	April	183	I've got information from reputable sources that have been researched and documented from scholarly sources.
Voted	YES	April	184	I've have been following and taking part in what I feel are fair and comprehensive information sessions
Voted	YES	April	185	I've informed myself through my own research and through the team at the learn more center in Ignace
Voted	YES	April	186	I've informed myself, I had the opportunity to go to Finland and see the safety and the process. There is always going to be, technology that's going to change and we are early in the process. The community needs something and this material needs to go somewhere and we have the proper rock formation.
Voted	YES	April	187	I've learned enough and trust the science and processes.
Voted	YES	April	188	I've listened and read stuff.
Voted	YES	April	189	I've lived here a long time and have generations here, I won't live to see this happen, it's going to take them 25 years to build it. This is for my great grandchildren and my children.
Voted	YES	April	190	I've lived with a guy from NWMO and I've been on site.
Voted	YES	April	191	I've made my decision

Voted	YES	April	192	I've read as much as I felt necessary regarding the technology and safety issues that I am comfortable making a decision.
Voted	YES	April	193	I've read enough listened to conversations and feel I all ready to make my decision.
Voted	YES	April	194	I've read everything I can read and listened to everything I can listen to.
Voted	YES	April	195	I've read quite a bit on it. I've seen W5 on CTV did a story, there is one in New Mexico and there was another that they were going to build near the Windsor border. Read Bill Gates news, we need a way to generate power and nuclear might be the only way we can do that.
Voted	YES	April	196	I've researched it.
Voted	YES	April	197	If it comes it comes.
Voted	YES	April	198	If it wasn't in the ground to start with it shouldn't be there. Not in Ignace.
Voted	YES	April	199	In-depth discussions with my husband
Voted	YES	April	200	Information acquired
Voted	YES	April	201	It has to go somewhere.
Voted	YES	April	202	It's been safe where it has been since now. So I don't see an issue if it comes here.
Voted	YES	April	203	It's going to be a win win, good for the economy and the community for years to come. People will get employment from it and will help keep the town going.
Voted	YES	April	204	It's got to be safe, we don't know what is on the highways now and the this stuff is going to be hauled safely.
Voted	YES	April	205	Its voting day and i have all the information i need
Voted	YES	April	206	Just read a lot about it.
Voted	YES	April	207	Just reading.
Voted	YES	April	208	Just want the vote done with
Voted	YES	April	209	Know about it been keeping up on
Voted	YES	April	210	Let's get this over with
Voted	YES	April	211	Life experience, combined with taking the time to attend the educational sessions provided by MWMO.
Voted	YES	April	212	Lots of info and time to make my decision
Voted	YES	April	213	More confident with my decision talking with the Nuclear Engineers about my concerns with the ground material and water. Spent approximately an hour with them on Saturday, April 13, 2024 at the Northwest Nuclear Exploration Event in Ignace.
Voted	YES	April	214	My decision is made
Voted	YES	April	215	My husband and I have gone to meetings and visited the NWM Team along with meetings at the Tavern.
Voted	YES	April	216	My kids and my grand kids live here and they want stay and employment will get better and they will be able to stay.
Voted	YES	April	217	No matter what we all play a part in what happens
Voted	YES	April	218 - 328	No response provided.
Voted	YES	April	329	not interested in answering
Voted	YES	April	330	not interested in this question
Voted	YES	April	331	not sure about what I should vote.
Voted	YES	April	332	not voting just telling them no
Voted	YES	April	333	Nothing realistically will change from and a year from now
Voted	YES	April	334	Our minds are made up
Voted	YES	April	335	Over informed.
Voted	YES	April	336	Participated in knowledge sessions
Voted	YES	April	337	Participated in the conference

