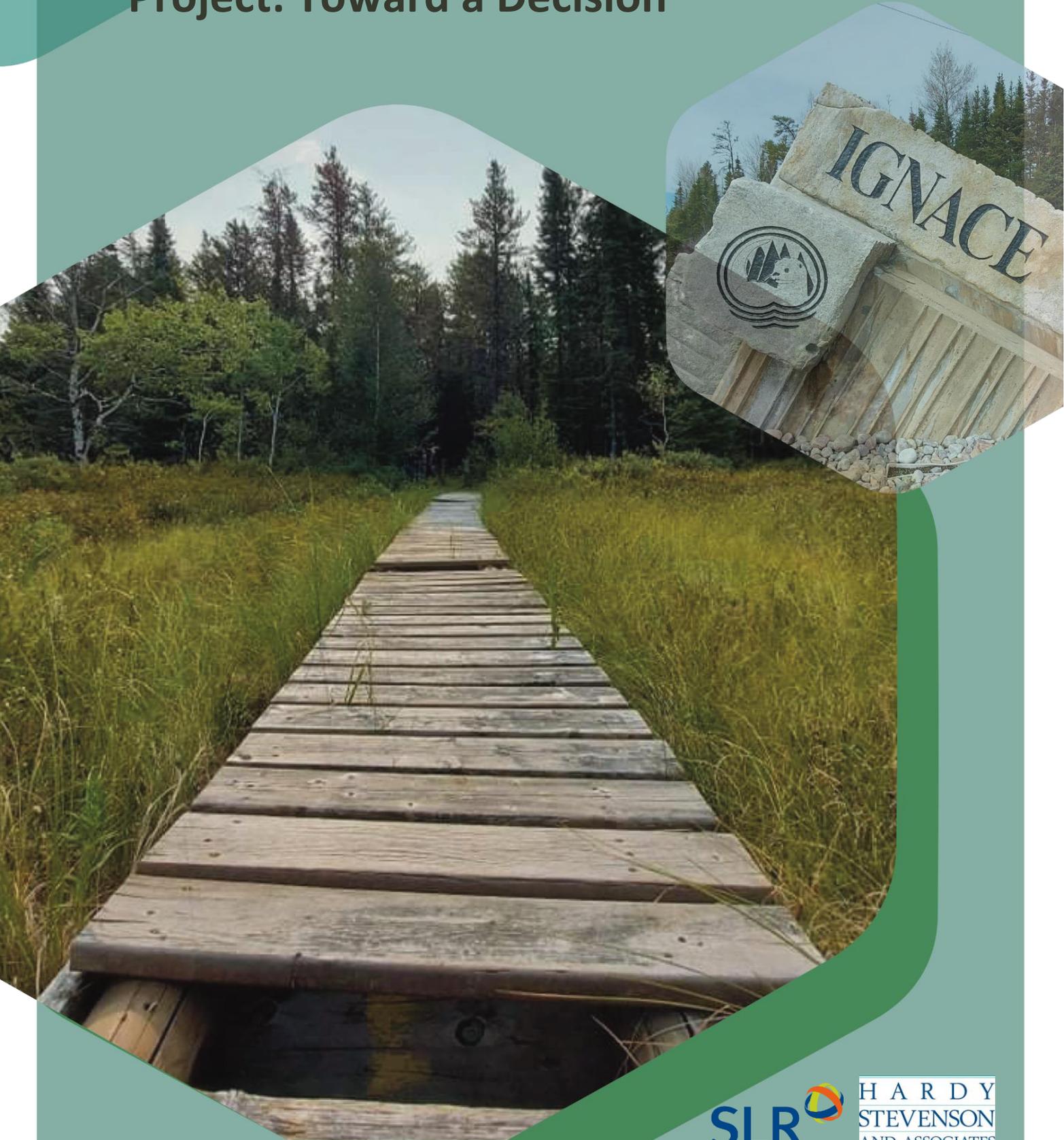


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Appendix F: Comments Received on the Update on Willingness

Glossary

Term	Definition
Adaptive Phased Management (APM)	Adaptive Phased Management is Canada’s plan for the long-term management of used nuclear fuel.
Draft Plan Process	The Ignace Community Nuclear Liaison Committee provided its thoughts and input to create a draft plan process that would work to assess our community’s willingness.
Engagement Activities	Events open to the public to obtain community members’ input on the Willingness Decision Project.
IABA	Ignace and Area Business Association
Ignace Community	The community is defined by the municipal boundaries of the Township of Ignace.
Ignace Community Nuclear Liaison Committee (ICNLC)	The Ignace Community Nuclear Liaison Committee (ICNLC) is a Committee of Council established by Ignace Municipal Council in November 2011. Their objective is to help the people of Ignace learn about Canada’s plan for used nuclear fuel and involve Ignace residents in these learning activities.
Learn More Process	The Learn More Process is an NWMO sponsored, multi-year opportunity for communities in the siting process to learn about the APM Project.
MBCHCH	Mary Berglund Community Health Centre Hub

Term	Definition
Respondents	Respondents are those individuals who completed a survey or interview with the researcher, or who provided data to be analyzed for the research study.
Support Materials	Support materials include documentation provided to solicit learning and input from the community (e.g. background information and comment form).
WLON	Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation
Willingness Decision Project	The goal of the Willingness Decision Project is to research and outline a possible process for deciding whether or not Township of Ignace residents support the APM project implemented in the area.
Willingness Decision Working Group	The Willingness Decision Working Group is comprised of municipal political representatives and staff, NWMO staff and a third-party consultant. Their objective is to foster a dialogue among Ignace residents to help shape Ignace’s future decision process on the APM project.

Executive Summary

The Township of Ignace is the first community to enter the APM 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.

In terms of values, Ignace residents want the decision process to be fair, transparent, balanced, confidential and inclusive. Residents are comfortable with having multiple ways to answer the question during a decision period. The wording of the question and timing of the decision would be decided by Ignace Township Council. Timing would likely depend on the completion of community studies, associated health, safety and environmental studies and identification of benefits. To achieve fairness, an extended decision process time period would allow seasonal residents and workers who live in Ignace and travel outside to work to participate.

In terms of desired process, the decision process would allow for residents' deliberation, in a manner characteristic of deliberative democracy. Multiple learning opportunities and ongoing dialogue characterizing the process would allow residents to make an informed decision. Methods of obtaining the views of residents could include: special events where people can come together, learn and respond to the question; an all-home door-to-door community survey confidentially administered by a third party, and; pop-up and drop-in events encouraging Ignace residents to answer the question in a confidential manner. Engagement would continue in Ignace and across the region. Every Ignace resident would have multiple opportunities to participate.

The community would be asked to decide. A third party would collate the responses in a transparent manner and present them to the Ignace Community Nuclear Liaison Committee (ICNLC). The ICNLC would share the results to the public and facilitate further deliberation and discernment. Following a period of reflection and comment, the INCLC would present the results to the Ignace Township Mayor and Council for a final community decision through a Council resolution.

1.0 Willingness Decision Process Study

1.1 Study Goal

Residents of the Township of Ignace are continuing to learn about and explore the Adaptive Phased Management (APM) project. The APM project is Canada's plan for the long-term management of used nuclear fuel. It involves the containment and isolation of Canada's used fuel at a new repository site. To date, Township of Ignace residents have not decided whether or not they support the APM project and are willing for it to be implemented in their area. If they want the APM project to proceed, or not, Ignace residents will need to make a decision. It is expected that the timing of the decision and wording of the question would be decided by the Township of Ignace's Mayor and Council. The timing would be associated with NWMO's completion of health, environmental, financial and economic and community studies. Discussions about the possible content of a partnership agreement with NWMO would be expected to be advanced beyond the current Memorandum of Understanding stage¹. Additional studies would be completed about the suitability of the rock at the Revell site to ensure safety.

To support the 'willingness' decision, Ignace leaders wanted to hear from residents about, '*how to make the decision*'. A study was completed by the Township of Ignace and NWMO working in partnership, with the support of Hardy Stevenson and Associates Limited². This study is known as the 'Willingness Decision Project'.

The goal of the study is to research and outline a possible process for deciding whether or not Ignace residents support the APM project to be implemented in their area. The results are presented in this report.

1.2 Draft Plan Process and Engagement Questions

Residents were asked "*what should the community's willingness decision-making process on the APM project look like?*"

Answering this question involved public engagement and dialogue with Ignace residents from June to October, 2021. Ideas about how the willingness decision could be made were solicited and tested. Multiple indicators that could be used to

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¹ The Memorandum of Understanding was approved by the Township of Ignace Council on October 12, 2021.

² Hardy Stevenson and Associates Limited (HSAL) worked in partnership with SLR Consulting (Canada) Ltd., (SLR).

assess willingness were identified and developed. Roles and responsibilities of residents and appointed and elected representatives were examined.

A Willingness Decision Working Group comprised of municipal political representatives and staff, NWMO staff and Hardy Stevenson and Associates Limited (HSAL) was convened to guide the engagement process. The Willingness Decision Working Group sought broad public engagement. The question of *'what should the community's decision-making process on the APM project look like?'* was posed by engaging the community in places where community members gathered. Efforts were made to reach all members of the community from all walks of life, both young and old, men and women. Decision making concepts were developed and tested. Online engagement activities were also undertaken.

For the purposes of this study, the ICNLC³ was given the responsibility of leading community engagement on the willingness question and process. The ICNLC introduced the willingness decision process to the community following their May 2021 meeting. They developed engagement materials including the engagement Workbook (comment form) and encouraged the community to participate (see **Appendix A – Engagement Materials**).

The Township of Ignace wanted to obtain specific feedback from the Ignace community on how residents want to see the willingness decision made. Part of the work completed by the ICNLC included the development of a draft decision-making process that the Ignace community could respond to. The Community Engagement Comment Form, entitled *'Share Your Thoughts'* is included in **Appendix A**. The Ignace community was asked the following questions:

1. a) Which decision-making activities should be part of our community's decision-making process about the APM project?
b) Which of the activities are most important, and why?
2. a) The ICNLC and the Township have been working to ensure the community is informed about the project. Before any decision is made, what additional information is needed to ensure you and your neighbours are informed?
b) Which of the activities are most important, and why?
3. Before Ignace decides whether they are or are not willing to have the project implemented in this area, what are you most interested in learning more about?