				Read material given
Voted	YES	April	338	Plenty of thought and research to make my choice
Voted	YES	April	339	Read all the information provided to me.
Voted	YES	April	340	Reading documentation and I've been to NWMO
Voted	YES	April	341	Ready
Voted	YES	April	342	Researched the benefits
Voted	YES	April	343	resident
Voted	YES	April	344	Right choice and right place
Voted	YES	April	345	Safer of the 2 places
Voted	YES	April	346	She know enough to make decision
Voted	YES	April	347	Something that is relatively new in the world and our topography has the right geological rock to make it a worthwhile project that we believe at this time to be safe. Nuclear energy is a very important alternative to decrease green house gasses around the world.
Voted	YES	April	348	The questions that I had have been answered and I'm not afraid of technology.
Voted	YES	April	349	There has been a lot of input of information from the NWMO.
Voted	YES	April	350	There will be several advantages for Ignace & the residents if we are chosen. With the knowledge I have been provided I feel that it is very safe for our community.
Voted	YES	April	351	There's been a lot of information available online and in person.
Voted	YES	April	352	They have done a lot of educational events and there are places you can go to learn about it. There is lots of information out there.
Voted	YES	April	353	They have spent years explaining and showing us how it will work. I love it.
Voted	YES	April	354	They send me stuff every week and I go to the events and research .
Voted	YES	April	355	Took tour of the mobile trailer to learn about the DGR.
Voted	YES	April	356	UNDERSTAND WHAT IS AT RISK
Voted	YES	April	357	Very good for the future
Voted	YES	April	358	Very well informed
Voted	YES	April	359	We have been receiving information about the nuclear waste for many years and I believe I have enough information to make a informed response
Voted	YES	April	360	We have been to meetings and visited NWM and agree to have it
Voted	YES	April	361	We need something in this town
Voted	YES	April	362	We've gone to lots of information sessions, talked to the people who have travelled to other sites, and believe that it's all good.
Voted	YES	April	363	We've looked at all the information and we have a certain feeling.
Voted	YES	April	364	Well informed
Voted	YES	April	365	Who would be willing to expedite your mothers death by injecting some posionious substance and stand there and watch her die
Voted	YES	April	366	word of mouth and people going to informed meetings
Voted	YES	April	<b>367</b>	Yes
Voted	YES	May*	1	Because I I have enough information for the project as well as I know the area. Also, I am well aware of the economy of the Town
Voted	YES	May*	2	Because they asked us to vote on their behalf..
Voted	YES	May*	3	Because they have provided us a paper ballot to submit
Voted	YES	May*	4	Because they have provided us the paper ballot to submit
Voted	YES	May*	5	I am ready because I have been listening and reading a lot of the information being put out in our town.



Voted	YES	May*	6-9	No response provided.
Voted	YES	May*	10	We know this because they asked us to vote for them in a paper ballot.

**577** Voters declared they were ready to choose.

**Table B - Resident Participants who Expressed Readiness to Choose and Did Not Vote - 17 in Total**

Status	Ready to Choose?	Month Response Logged	Tally by Month	Reason for Readiness Provided by the Resident Participant
Approved	YES	November	1	Heard enough and great for area
Approved	YES	November	2	I have been involved with this project since the selection process 1st started [sic]
Approved	YES	November	3	Listened to information
Approved	YES	November	4	No response provided.
Approved	YES	January	1	There is enough information out there. If I need more i just go to the office and get more.
Approved	YES	April	1	As a Native person that has been in treaty 3 area for 20 years I have got to see the damage that has been done to the communities, the waters, and the lands. From this pattern of mistreatment of the land il cannot agree with this project going forward. The people making this decision are all misinformed. They are misinformed by a society belief that you just work pay your taxes and die. They don't consider the next generation and "say we won't be here"(meaning I will be gone anyways, not thinking about their children, grandchildren or the land.). [sic] I understand the land through my expereince working on it. I grew up on a trap line in these territories. This land is sacred and need to treat it as such. [sic] I am saying NO to this decision of having Nuclear waste stored in this territory. [sic] stand with me. Miigwetch.
Approved	YES	April	2	Because I am educated
Approved	YES	April	3	Community events, I have been to the NWMO learning centre.
Approved	YES	April	4	Just from what I've learned and common sense.
Approved	YES	April	5	No response provided.
Approved	YES	April	6	No response provided.
Approved	YES	April	7	No response provided.
Approved	YES	April	8	No response provided.
Approved	YES	April	9	No response provided.
Approved	YES	April	10	The information that has been around.
Approved	YES	April	11	The NWMO has consistently offered facts over numerous years. The open house discussions, the learn more centre, and the events that have been facilitated have been very educational.
Approved	YES	May*	1	Know all I need to know

**17** Resident participants declared they were ready to choose and did not vote in the end.

Total Number of Resident Participants who Declared Readiness to choose: **594 of 660**

**Table C - Resident Participants who Expressed They Were Not Ready to Choose and Did Not Vote - 1 in Total**

Status	Ready to Choose?	Month Response Logged	Tally by Month	Responses Provided by the Resident Participant for Further Information
Approved	NO	April	1	No response provided.