³ The Ignace Community Nuclear Liaison Committee (ICNLC) is a special purpose Committee of Council comprised of volunteers. Their role is to facilitate community learning about the APM project. The ICNLC web page is <https://clinfo.ca/ignace/>

4. The ICNLC has laid out a plan for how Ignace could decide on willingness which builds on our community's work to date to learn about and explore the project. Do you think this is a good plan? What changes, if any, would you like to see made to this plan?

1.3 Data Collection Methodology

HSAL developed a project '*Public Engagement and Communications Plan*'⁴ that was endorsed by the ICNLC. A willingness decision research work program was presented to and accepted by the ICNLC at its meeting on May 18, 2021.

Township of Ignace municipal staff, in collaboration with NWMO and HSAL staff, were trained⁵ on how to engage the community and gather responses to the questions. To support community engagement and allow online engagement a 'willingness decision process' project website⁶ was developed. To support in-person engagement, the comment form was also made available to interviewers in an electronic format and installed on iPads. This allowed the community comments to be transferred directly to the online data base. The community's responses to the questions generated data to be used to inform the possible decision-making process.

Residents were encouraged to participate and were notified through the distribution of a flyer to every household called "*Share Your Thoughts*". Data was collected through multiple methods including: community events, 'pop ups' at the beach, credit union, grocery store and other in-town locations, one-on-one interviews/discussions, local community group meetings, information sharing workshop and comment form. Participants had the option to complete the comment forms either online through the Township of Ignace's website, by submitting a hardcopy completed to the Township of Ignace, or by speaking with a representative at an in-person community event (where participant comments were recorded).

Data from all the in-person interactions in these engagement activities were recorded and used to populate the comment form questions. Support materials pointed to the Township of Ignace ultimately reaching a key decision point. Interviewers probed for deeper reflection about how best to make the willingness decision.

Data was then transcribed by HSAL and stored in a database that organised all responses into the identifying characteristics of the respondent (e.g. name, age, place of residence⁷, gender) as well as the corresponding answers to the four questions asked in the comment forms (see

⁴ 'Willingness Public Engagement and Communications Plan', HSAL June 24, 2021.

⁵ Ignace Mobile Learn More Centre 'Chalk Talk', July 5/ 6, 2021

⁶ Let's talk: Planning for a community decision on the APM Project Let's Talk About How We Decide Whether We Are Willing Township of Ignace, 2021. Available online: <https://www.ignace.ca/residents/community/apm-project>

⁷ Note: Three respondents were from outside of Ignace, their responses were reviewed but not included in the analysis or overall respondent count.

Section 1.2). Outreach and engagement activities reached all households through direct mail. Community members were also engaged through direct briefings and discussions. Ignace staff presented to groups and got a sense of the perspective of the group, beyond the completed comment forms they received back⁸. The total number of individual comment forms and completed surveys received were 166. **Table 1** provides a breakdown of the number of respondents for each data collection method. The overall response rate is strong when compared to engagement on the Township of Ignace Draft Official Plan (2020), Mary Berglund Community Health Centre Hub Strategic Plan (2020-2025) and Township of Ignace Community Strategy: Exploring Our Possibilities: 2019 – 2024.

Table 1 - Breakdown of Respondents

Mode of data collection	Number of responses
Online comment form	78
One-on-one interviews	7
Community group meetings	23
Community events ⁹	58
Total number of respondents	166

1.4 Support Materials

The Township of Ignace in partnership with NWMO created support materials to provide residents with the background information needed to understand the APM project, siting process and willingness decision process. A brief overview of information shared through this material as background for the discussion can be found in **Appendix B**.

The following documents were created and can be found in **Appendix A**.

Materials to create dialogue:

- Letter from the ICNLC Chair inviting residents to participate in the project
- Comment Workbook (available in hardcopy and accessed online at www.ignace.ca)
- Information Pamphlet

⁸ Conversations also occurred in addition to those where comments were recorded.

⁹ Note: In some instances, a single comment form was used to document the input of two respondents (during an in-person event), in these cases, the responses were counted as two separate entries.

- Draft Plan for a Future Community Decision
- Ignace Willingness Backgrounder
- One Pager – Ignace Township Update on Willingness (sent out on November 30, 2021)

Invitation to Share Your Thoughts flyer delivered to households:

- 450 mail drops sent out for each of the July 5/6 Open Houses
- 450 mail drops sent out on July 21
- 26 invitation letters to community groups
- Flyer delivered with the Willingness Decision Project findings

Willingness Decision Project Webpage:

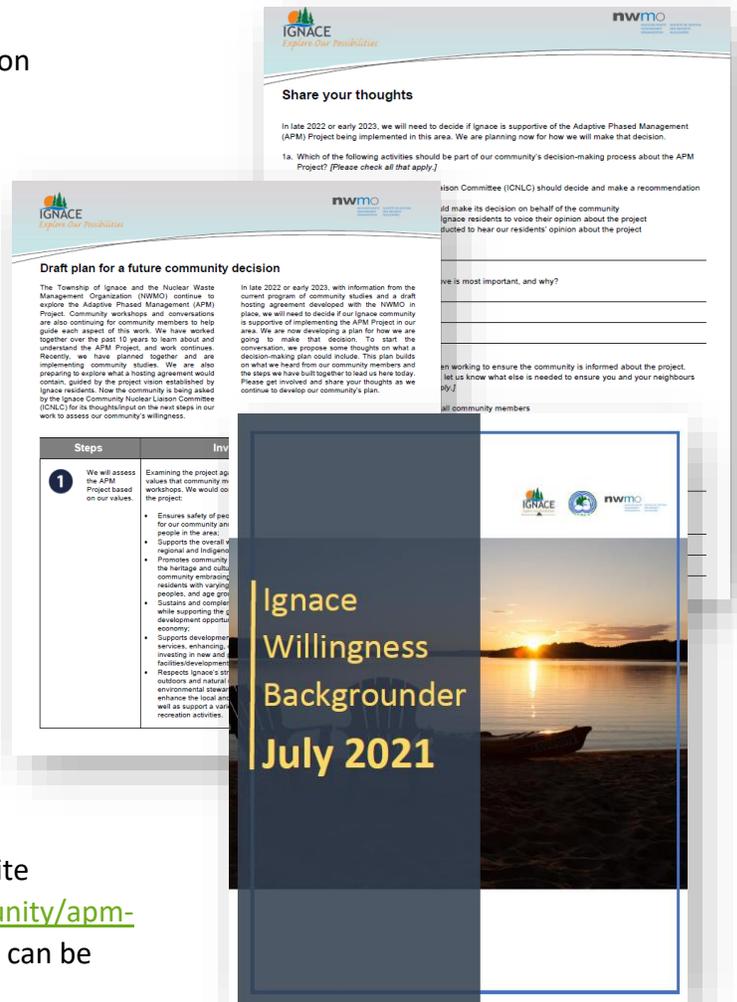
- Ignace Willingness Decision Project website <https://www.ignace.ca/residents/community/apm-project> - where all engagement materials can be found.
- The online comment form was accessed and submitted through the Township of Ignace’s website. A printable form of the comment form was available beginning on July 26, 2021. The online comment form was available for residents to provide input from Aug 13, 2021 to October 24, 2021.

PowerPoint Presentations:

- Presentation to ICNLC - May 18, 2021
- Presentation to ICNLC - November 10, 2021

1.5 Engagement Activities

Engagement activities to obtain community members’ input on the Willingness Decision Project started in June 2021. In addition to sending information to homes seeking comment through distribution of flyers, and development of an interactive project page on the Ignace website, staff went to where people live, work and play to ensure the perspectives of community



members were heard. The Township of Ignace provided a variety of opportunities for resident input. The engagement activities were varied and included the following activities:

- Pop-Up events at local areas where residents frequented (e.g. grocery store, beach, vaccination clinics, etc.);
- NWMO events (open office events and Mobile Learn More Centre);
- Local Community Group meetings;
- Information sharing session; and
- One-on-one interviews with community members.

A workshop was convened on October 15th 2021 to share the findings from the various engagement activities involving community members, politicians and staff who participated in Willingness Decision Project engagement activities and spent time talking to residents.

The specific engagement activities included the following events listed in **Table 2** below.

Table 2- Engagement Activities

Activity	Date
Pop-ups at vaccination clinics	June 8, 9, 28
Mobile Learn More Centre at the Ignace Learn More Centre office	July 5, 6
Pop-up at Agimak Beach	July 19
Learn More Centre reopening with the Mobile Learn More Centre	July 28
Pop-up at the Golf Course – Willingness on the Green	July 30
Meetings with local community groups - Silver Tops	Aug. 23 and Sept. 14
Meetings with local community groups – Ignace Area Business Association	Sept. 16
Let’s Talk Willingness with Ignace Staff	Sept. 13
Pop-up at the Supermarket	Sept. 15
Pop-up at Alterna Savings	Sept. 17
One-on-one interviews/discussions and community conversations	Sept. 22 and 23
Pop-up at a Youth event	Sept. 25
Pop-up at Alterna Savings	Sept. 27
Meeting with the Fire Department	Sept. 28
Meeting with the Economic Development Committee	Sept. 29
Pop-ups at ShopRite and the Post Office	Sept. 30
Pop-up at the LCBO	Oct. 1
Pop-up at the Vendor’s Market	Oct. 4
Willingness information session and workshop	Oct. 15

Events were advertised on the Ignace community calendar at <https://www.ignace.ca/events> and through social media. Please see **Appendix C** for advertisements for the above noted community events.

2.0 What We Heard

Ignace residents have been engaging with NWMO on the APM project for over 10 years. At any time over this period, the Township of Ignace could have made the decision to exit the siting process. Given the long time period, we heard some residents say they feel they have already expressed their willingness to proceed with the project.

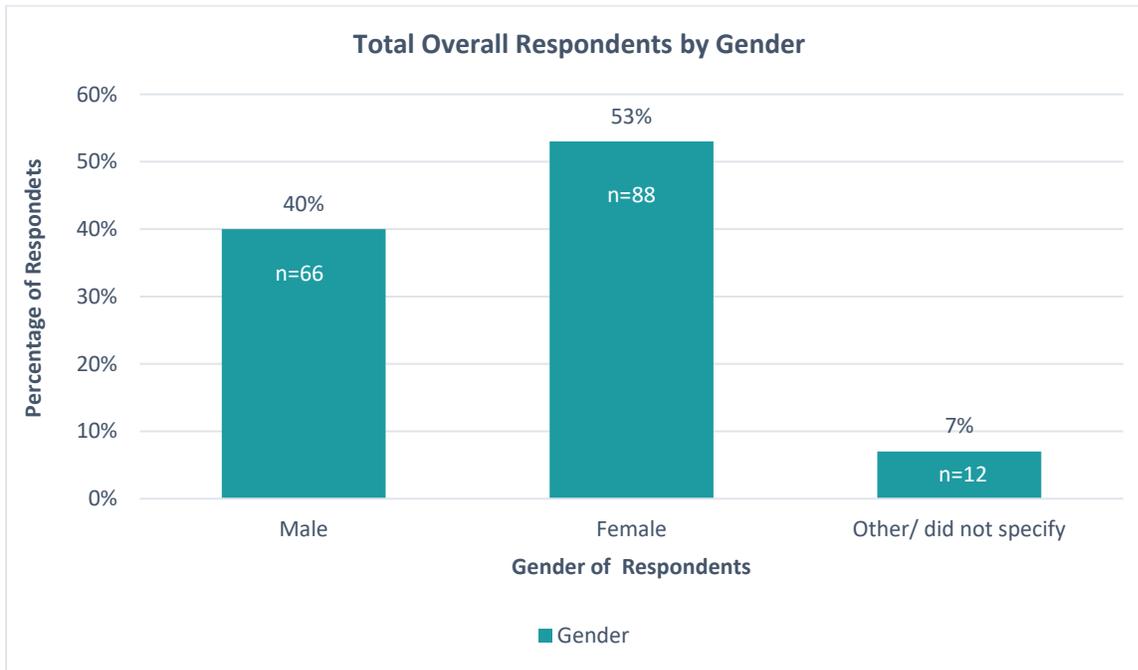
2.1 Characteristics of Respondents

One of the goals of the Willingness Decision Project was to hear from as many people as possible from across the community and hear from people who reflect the make-up of the community.

Out of the 166 respondents, 40 percent (n=66) identified as male and 53 percent (n=88) identified as female, and 9 percent (n=12) identified as other/ no answer provided (see **Figure 1** below). These percentages compare to the 2016 Census¹⁰ data indicating that the gender characteristics of the Township of Ignace as 52 percent male and 47 percent female. Thus, a higher percentage of females responded to the questions.

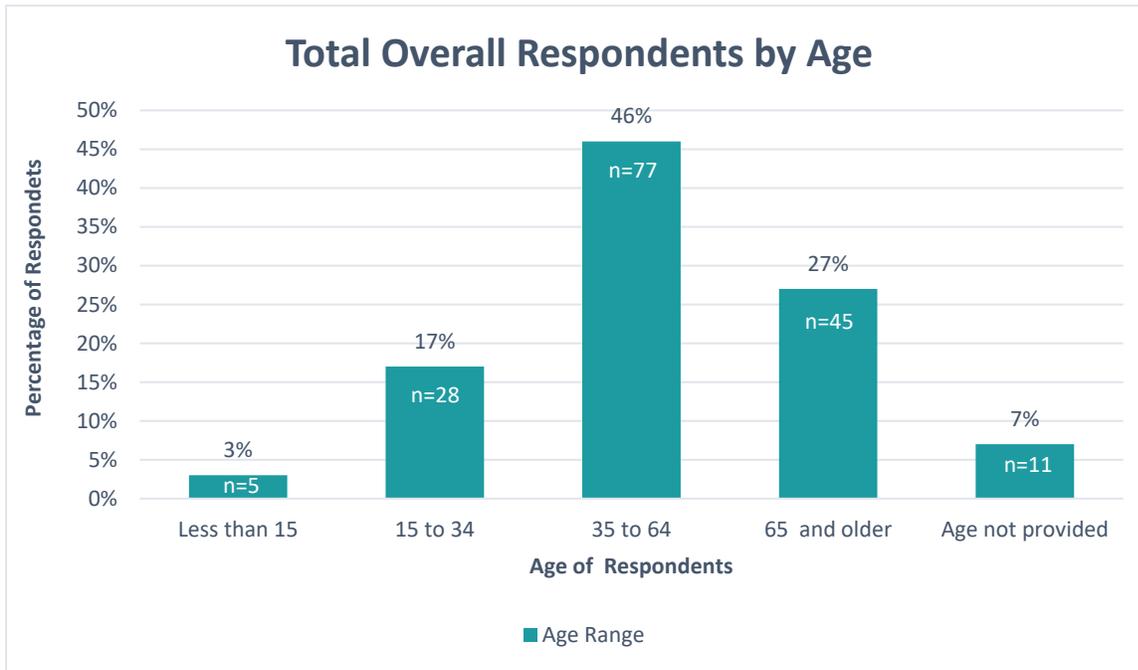
¹⁰ Census Profile, 2016 Census, Ignace, Township. If the 'no answers' are eliminated, the respondent averages are 42% male and 57% female.

Figure 1 - Total Overall Respondents by Gender



The age distribution of the respondents are as follows: 3 percent (n=5) were under 15 years of age, 17 percent (n=28) were between 15 to 34, 46 percent (n=77) were between 35 and 64 years of age and 27 percent (n=45) were 65 years of age or older. Seven percent (n=11) of respondents did not identify their age. A total of 155 people indicated their age (see **Figure 2** below).

Figure 2- Total Overall Respondents by Age



This compares to the 2016 Census age breakdown indicating that except for younger members of the population, the age range of respondents indicates a slightly older senior response than the Township of Ignace population (see **Table 3** below).

Table 3 - Comparison of Ages

Age	Comment form response percentage ¹¹	2016 Statistics Canada percentage
0 – 14 (n= 5)	3%	12%
15-64 (n=105)	63%	65%
65+ (n=45)	27%	23%

2.2 Responses to Questions Posed

The comment form included closed-ended and open-ended questions to ensure respondents had several opportunities to expand on their responses. On the close-ended questions, participants were able to provide multiple responses to the questions to check all the items that applied.

¹¹ Total does not include the “no age provided response”

In total, 166 respondents completed the comment form and 161 respondents¹² responded to questions 1a) and 2a).

Response to Question 1a) (closed-ended):

Which of the following activities should be part of our community’s decision-making process about the APM Project?

- 41 percent of the respondents (n=66) agreed with, *“The Ignace Community Nuclear Liaison Committee should decide and make a recommendation to the Ignace Township Council”*.
- 39 percent of respondents (n=63) agreed with, *“Ignace Township Council should make its decision on behalf of the community”*.
- 45 percent of respondents (n=73) agreed with, *“A special event should be held for Ignace residents to voice their opinion about the project”*.
- 54 percent of respondents (n=87) agreed with, *“Community surveys should be conducted to hear our residents’ opinion about the project”*.
- 17 percent of respondents (n=27) made *“Other”* suggestions.

From the data received, it is important to note that respondents consistently choose more than one option for the activities to be part of the community’s decision-making process. Thus, residents favour more than one way for providing input on how the decision to host APM should be made.

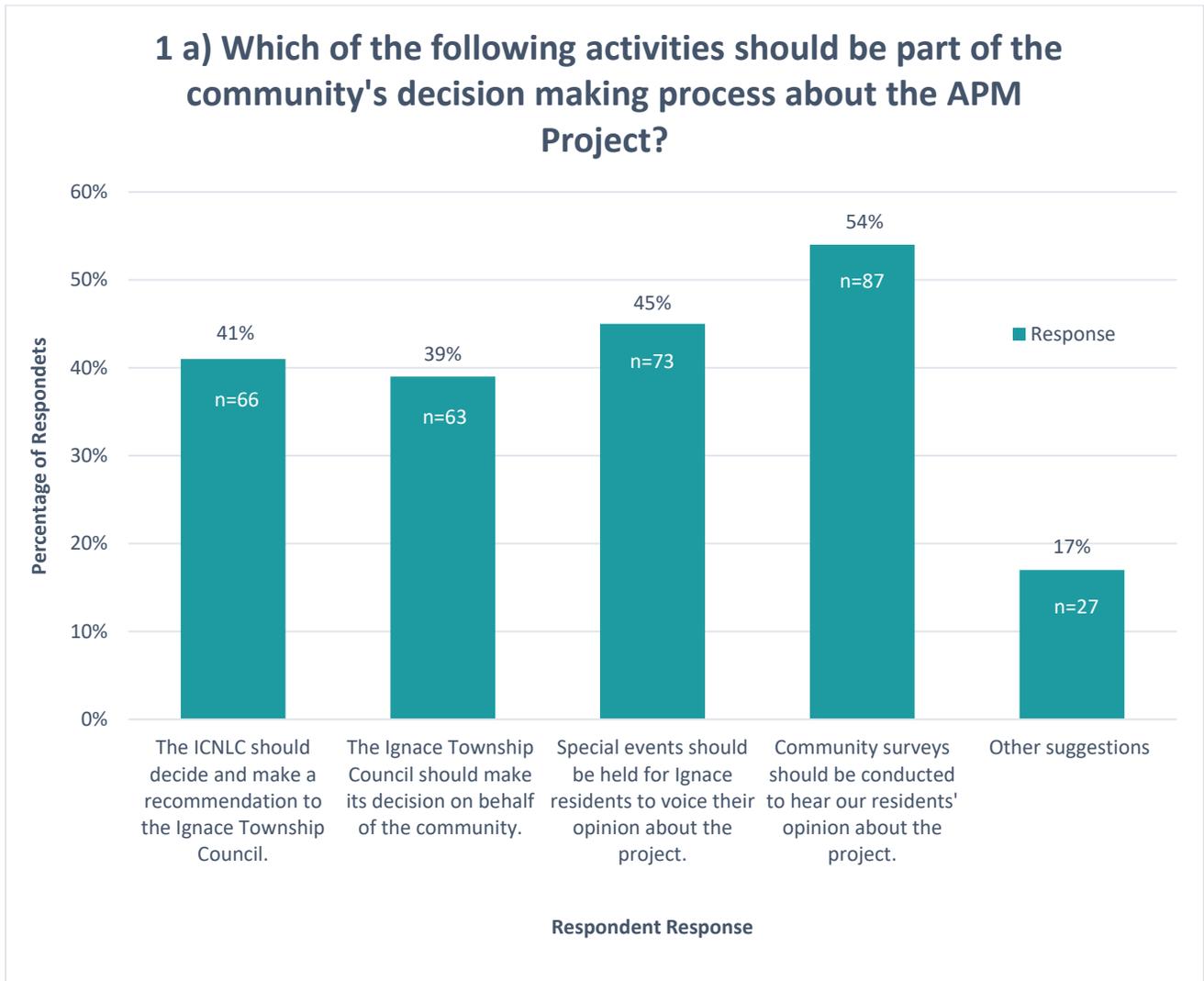
Other suggestions included:

- Open forum
- Town hall
- Final decision by Town Mayor
- Voting system
- Door to door
- Referendum

A detailed list of other suggestions received is found in **Appendix D - Other Suggestions from Closed Ended Questions 1a) and 2a)**.