**1** Resident Participant Declared They Were Not Ready to Choose and Did Not Vote

**Table D - Resident Participants who Expressed They Were Not Ready to Choose and Voted - 33 in Total**

Status	Ready to Choose?	Month Response Logged	Tally by Month	Responses Provided by the Resident Participant for Further Information
Voted	NO	November	1	Some concern about safety at the above ground site. THe human factor.
Voted	NO	November	2	I don't know what I don't know. If it's something that could help the community then I could support it . We've been talking about building the community for a long time and haven't seen results.
Voted	NO	November	3	I would like more safety information regarding the re-packaging plant at the site. Air, Water, above ground temporary storage.
Voted	NO	November	4	Environmental risks for surrounding areas.

Voted	NO	November	5	Environmental Risks
Voted	NO	November	6	No more information needed really, i just need to decide if i want my community to change
Voted	NO	November	7	No response provided.
Voted	NO	January	1	I don't understand any of the project, I didn't get involved with any of the information that has been around. I don't have an opinion.
Voted	NO	January	2	na
Voted	NO	January	3	Transportation, how are they going to move it into the ground? is it men who move it or robots? If there was ever a disaster are they ready to take care of it? There is always a chance of bad things happening.
Voted	NO	January	4	Transportation of the spent fuel to the DGR. If new standards are identified will the plans for the DGR be upgraded.
Voted	NO	January	5	I am interested in learn more and have my say.
Voted	NO	January	6	Any .. I have not participated beyond one stop in at the learning centre .
Voted	NO	January	7	What will happen to Ignace? Will it grow or will it be Dryden?
Voted	NO	March	1	No response provided.
Voted	NO	March	2	Long term monitoring
Voted	NO	April	1	The downsides/dangers have not been addressed by NWMO
Voted	NO	April	2	more information about the transportation how many jobs will be offer for Ignace population and for how many year would it help to rebuilt the economy of Ignace
Voted	NO	April	3-17	No response provided.

### 33 Resident Participants Declared They Were Not Ready and Voted

Total Number of Resident Participants who Declared They Were Not Ready to choose: **34 of 660**



## Your Voice. Your Choice.

**Residents and Property Owners of Ignace ages 16+ as of April 30th, 2024:**

**Cast your decision about progressing as a host community of the potential siting of a DGR of used nuclear fuel near Ignace April 26-30th, 2024**

You are invited to participate in the Ignace Willingness Study

After more than ten years of interaction with the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) for the potential siting of a Deep Geological Repository (DGR) of used nuclear fuel near Ignace Ontario, the Township of Ignace has arrived at a milestone.

The Township is now offering an opportunity for the residents of Ignace to be formally heard and accounted for as the key voice in determining if the town wants to continue progressing with the NWMO and the potential DGR siting process, or not.

This process is called a Willingness Study.

The Willingness Study, a confidential and structured process to capture the choice and voice of residents and property owners over the age of 16 as of April 30th, 2024, is taking place between November 2023 and April 30th, 2024.

We are a dedicated group of community-based researchers from With Chéla Inc., known as the Engagement Team, offering support to help you navigate the process and participate in logging your choice about the potential siting of the DGR of used nuclear fuel near Ignace.

You now have until 11:59 PM April 30th, 2024 to take the following steps to participate in the process and log your final choice about your position on continuing as a potential host community of the DGR.

Visit our website  
from this QR:



Turn over for  
more info

# Appendix F - First Letter Continued

## **REGISTER to Participate**

Visit the website [www.yourchoiceignace.ca](http://www.yourchoiceignace.ca) and click REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE HERE

Need help to get registered? No problem.

There is a video on the above mentioned website that walks you through how to register. If you need more assistance contact the Engagement Team for direct support.

## **ANSWER the Preliminary Questions**

Once you have added the information we need to ensure you are eligible to participate, there are questions about whether you are ready to choose and what more information you might want to be able to choose. Within this process you will also be asked if you'd like to offer an optional interview to explain your choice confidentially.

## **SCHEDULE an Optional Interview**

If you select the interview option in the system when registering, you will be contacted by the Engagement Team to schedule the interview when the team visits Ignace in late April or online beforehand.

## **LOG your Final Choice**

Between April 26th and 30th, 2024 you will login to the same system and submit your final choice about the DGR, just like a voting period in an election. The Engagement Team will be in town to offer support to register, access the system, and make your final choice so it can be counted in our report confidentially.