¹² Five respondents only answered the open-ended questions.

Figure 3- Question 1a)¹³



1b) Which of the activities you checked above is most important, and why?

Question 1b) was an open-ended question and asked participants which decision making process cited in 1a) was most important, and why? The majority of respondents indicated that it was important to have community input in decision making through a community survey. Others noted the importance of the role of elected decision makers and expressed trust and confidence in the decision makers. They indicated that questions of what the APM project

¹³ Respondents chose more than one option to receive information about the community's decision-making process.

means to the community still need to be addressed. Further, they need more information on what changes can or cannot be expected if the APM project proceeds or does not proceed. The need for more community education before a decision was made was also noted by respondents. In addition, respondents noted that they wanted to understand the metrics of how willingness would be measured if the process would entail a vote or survey. **Appendix E1 – Responses to Question 1b)** lists the open-ended comments received.

A sample of comments occur below:

“It is important that community members express concerns and are heard by community Council”

- *The community survey will allow residents to voice their opinion about the APM project and will provide the best understanding of community willingness. Proof of residency in the local community should be required.*
- *It is important that community members express their concerns and are heard by community Council.*
- *ICNLC has done a great job informing the community.*
- *I believe it is Council's responsibility to make informed decisions for the betterment of the community including listening to all the opinions of the community.*
- *Special Township meeting then Council can go from there - Councillors are representative of the people, they can take our vote to make a decision.*
- *I think either hosting an event or putting out surveys to hear from the community is most important. The community should make the decision together to have good communication and clear responses to the project.*
- *Everyone should be able to provide input. Could have a vote but its unclear who would come out. We've been doing this for so long. Should likely include those under 18 years since this project will impact them the most.*
- *Have a series of events for members of the community. Information sessions so that people can ask questions and process information. After these events, then ask residents for their decision (i.e. this would occur over days/ weeks, not months).*
- *Door to door may reach hard to reach populations.*
- *Do our best to ensure local, seasonal and regional residents are aware of the plan and have the opportunity to voice their concerns, I think its important to get in front of the little ones too, seeing as they are the ones that will eventually operate the site.*

“Have a series of events for members of the community”

Response to Question 2a) (closed-ended):

Question 2a) (Close ended): The ICNLC and the Township have been working to ensure the community is informed about the project. However, before any decision is made, let us know what else is needed to ensure you and your neighbours are informed.

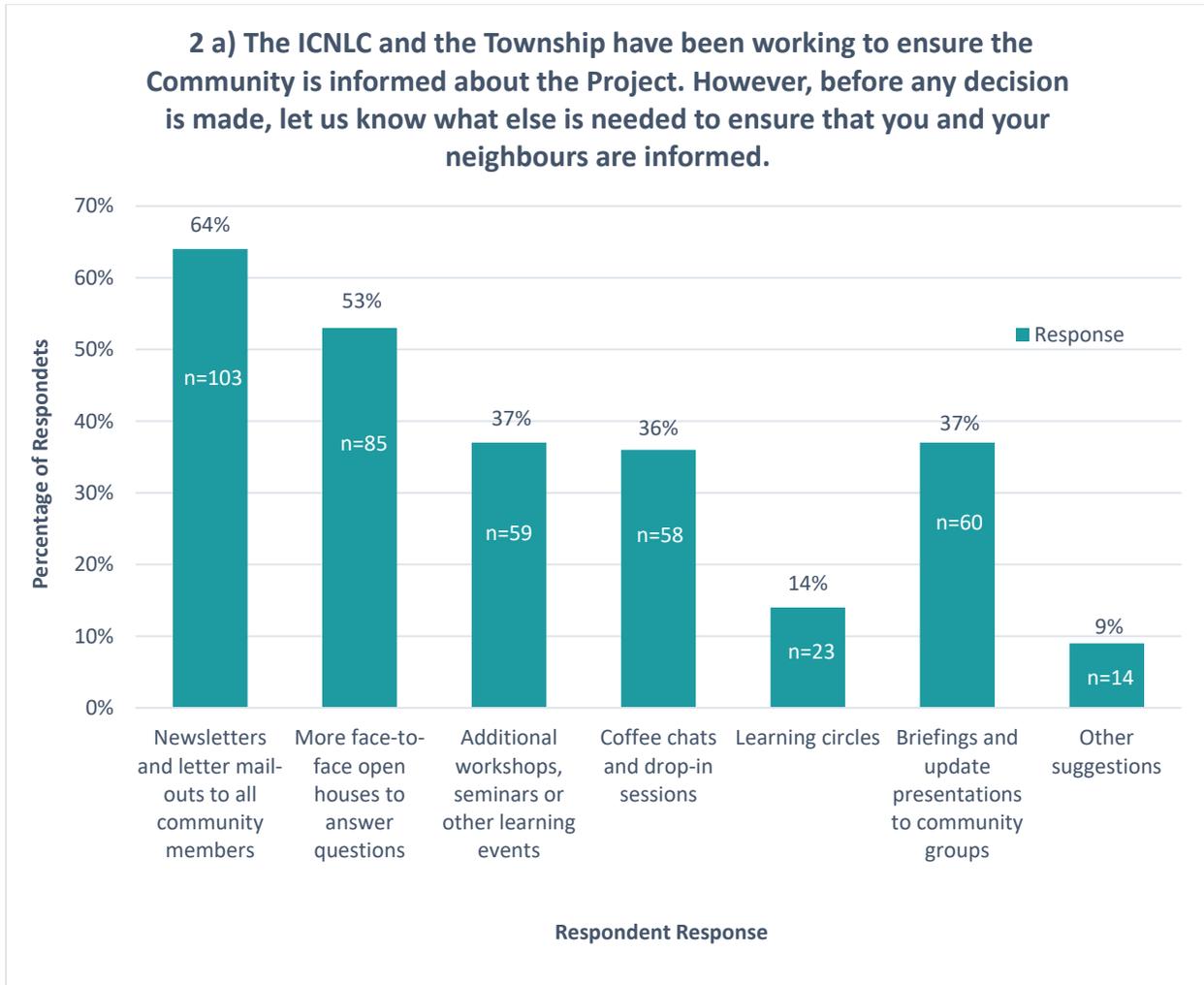
- 64 percent of respondents (n=103) indicated that they would like to receive *“Newsletters and letter mail-outs to all community members”* to ensure that they remain informed.
- 53 percent of respondents (n=85) indicated a preference for *“More face-to-face open houses to answer questions”*.
- 37 percent of respondents (n=59) indicated that they would like *“Additional workshops, seminars or other learning events”*.
- 36 percent of respondents (n=58) indicated that they would like *“Coffee chats and drop-in sessions”*.
- 15 percent of respondents (n=23) indicated that they would like *“Learning circles”*.
- 37 percent of respondents (n=60) indicated that they would like *“Briefings and update presentations to community groups”*.
- 9 percent of respondents (n=14) provided *“Other”* suggestions.

Other suggestions included:

- Advertisements (commercials)
- Use a social media platform/create an account to update info
- Brochures and demonstration DVDs
- Outdoor education space with graphs and images
- Door to door
- Drop-in sessions (offer food)
- Hybrid of all options

A detailed list of other suggestions received is found in **Appendix D - Other Suggestions from Closed Ended Questions 1a) and 2a)**.

Figure 4- Question 2a)¹⁴



Question 2b asked participants why the activities they checked in 2a) were most important. The majority of the respondents stated it was important for additional community engagement/involvement. Respondents also noted the need for additional information and education as well as having a convenient way of obtaining the information. COVID-19 safety restrictions were identified as driving their choice for being informed. Others stressed the need for in-person meetings, where/when available.

Respondents indicated that newsletters would allow them to review the material at their leisure and open houses would allow them to hear the opinions of others. While many of the methods of communicating are currently in place, for the Willingness Decision Project, online

¹⁴ Consistent to the response to Question 1a, respondents favoured more than one option to receive information about the community's decision-making process.

access to information yielded a higher response. Social media was not seen to be a preferred way of obtaining information. One page 'Myths and Facts' mail outs were seen to be effective. **Appendix E2 – Responses to Question 2b)** ¹⁵ lists all comments received in response to Question 2b. Frequent comments included:

- *Newsletter and mailouts, get to read and think about the information to be current on new information, and helps with current restrictions relating to COVID.*
- *Newsletters should be circulated more frequently. These can reach all residents and not just those that attend public events. People can read at their own leisure to help inform their decision.*
- *Additional learning events similar to the display trailer set up in the shopping mall two years ago. This was informative and won my approval.*
- *Face to face open houses are the most important because people need to voice their opinions.*
- *Go to each community group directly for intimate conversations. It is more personal and makes residents feel more a part of the decision making. E.g. have dinners with the clubs.*
- *I believe most of these are already being done, again a door-to-door campaign would reach everyone willing to answer.*
- *Going directly to residents at different locations e.g. bank or grocery store - at this time people are not turning up to engagement events because the process has been going on so long, so we have to meet them at their own places.*
- *Have a variety of sessions at a variety of times/ variety of dates/ variety of locations. Provide opportunities for everyone to contribute.*
- *Have to be more conscious of those residents who come and go e.g. mining households who work for weeks on and outside of town. So, mail outs would be good for them as well.*
- *Community workshops tend to have the same folks attending with the same demographics.*
- *Everyone must be included.*

“Have a variety of sessions at a variety of times/ dates/ locations to provide opportunities for everyone to contribute.”

¹⁵ Note: Comments that would have identified specific individuals have been removed.

Response to Question 3 (open-ended):

Question 3 (open-ended): Before we decide whether we are willing to support the project being implemented in this area, what are you most interested in learning more about?

Respondents indicated that they were most interested in learning about community benefits, such as economic growth and job, training and educational opportunities. Learning about community safety and risks associated with the project was also deemed as an important consideration to understand as are environmental impacts (e.g. effects on water quality). Respondents noted that information about transportation safety concerns was important to have before a decision on the project is made. **Appendix E3- Responses to Question 3)** lists the open-ended comments received.

Open-ended comments tended to emphasize the need for residents to have more information about what the APM project means for the community. Given that they expressed their values and the need for a level of growth, would the APM project deliver? There was also a stronger focus on the opportunities for younger people given the long-time frames of the APM project. In terms of dialogue, respondents also wanted to hear the views of people who would be both willing and not willing. Sample comments received included:

“Future of the community: If it expands and grows, reassure the community how the Town will grow e.g. having amenities, medical services etc.”

- *Regional and local opportunities for employment and well being.*
- *How it’s transported. We visited one of your info “trailer” sites. Very informative.*
- *I would like to hear more about community benefits.*
- *Future of the community. If it expands and grows, reassure the community how the Town will grow e.g. having amenities, medical services etc.*
- *Health and safety aspects (to people and the environment).*
- *What are the implications for housing in this area? There are currently very few rentals and very few houses for sale. If this project does happen, where will everyone live? What does Ignace need in terms of infrastructure to support this project (hospital, hardware stores, water and sewer, housing, grocery stores and other retailers, recreational opportunities).*
- *I would like to know if there is a plan in place for resident's interests and investments if there should ever be a situation that warrants the loss or de-valuation of their property and assets.*
- *Focus on young people/ young families since this project will have the greatest impact on them. Will provide an opportunity for young people to come back to Ignace once they have graduated.*

- *Hearing the reasons others may not have support for the project. This would identify knowledge gaps/ areas where maybe I would need to be more informed to address those who are not in support of the project.*
- *Nothing.*

Response to Question 4 (open-ended):

Question 4 (open-ended): The ICNLC has laid out a plan for how Ignace could decide on its support for the project, which builds on our community’s work to date to learn about and explore the project. Do you think it is a good plan? What changes, if any, would you like to see made to this plan? Please refer to the “Draft plan for a future community decision” document (enclosed in package) for more details.

Question 4 was more complex than the other questions in that it included a figure/graphic and a description of the possible decision-making process as a separate attachment (see **Appendix A - Engagement Materials and Figure 5 – Draft Plan Process**). As depicted by **Figure 5** and as described in the support document, “**Draft plan for a future community decision**” the ICNLC and Willingness Decision Working Group developed a potential process for making the decision which built on the kinds of processes used at earlier points in the Willingness Decision Project. People responding to the comment form were asked to review the support materials and comment on the Draft Plan Process.

Overall, respondents indicated they were satisfied with the draft decision-making plan and did not feel the need for any changes. However, there were comments. Some participants indicated the process should have a stronger emphasis on a community survey and more community engagement to allow for deliberation. As opposed to being binding, there is an expectation that the results of the community survey would be considered carefully by decision makers.

A distinction was also drawn between the role of the ICNLC, who should have the role of ‘facilitator’ and not decision-maker versus the role of Township Council who have been elected to make decisions. Respondents also indicated the need to broadly seek out community members’ perspectives in the decision-making process beyond Ignace residents who normally attend the engagement events. Open ended comments to Question 4¹⁶ are included in **Appendix E4 - Responses to Question 4**. A sample of the comments appears below:

- *I support the plan. It’s obviously been discussed thoroughly, well planned, and laid out. I think the people doing this are intellectual and with today’s technology, it makes sense.*

¹⁶ Comments that specifically identify an individual have been removed.

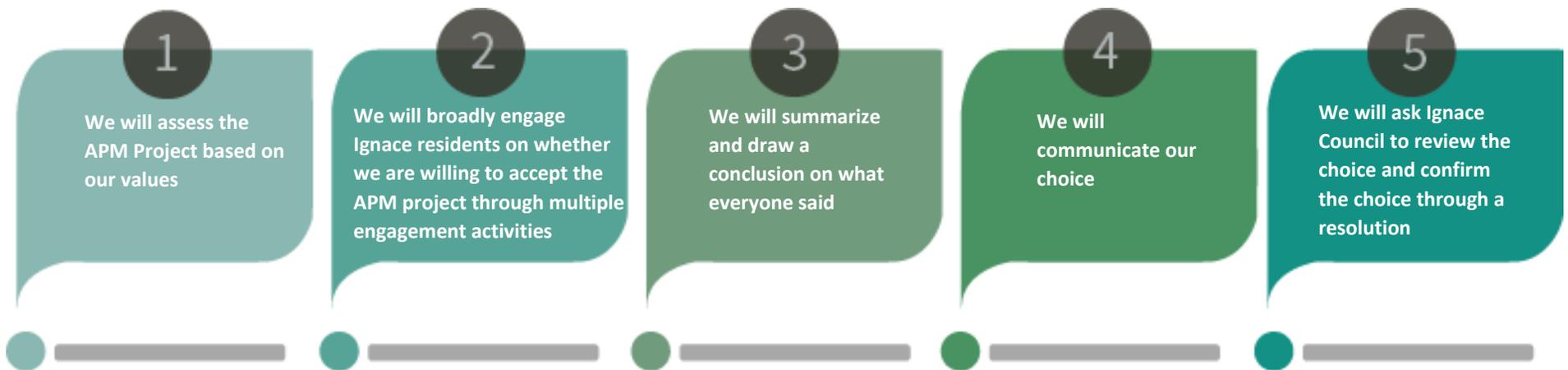
- *Drawing a decision on what people said, then making a choice then asking Council for a resolution is not the same as giving everyone an opportunity to vote. This project has an extremely long-time frame and has significant risks.*
- *I think it is a sound plan.*
- *There should be a clear definition as to who a resident is. Also, it is necessary to involve seasonal residents in the vote. How do we define a resident? Roll numbers or taxes?*
- *Keep reaching out to community members and groups. It is important that people have their say and their voices are heard.*
- *Conclusions should be communicated to the community so they are aware well in advance of what is decided before it goes to Council, so that a resolution can be made. People should be aware well in advance of what is decided before it goes to Council.*
- *Door to door knocking voting should consider the aspect of confidentiality. So having a sealed and confidential process should be considered.*
- *Good plan. Council gets the recommendation from the community.*
- *Model is fine. Final decision should be a council resolution. That's why they're elected. Council just needs firm numbers/ good data to make their decision (i.e., feedback from the community). If people in the community don't come forward (i.e., vote on the project) then they can't complain.*

“I support the plan. It’s obviously been discussed thoroughly, well planned, and laid out. I think the people doing this are intellectual and with today’s technology, it makes sense.”

2.3 Follow-up Comments

A one-page flyer entitled Ignace Township Update on Willingness was mail dropped to 800 Ignace households on November 30, 2021. Additional comments were solicited until December 10, 2021. One comment was received via email. Please See **Appendix F** for the full comment submission.

Figure 5 - Draft Plan Process for Discussion



3.0 Analysis

This is a summary and an analysis of responses received to the questions, input provided through in-depth detailed one-on-one interviews and comments received during a community workshop.

Readiness

While there is a need for additional information about what the APM project means for the community and region, residents stressed the implications of participating in the process and learning for over 10 years. They said they have taken personal time and worked hard as a community to learn about the APM project in depth. They said they understand safety and the characteristics of the project.

A stable and well-functioning resident-led ICNLC has facilitated learning over this time period. Residents have participated in developing a vision and a strategic plan. Municipal resources and procedures are in place to facilitate a decision. They will be ready for a decision when the time comes.

Multiple Community Voices

Ignace residents point out they have been learning about the APM project and have been actively involved in engagement activities and participating in educational opportunities. They note that their involvement to date is one indicator of their willingness to support the project. They continue to want their voices heard in the decision-making process in 2023. Participants stressed the need to have the voices of the broad community heard. They state it will be important to hear from Ignace residents who do not typically become involved in community decisions and younger voices. Hearing from voices who are supportive, skeptical or in opposition will also be important. While respondents note that a decision is required to be made by Ignace and separately by Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation residents, they state it will also be important for the Township of Ignace to continue its communication and outreach to residents of other Northwestern Ontario communities.

People Want Their Say

From the survey data as well as the on-one-one interview results, community members indicated they would like multiple options to learn and participate in the willingness process. Participants indicated they like the option to have a door-to-door community survey type of vote confidentially conducted by an independent third party. All Ignace residents would have an opportunity to participate in activities including youth.

Residents want multiple options to learn and participate

In addition, Ignace residents welcome the use of multiple events and means to indicate community willingness as opposed to a single method of gathering input. With some exceptions, participants did not see the need for a formal public meeting and cited possible stakeholder fatigue as well as the inability for all the community's voices to be heard during this type of fora. Participants voiced the need for a 'decision-making month' where they could participate in decision-making activities convenient to them and have questions answered over an extended time period. This would ensure that residents had sufficient time to contribute their opinions as well multiple means to provide input.

They expressed an interest in hearing the views of others and hearing new information. Hearing more about the community implications of the APM project as they were deciding whether to support the APM project was seen to be important.

Some individuals cited the need for a referendum and several felt a referendum should be binding on the Mayor and Council. However, this approach represented a small minority view¹⁷. In contrast, a community survey indicating resident opinions along with other methods of sharing their opinion were seen to be satisfactory methods of informing the Mayor and Councilors.

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 exercise¹⁸ 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

¹⁷ In reviewing the comment form responses one person asked for a referendum and one person asked for a plebiscite.

¹⁸ NWMO, 2018. Guiding principles for exploring partnership – Community conversations update. Accessed Online: https://www.nwmo.ca/~media/Site/Files/PDFs/2018/10/10/15/40/Guiding-principles-for-exploring-partnership_Community-conversations-update_summary-report_Ignace.ashx?la=en

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*.

Ignace's Decision-Making Process

Overall, there is confidence in both the Township of Ignace Mayor and Council and the ICNLC. Indeed, the ICNLC received praise for leading the process to date. In response to the questions, participants noted that ICNLC members are closer to the process and for this reason would better serve as facilitators and not decision makers. Similarly, while there were some pointed comments about the role of Township of Ignace Council on matters not related to the APM, participants had confidence in the Township of Ignace Council as the legal body able and authorized to make the final decision with strong input from residents.

Receiving Information to Help Make the Decision

As noted with the Willingness Decision Project Workbook responses to Question 2, participants want written materials to read and understand on their own time. Mail drops and newsletters were seen as helpful in providing project updates to help understand the Willingness process. In-person meetings were also seen as a favorable means to obtain information and interact with Township staff, pending COVID-19 restrictions. Opportunities for face-to-face communications and other methods of discussing their choice with others were seen to be important.

Understanding What the Project Will Bring to Ignace

Since the outset of the Learn More Process in Ignace, residents have been interested in what community benefits the APM project might bring to the community. Through the Willingness Decision Project research, respondents were clear on the additional information that would be helpful to support an informed choice.