### **You can only cast your choice between 12:01 AM April 26th and 11:59 PM April 30th, 2024**

We will be in town at the ARENA/Curling Hall during this time period to help you log your choice:

Friday April 26th, 2024 - Registration + Log your Choice from 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Saturday April 27th, 2024 - Registration + Log your Choice from 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Sunday April 28th, 2024 - Registration + Log your Choice by appointment only

Monday April 29th, 2024 - Registration + Log your Choice from 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Tuesday April 30th, 2024 - Registration + Log your Choice from 7:00 AM - 11:00 PM\*

\*Arena Doors close, logging the choice open until 11:59PM online

If you want help to get registered, you can register during that time period with support from our Registrar in person before you log your choice.

You can also log your choice using the username and password for your account during that time period from anywhere with internet access on your personal device.

**Contact the Engagement Team anytime toll-free at 877-473-4090, locally at 807-697-0565 to access our voicemail service for a call back, or email us at [yourvoice@withchela.ca](mailto:yourvoice@withchela.ca).**

**Access our website at [www.yourchoiceignace.ca](http://www.yourchoiceignace.ca) for all the information you need to participate.**

# Appendix G - Last Letter



## Your Voice. Your Choice.

Dear Resident,

Did you know that Ignace Township is a potential host community of a Deep Geological Repository of used nuclear fuel? As a part of this process, the Township wants to hear from residents and property owners to understand the community's willingness to continue as a potential host community.

We, the Engagement Team, are the group hired to collect your opinions and votes to gauge community willingness and report to the Township.

Our process is called a Willingness Study and is being conducted now.

The Willingness Study, is a confidential process to capture the choice and voice of residents and property owners over the age of 16 as of April 30th, 2024. The Study is taking place between November 2023 and April 30th, 2024.

### **OUR RECORDS SHOW THAT YOU HAVE NOT YET REGISTERED TO PARTICIPATE.**

Please go to our website, [www.yourchoiceignace.ca](http://www.yourchoiceignace.ca), and click on the REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE HERE button to participate. Once you have registered our team will review and if eligible, approve your participation. You will receive an email with login instructions to our system. If you need help or support to take these steps, please contact us.

We offer custom support based on your needs.

The final step is to take action to cast your decision about continuing as a potential host community in the "voting period."

Between 12:01 AM on Friday April 26th, 2024 and 11:59 PM on Tuesday April 30th, 2024 residents and property owners of Ignace Township over the age of 16 can cast their decision about their willingness to continue participating as a potential host community of a Deep Geological Repository of used nuclear fuel.

Registered participants in the Willingness Study will be asked to answer this question by making one selection of the available options:

Visit our website  
from this QR:



Turn over for  
more info

# Appendix G - Last Letter Continued

MARK BALLOT

**My position on the Township of Ignace continuing to participate as a potential host community for a Deep Geological Repository of used nuclear fuel is**

Vote for 1

Contest 1 of 1

0/1 selections made

[Using keyboard?](#)

Review selections

☐ 1 YES, I want the Township to continue participating in the process and to proceed as a potential host community

☐ 2 NO, I want the Township to stop participating in the process and to opt out as a potential host community

☐ 3 ABSTAIN, I am indifferent about participating in the process as a potential host community

Next Steps

1. Register to participate. Visit our website and click the “REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE HERE” button to complete the process. Not sure? Call us!
2. Check your email for a confirmation email that includes login instructions; if you can't find it check your spam folder. Once registration is complete and approved by our Registrar. (This could take a few days to come normally but will be fast tracked during the voting period).
3. Visit our website and click the “LOGIN TO VOTE” button and input the login information provided in the email from step 2. Don't remember your password? No problem. Follow the “forgot password” prompts on the Login page.
4. Once logged in, you will be prompted to declare that you are still eligible to participate. Select NEXT.
5. Proceed to the question and make your selection. Select NEXT.
6. Confirm your selection and choose SUBMIT. You have now cast your decision confidentially!

Need help? No problem! We can assist you in each step of the process from registration to logging in over the phone, via email, or in person.

Visit us at the Curling Hall/Arena for support on the following schedule. Enter through the Curling Hall side entrance for access.

9:00 AM and 7:00 PM on Friday April 26th	7:00 AM to 9:00 PM on Monday April 29th
9:00 AM and 7:00 PM on Saturday April 27th	7:00 AM to 11:00 PM* on April 30th, 2024
By appointment on Sunday April 28th	<b>The FINAL day of voting!</b>

\*Anyone inside the curling hall before 11:00 PM on April 30th can access support to register and vote. The online system will allow voting from anywhere there is internet and a device until 11:59 PM sharp.

Contact the Engagement Team anytime toll-free at 877-473-4090, locally at 807-697-0565 to access our voicemail service for a call back, or email us at [yourvoice@withchela.ca](mailto:yourvoice@withchela.ca).