Information requests centered on the transportation, health and safety, environmental effects. Participants reiterated their interest in further understanding the specifics regarding the economic development, training and job opportunities. Information about socio-economic changes such as changes in population, the provision of housing, infrastructure and community improvements and general benefits to the community if the APM project would proceed. They not only want to know what positive changes would occur if the APM were located in their vicinity, but also the implications of a negative choice resulting in NWMO leaving the community.

4.0 Draft Plan Process

The draft decision-making process has received broad support. In reviewing the input received from Ignace residents during the engagement activities, a number of refinements to the draft process might be considered.

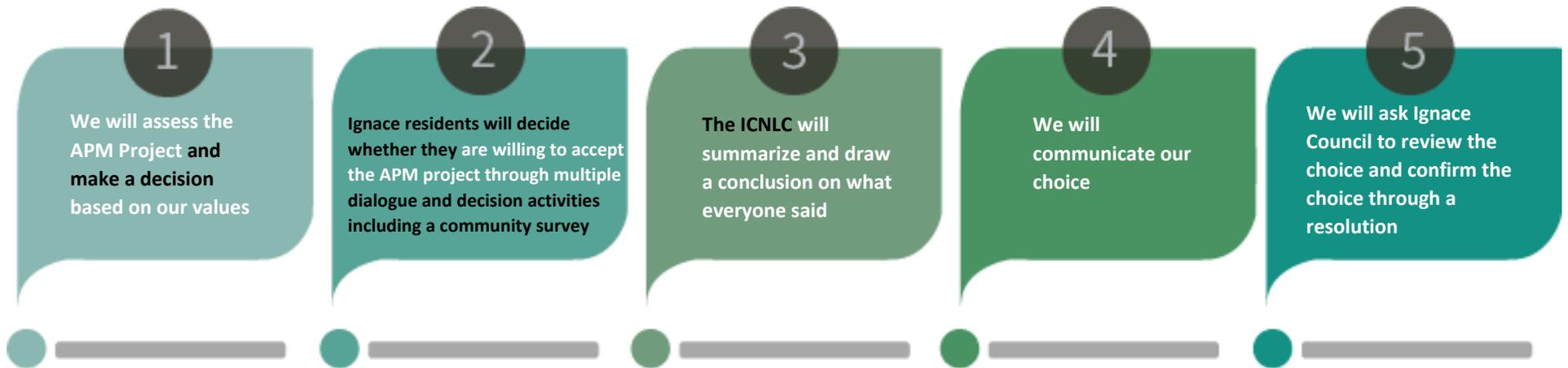
In the lead up to the implementation of the willingness decision process, it is understood that the Township of Ignace and the NWMO will continue to explore the APM Project. Both parties have worked together to learn about and understand the APM Project for over 10 years, and work continues. Community workshops and conversations will be continuing for community members to help guide each aspect of this work throughout 2022 and into 2023.

As well, together, the Township of Ignace and the NWMO are implementing community studies. They are also preparing to explore what a hosting agreement would contain, guided by the project vision established by Ignace residents. As noted above, a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed.

In 2023, with information from the current program of community studies and more information about a draft hosting agreement, the Township of Ignace will decide if the Ignace community is willing to have the APM Project implemented in the area.

Focussing on the draft decision-making process formulated by the Willingness Decision Working Group and ICNLC and discussed by Ignace residents, several changes might be considered as discussed below. **Figure 6** shows an enhanced draft Plan based on the results of community engagement (*Figure 6: Draft Plan Based on Community Engagement*).

Figure 6 - Draft Plan Based on Community Engagement



4.1 Values Based Assessment of the APM Project

The willingness decision process would involve examining the APM project against the objectives and values community members identified. Specifically, the extent to which the project:

- Ensures safety of people and the environment for the community and communities and people in the area;
- Supports the overall well-being of our local, regional, and Indigenous communities.
- Promotes community growth that celebrates the heritage and culture of Ignace as a “small-town” community embracing both current and new residents with varying backgrounds, cultures, peoples, and age groups;
- Sustains and complements local businesses while supporting the growth of mix development opportunities for our local economy; and
- Supports development of infrastructure and services, enhancing, complementing, and investing in new and present community facilities/developments.

The values also involve respecting Ignace’s strong connection to the outdoors and natural resources, being environmental stewards who protect and enhance the local and surrounding area as well as supporting a variety of economic and recreation activities. The process of assessing the extent to which the APM project is consistent with these values and Ignace’s vision for the future could include the ICNLC with expert support.

As the decision process unfolds, Township of Ignace Mayor and Council will need to ensure that the decision process respects the additional values of being fair, balanced, transparent, confidential and inclusive. These values are an addition to the proposed Draft Plan Process.

4.2 Engage Ignace Residents Through Multiple Engagement Activities

Ignace residents want options and desire multiple methods of engagement leading to the time they are asked to make an individual decision. This will allow them to learn about and consider the results of technical, environmental and socio-economic studies and the implications for a possible hosting agreement. Preferred methods are face to face sessions, open houses, a community survey and workshops. Several methods were not as desirable, such as a town hall meeting where the potential exists for loud voices to overwhelm other voices. In addition, there is less support for activities where citizens would be required to express their personal decision in public.

Given this, the ICNLC may consider hosting workshops and other learning events, reach out and meet community organizations, engage people where they gather. Confidential choices could be made associated with these events. Should a community survey be selected, care would have to be taken to ensure the confidentiality of every resident, seek out the views of all residents using multiple attempts and allowing time for people who work out-of-town and seasonal residents (e.g., miners, snowbirds, camp owners, students) to participate. The

Township of Ignace may consider using an independent third-party to lead activities and discussions. The inclusion of dialogue and decision activities including a community survey is an addition to the proposed Draft Plan Process.

4.3 Summarize and Draw a Conclusion

Comments would be assessed and consolidated from many sources, including the community survey. In response to the question asked, conclusions would be drawn about whether the comments indicate that the community is willing or not. Transparency will be important. It would be expected that the comments would provide a clear indication of whether Township of Ignace residents are willing for the APM project to be located in the area or not. The conclusion drawn could be simple or complex depending on how the question is formulated.

With the help of a third-party, the ICNLC and the Township of Ignace may then wish to report out on what was said in community conversations, including publishing a summary of comments – both solicited and unsolicited. The role of the ICNLC in facilitating the decision process and summarizing results is an addition to the Draft Plan Process.

4.4 Communicate the Choice

Based on the community deliberations and conclusions drawn about willingness, the ICNLC may share the decision among Ignace residents, neighbouring communities, and the NWMO. Sharing the potential decision before the Council considered the decision and discussed and approved a resolution would allow for further deliberation. It would also allow for the assessment of whether the decision was arrived at in a fair and balanced manner and whether the process had been inclusive. This step would allow for conclusions to be drawn on whether the decision is supported by Ignace residents and was arrived at in a manner consistent with their values.

Thus, the ICNLC could serve as facilitator of the process, reflect on the summary of what community members said and share the results of the process with the Mayor and Council. The independent third-party may be asked to support the ICNLC in these activities.

4.5 Ignace Council to Review the Choice and Confirm Through a Resolution

Following the ICNLC sharing its findings with the Township of Ignace Mayor and Council. The Mayor and Council could then assess the findings and draw their own conclusion about whether the community supports the implementation of the project in the area. Council as the legal body authorized to represent the residents of the Township of Ignace, would confirm its choice through a Council resolution. The Mayor and Council may wish to confirm several activities leading up to the request for residents to indicate their views. Specifically, among

other decisions, leading up to this, Council may consider the wording of the question and determine the timing of when the decision-making period would begin and end.

The Mayor and Council then may pass a resolution and communicate its support, or lack of support, to its constituents, the NWMO and neighbours.

4.6 Reflection on the Emerging Process

The HSAL 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 workshop is consistent with models associated with deliberative democracy¹⁹ 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.

4.7 Next Steps

The next steps are to share the findings from this report as draft with the ICNLC and Mayor and Council for review in December 2021 and also with community members for comments, errors, omissions before the report is finalized.

Following a presentation to Council, the incorporation of comments and submission of the final report in December 2021, Council may consider the following steps.

- Develop a detailed implementation plan for Willingness using a multi-prong and activities approach beginning in January 2022.
- Prepare and distribute a one-page 2ft by 3 ft poster summarizing the process of deliberative democracy that would characterize Ignace's process of assessing willingness.

¹⁹ Reference: 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.

- Distribute the poster and receive comments to be considered in future detailed planning and implementation of the decision process
- Develop an RFP and secure funding for retaining an independent third-party consultant to help plan for and later support the implementation of the decision process. This would include, but is not limited to:
 - Prepare a Public Communications and Engagement Plan centered on discussion, learning and deliberation;
 - Coordinate timing of the learning about willingness following the completion of community studies and advancement of discussions on a potential hosting agreement; and
 - Further elaborate the activities that would occur to obtain residents views and for residents to make a decision consistent with the process being fair, balanced, transparent, confidential, and inclusive.
- Once the willingness decision process is initiated, the third-party consultant, with residents, the ICNLC and staff would:
 - Host special events where people can come together, learn, engage in dialogue and respond to the question;
 - Initiate an all-home door-to-door community survey to be confidentially administered by a third party; and
 - Convene pop-ups and drop-in events and other activities encouraging Ignace residents to answer the questions being posed as part of the decision-making process in a confidential manner.
- The third-party consultant would conclude the decision-making process, tally the results and share results with ICNLC and Council. The ICNLC may want to make a recommendation to Mayor and Council based on the findings and their discussions.
- Staff would be engaged in implementing the Willingness decision process throughout 2022 and 2023.



APPENDICES



Appendix A: Engagement Material



Ignace Willingness Backgrounder July 2021



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Things You Need to Know About Ignace's Future Willingness Decision

1.0 What is the APM Project About?

In 2007, the Government of Canada determined that Adaptive Phased Management (APM) would be Canada's plan for the long-term management of used nuclear fuel. Used nuclear fuel is one of the by-products of electricity production in nuclear power plants. It is a compact, solid material that is hazardous and needs to be contained and isolated from people and the environment, essentially indefinitely.

More than 90 percent of Canada's used nuclear fuel is in Ontario. It is currently managed in licensed storage facilities, many of which are located at nuclear power plant sites. This storage is interim and requires active care to maintain. The concrete and steel containers that currently contain the used nuclear fuel need to be replaced every 50 to 100 years. The buildings in which the used fuel sits need to be continuously monitored and maintained.

APM moves towards a goal that Canadians identified: safe, secure, long-term containment and isolation of used nuclear fuel produced in Canada with flexibility for future generations to refine the approach and adapt to experience and societal changes. Canada's plan puts in place a long-term management plan that will safely and securely contain and isolate used nuclear fuel in a passive manner that does not require future generations to take care of waste they did not produce. Canadians have said it is unfair to put the responsibility for taking care of this waste on to future generations when we have the knowledge, capacity and resources to safely and securely put in place a long-term management plan today.

The site selected for the project must ensure long term safety. APM involves placing our country's used nuclear fuel in a deep geological repository using a multiple-barrier system. The preferred site will be one that can be demonstrated to safely contain and isolate used nuclear fuel and protect humans and the environment over the very long-term. The project consists of surface facilities as well as the repository, which must be located in a suitable rock formation. The rock formation will have desirable characteristics (geological, hydrogeological, chemical and mechanical), that support containment and repository performance to meet or exceed the regulatory expectations of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, the guidance of the International Atomic Energy Agency and experience in other countries with nuclear waste management programs¹.

The project must also be able to foster long-term community well-being and quality of life of the local community and region. The local community must be willing and the project must be able to be implemented with the involvement of First Nation and Métis communities and others in the area, working in partnership to implement it. A National Centre of Expertise will be an important part of this large national infrastructure project. A fundamental tenet of Canada's plan is incorporating learning, including Indigenous and Traditional Knowledge, at each step to guide a process of phased decision-making. APM is designed to be flexible and responsive to new learning, societal priorities and evolving

¹ NWMO, 2015. Description of a Deep Geological Repository and Centre of Expertise for Canada's Used Nuclear Fuel. Accessible Online: https://www.nwmo.ca/en/~media/Site/Files/PDFs/2015/11/12/08/10/2798_description_of_a_deep_geological_repository_and_ce.ashx

public policy. Moving to a deep geological repository is recognized internationally as the best approach for the long-term management of used fuel.



2.0 Why Ignace?

Since 2012, Ignace has been learning about the APM project and exploring the potential to implement it in the area. The potential for this area to meet the requirements of the project is strong. Twenty-two communities and areas expressed interest in the project. A series of technical and social studies and narrowing down decisions made by the NWMO were designed to focus on progressively more detailed studies where there is strong potential to meet the requirements of the project. The Ignace area is now just one of two areas being considered to implement the deep geological repository, Centre of Expertise, and other facilities that are part of Canada's plan for the long-term management of used nuclear fuel.

The leadership of Ignace expressed the following two considerations when the community initially entered the site selection process. Ignace leadership wanted to: i) ensure that future generations are protected from the hazards associated with used nuclear fuel by helping to implement sound practices of waste management such as environmental stewardship, safety, accountability, and social responsibility; and ii) advance the long-term well-being of the community through the APM project, including promoting socio-economic growth, environmental sustainability, and well-being of the community and its surrounding area and Indigenous neighbours. Preliminary studies suggest the project can be implemented safely in the Ignace area². The project aligns with the priorities and objectives identified by the community and described in Ignace's Community Strategy³.

Ultimately, the project requires a site that can safely and securely contain and isolate used nuclear fuel for the long time period needed, as well as a supportive partnership involving the municipality, First Nation and Métis communities and others in the area. A single preferred site for the project is expected

²NWMO, 2013. Preliminary Assessment for Siting a Deep Geological Repository for Canada's Used Nuclear Fuel The Corporation of the Township of Ignace, Ontario. FINDINGS FROM PHASE ONE STUDIES Available Online: https://www.nwmo.ca/~media/Site/Reports/2015/11/20/07/16/2242_ignace_preliminary_assessment_report.ashx?la=en

³ Township of Ignace, 2019. Township of Ignace Community Strategy.

to be selected by the NWMO in 2023. Once the NWMO has selected a preferred site in 2023, it will need to complete more detailed studies as required by Canada’s regulators and the regulatory review process. The project will not proceed without undergoing a process of regulatory review, assessment, and licensing.

3.0 Why is Ignace Discussing ‘Willingness’ Before Making a Decision?

Ignace is continuing to learn about and explore the project but has not decided whether or not it is willing to see the project implemented in the area. As part of the siting process in late 2022 or early 2023, Ignace will need to decide and demonstrate willingness in order for the project to be able to proceed. By this time, Ignace and the NWMO will have completed more detailed technical and social studies, and discussions about the possible content of a partnership agreement with NWMO will have advanced. Additional studies will also have been completed to explore the suitability of the rock at the site to ensure safety. Before making the ‘willingness’ decision, Ignace leaders want to hear from residents about, ‘how to make the decision’.

The objectives for the Ignace Willingness project are:

- 01 Through dialogue with community members, outline a process for Ignace to determine its level of willingness to implement the APM project in their area;
- 02 As part of this process, identify and describe multiple indicators that will be used to assess Ignace’s willingness; and
- 03 Include a range of methodologies to ultimately engage and assess the willingness and support of community members in the future.

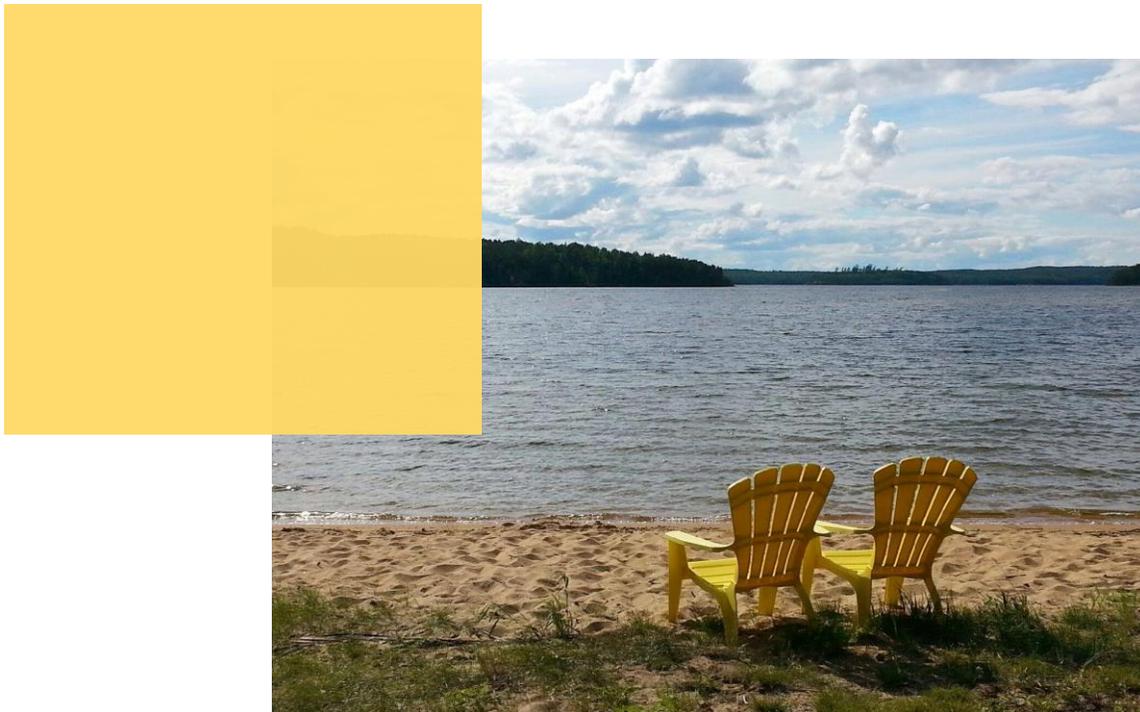
When talking about willingness what are Ignace residents being asked to think about? The Township wants to understand what willingness means to the residents of Ignace in the context of the APM project being sited in the area. The Township wants to know how people feel about the decision they will be asked to make and how they would like to see it made. The Ignace Community Nuclear Liaison Committee (ICNLC) has provided a letter to the community to introduce the Willingness project and encourage the community to participate (see **Appendix A**).

4.0 Residents are Being Asked, “What Should the Decision-Making Process Look Like?”

The Township has prepared material to provide information and obtain feedback from the Ignace community on how residents would like to see the decision made (see **Appendix B** – Willingness comment form). Questions include:

- 01 Which decision-making activities should be part of our community’s decision-making process about the APM project? Which activity is most important and why?
- 02 The ICNLC and the Township have been working to ensure the community is informed about the project. Before any decision is made, what additional information is needed to ensure you and your neighbours are informed?
- 03 Before Ignace decides whether they are or are not willing to support the project being implemented in this area, what are you most interested in learning more about?
- 04 The ICNLC has laid out a plan for how Ignace could decide on its support for the project which builds on our community’s work to date to learn about and explore the project. Do you think this is a good plan? What changes, if any, would you like to see made to this plan?

How should community members be involved in the decision? What role should the ICNLC and Council play? Should the ICNLC make a recommendation to Ignace Township Council? Should Ignace Township Council make a decision on behalf of the community? Should special events be held for Ignace residents to voice their opinion about the project? Should community surveys be conducted to hear resident’s views? Please share your views!



5.0 Questions and Answers

The following Q&A's address potential questions regarding the Willingness process that may be helpful.

Will other communities be asked to participate?	<p>Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation will also need to decide if it is willing to see the project proceed.</p> <p>There is also ongoing engagement of municipal and Indigenous communities in the surrounding area by the NWMO to understand questions and concerns that need to be addressed about the project and will be considered by NWMO in selecting a site.</p>
How have we defined the Ignace community?	<p>The community is defined by the municipal boundaries of the Township of Ignace. That said, the Township is interested in hearing from people living in the area who wish to complete the comment form to share their views.</p>
Who is a resident?	<p>Those people living in the municipal boundaries of the Township of Ignace. Residents are further defined in the same manner that Statistics Canada defines a resident⁴.</p>
Who is leading this discussion?	<p>The ICNLC, Township of Ignace and NWMO are leading this discussion with support from a third-party independent consultant – Hardy Stevenson and Associates Limited.</p>
Why were the questions on the comment form open-ended?	<p>The open-ended questions allow the Township to get detailed and unique information from each individual on their perceptions of how a decision on willingness should proceed in Ignace.</p>
What is the role of Council?	<p>Township Council is seeking the views of community members. In the future they may be asked to make and pass a resolution.</p>

⁴ Statistics Canada (2016) Ignace Township Census Subdivision. Available Online: <https://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/dp-pd/prof/details/page.cfm?Lang=E&Geo1=CSD&Code1=3560001&Geo2=CD&Code2=3560&SearchText=Ignace&SearchType=Begin&SearchPR=01&B1=All&TABID=1&type=0#map-popup>

6.0 Opportunities Ignace Residents Have to Provide Their Views

The Township of Ignace will be conducting a series of engagement activities to obtain community members' input on the Willingness process. Staff are going to where people live, work and play to ensure that we hear the perspectives of community members. Some of the engagement activities include:

- Mobile Learn More Centre;
- Pop Up booths;
- Open Office events;
- Willingness Workshops (facilitated by Hardy Stevenson and Associates Limited); and
- One-on-one discussions with community members.