Access our website at [www.yourchoiceignace.ca](http://www.yourchoiceignace.ca) for all the information you need to participate.

# Glossary

- **Adaptive Phase Management Project or (APM) Project** - Long-range used nuclear fuel storage solutions initiated by the Nuclear Waste Management Organization
- **Average Engagement Time** - Average time spent engaging on the website in seconds, per active user for the reporting time period.
- **Deep Geological Repository** - The type of APM project being proposed for potential siting near Ignace, Ontario
- **Educators** - Parties who reference, or are, information holders, who also engage in learning activities to help Resident Participants connect with that information in educational opportunities.
- **Eligible** - A status or set of characteristics of a person who meets the criteria for inclusion in the Willingness Study
- **Engagement Cycle** - A series of 3-5 calendar days where the Engagement Team is deployed in Ignace and is conducting engagement activities
- **Engagement Rate** - The proportion of engaged sessions within the total user visits i.e. what proportion of users were engaged and actively navigating the website when visiting
- **Engaged Sessions** - Visits to the website where users were navigating and visiting pages during their visit.
- **Engagement Team** - The field-deployed team by With Chéla Inc. to carry out the Engagement Cycles
- **Event Count** - The number of times users triggered an event such as a contact form submission, video play, or link clicks.
- **Facilitated Interactions** - Opportunities for Resident Participants to engage in semi-controlled environments for community discussions and presentations
- **Formal Interactions** - Opportunities for Resident Participants to engage in controlled and secured environments for logging responses that are required for reporting
- **Informal Interactions** - Opportunities for Resident Participants to engage in casual ways, received program navigational support and connect with each other without the need for procedure or protocols
- **Information Holders** - Parties who have developed informing resources concerning topics of interest related to the DGR and siting process that are evidence-based.
- **Not Set** - a placeholder name used when the website analytics has no information for the dimension selected.

- **Outreach** - A program of activities intended to connect with Resident Participants and inform them of their right to participate in the Willingness Study. These include mailings, community events, the Engagement Team website, Facebook, and door knocking, and make up the components of the Perseverance Protocol.
- **Outreach Coordinator** - A WCI Team member who leads the conversation at the door when engaged in door-knocking outreach activities. The purpose of the role is to promote registration and to offer support to navigate the system if the Resident Participant desires and requires assistance. The Outreach Coordinator is also responsible to communicate with the Registrar to schedule any supportive actions to enable registration by appointment.
- **Policy** - A deliberate system of guidelines to guide decisions and achieve outcomes in the Willingness Study
- **Post Reach** - the number of unique users who have seen a particular piece of content on a social media platform and is used to measure the visibility and exposure of a post
- **Procedure** - A document that outlines the required steps to start and complete a process contained within the Willingness Study
- **Proof of Eligibility Working Group** - A small group of experts and consultants who develop the policy for the eligibility requirements and parameters for participation
- **Protocol** - A document that outlines the particular pathway or expectations for a specific step in the procedure to be completed
- **Registrar** - A WCI Team member who is responsible for managing the Resident Participants within the secure system with respect to approving eligibility, navigating the registration process, enabling alternative pathways to registration, and supporting community members to understand the security features of the system. The Registrar is the sole person who has full access to the system on the Engagement Team and is not permitted to conduct interviews or carry out any formal interactions where the willingness position of the Resident Participant can be known without consent to be known.
- **Resident Participant** - A person demonstrating eligibility to be included and engage in the Willingness Study
- **Resident Participant Engagement List** - The database of all people who are Resident Participants contained on the secure system
- **Resident Participant Steward** - A WCI Team member who carries out receptionist duties when confirming Resident Participants checking into formal interactions
- **Proof of Residency** - The necessary documentation to prove eligibility, based on identification verification and residency requirements, to engage in the Willingness Study
- **Sessions Per User** - Average session count per active user for the time period ie. how many times they visited the website on one or more occasions
- **Site** - The Township locations and community spaces located in Ignace, Ontario, Canada



- **System** - The secure electronic platform acting as the interface between the Resident Participant and the Engagement Team provided by Neuvote
- **Top 20 Location Demographics**- Partial export of the twenty most frequently appearing demographic location details that includes 238 cities in total
- **Township** - The Corporation of the Township of Ignace, Ontario, Canada
- **Users** - number of unique users who interacted with the site or launched the URL for the first time
- **Willingness Study** - The project aimed at determining the willingness of the resident participants to continue progressing towards the potential siting of a DGR



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