When and where these activities will take place will be advertised on the Township of Ignace's project specific website (www.ignace.ca). The material and comment form can be downloaded online on the project webpage. The webpage provides a means for community members to learn about the Willingness project and enables access to additional project communications materials (e.g. pamphlet, etc., see **Appendix C – Additional Communications Materials**).

7.0 What Will be Done with the Information Received?

The information gathered from Ignace residents during the engagement process in the coming months will be used to define a willingness assessment process for 2022 and 2023 leading up to NWMO's selection of the preferred site for the APM project. The Township has hired an independent consultant, Hardy Stevenson and Associates Limited (HSAL) to help implement the engagement process, as well determine what Ignace residents have said about the willingness project, and how the Township should proceed.

8.0 Next Steps

After hearing what the community has to say, HSAL will be providing a summary report that captures all the information gathered over the six-month period. The report will summarise how the dialogue was designed and delivered, what was heard and the key findings from the dialogue. The report will culminate with a 'Roadmap' that sets out the preferred approaches for measuring and assessing willingness in Ignace.

The report will be presented to Council and will be subject to a Council review which is expected by end of year.

Appendices:

Appendix A – Letter from the ICNLC

Appendix B – Willingness Comment Form

Appendix C – Additional Communications Materials

Appendix A – Letter from the ICNLC

Planning for a community decision on the APM Project

Dear neighbours,

Ignace residents are continuing to learn about and explore the Adaptive Phased Management (APM) Project and siting it in this area. Before we make the decision, we first need to decide *how* to make the decision.

The project, called Adaptive Phased Management, is the core element of Canada's plan for the long-term management of Canada's used nuclear fuel. The used fuel is a byproduct of electricity production from Canada's nuclear power plants. The decision to manage used fuel underground was selected by the Government of Canada in 2007 after a nationwide dialogue about a range of approaches. The dialogue involved a broad cross-section of citizens, Indigenous peoples and technical specialists. Canada's plan is consistent with the international consensus and best practice for managing used fuel.

In late 2022 or early 2023, we will have more information about the project being implemented in the Revell area based on detailed technical and social community studies and insight on what a partnership agreement with the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) would include. We need to think now about how we will make that decision and to put a plan in place for our future decision-making.

Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation is also exploring the project and is developing its own plan for decision-making. Other municipal and Indigenous communities are also learning about the project. It will be important to ensure their questions and concerns are addressed.

We need your involvement in developing a plan for Ignace's decision-making. The Ignace Community Nuclear Liaison Committee (ICNLC) has laid out draft components of the plan, as presented for discussion on the next page. What community dialogue and engagement should be included in this plan? Share your thoughts in the comment form, join in on upcoming community workshops, roundtable discussions and events, or reach out to us directly, so we can refine the plan together.

As always, we look forward to speaking with you and hearing your thoughts. As well as carrying on the conversations on this very important proposal, we want to ensure that you are heard, engaged and understood.

Sincerely,

Brad Greaves, ICNLC Chair
Township of Ignace
icnlc.office@gmail.com

Join the discussion and share your thoughts by participating in upcoming community discussion sessions, by calling to share suggestions, or by dropping off your completed comment form at the municipal office (34 Hwy 17 W., Ignace). Electronic versions are also available by emailing icnlc.office@gmail.com.

Appendix B – Willingness Comment Form

Share your thoughts

In late 2022 or early 2023, we will need to decide if Ignace is supportive of the Adaptive Phased Management (APM) Project being implemented in this area. We are planning now for how we will make that decision.

1a. Which of the following activities should be part of our community's decision-making process about the APM Project? *[Please check all that apply.]*

- The Ignace Community Nuclear Liaison Committee (ICNLC) should decide and make a recommendation to the Ignace Township Council
- The Ignace Township Council should make its decision on behalf of the community
- A special event should be held for Ignace residents to voice their opinion about the project
- Community surveys should be conducted to hear our residents' opinion about the project
- Other suggestions:

1b. Which of the activities you checked above is most important, and why?

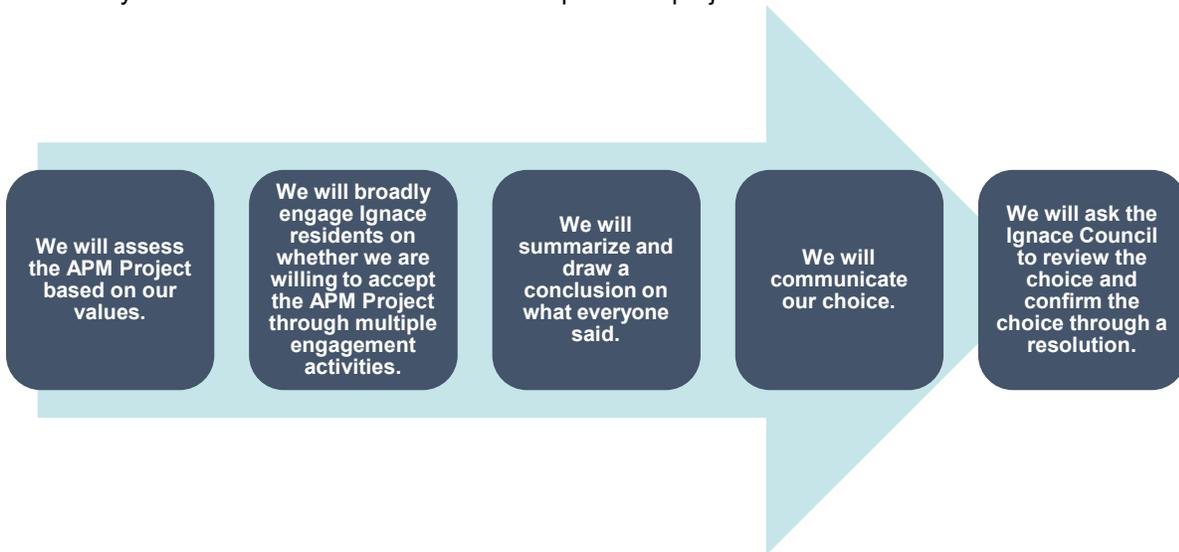
2a. The ICNLC and the Township have been working to ensure the community is informed about the project. However, before any decision is made, let us know what else is needed to ensure you and your neighbours are informed. *[Please check all that apply.]*

- Newsletters and letter mail-outs to all community members
- More face-to-face open houses to answer questions
- Additional workshops, seminars or other learning events
- Coffee chats and drop-in sessions
- Learning circles
- Briefings and update presentations to community groups
- Other suggestions:

2b. Which of the activities you checked above is most important, and why?

3. Before we decide whether we are willing to support the project being implemented in this area, what are you most interested in learning more about?

4. The ICNLC has laid out a plan for how Ignace could decide on its support for the project, which builds on our community’s work to date to learn about and explore the project.



Do you think this is a good plan? What changes, if any, would you like to see made to this plan? Please refer to the “Draft plan for a future community decision” document (enclosed in package) for more details.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts and shaping our community’s decision-making plan! We are seeking the views of Ignace residents, so please provide your name and address to confirm your participation. Your views will be treated as confidential. We will be preparing a consolidated summary of all comments.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Tel.: _____
 Email: _____
 Community organization (affiliation) if any: _____
 Age: ___ Less than 15 ___ 15-34 ___ 35-64 ___ 65 or older
 Gender: _____

Appendix C – Additional Communications Materials

Let's talk: Community conversations on partnership – Planning for a community decision on the APM Project

After many years of learning about the Adaptive Phased Management (APM) Project, Ignace has come to the point when we need to make a decision. It is a decision that will be of interest to all of us and all Canadians. Canadians are interested not only in the decision we make, but also how we made the decision.

We are asking for your help today to develop the plan that our community will use to make our decision in late 2022.

1. Planning to make a community decision

Once the community and the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) have completed more detailed technical and social studies in late 2022 and discussions about a partnership agreement with the NWMO have advanced, we will need to decide if Ignace is supportive of this project. We are developing a plan and activities for how we will make that future decision, and we need your input. We have laid out a possible plan that builds on our community's work to date to explore the project to help get the discussion started.

2. What is the project?

In 2007, the Government of Canada determined that APM would be Canada's plan for the long-term management of used nuclear fuel. The NWMO has been federally mandated to implement the project. APM involves placing our country's used nuclear fuel in a deep geological repository using a multiple-barrier system. The project consists of surface facilities, as well as the repository, which must be located in a suitable rock formation. Part of Canada's plan is incorporating learning, including Indigenous and Traditional Knowledge, to guide a process of phased decision-making. APM is designed to be flexible and responsive to new learning, societal priorities and evolving public policy. Moving to a deep geological repository is recognized internationally as the best approach for the long-term management of used fuel. A national Centre of Expertise will also play an important part of this large national infrastructure project.

3. Why is Ignace interested in this project?

After a Canada-wide site selection process, two communities remain interested in the project: Ignace and South Bruce. The leadership of Ignace expressed the two following considerations when the community initially entered the site selection process. The Ignace leadership wanted to: i) ensure that future generations are protected from the hazards associated with used nuclear fuel by helping to implement sound practices of waste management such as environmental stewardship, safety, accountability and social responsibility; and ii) advance the long-term well-being of the community through the APM Project, including promoting socio-economic growth, environmental sustainability, and well-being of the community and its surrounding area and Indigenous neighbours. Safety is paramount for both our community partners and the NWMO. The project is a national infrastructure project and subject to a high level of independent regulatory review, assessment and ongoing oversight.

4. What has been Ignace's involvement to date?

Ignace is continuing to learn about and explore the project, and has not decided whether it is supportive of implementing it in the area. Ultimately, the project requires a site that can safely and securely contain and isolate used nuclear fuel for the long time period needed. As important, it requires a supportive partnership involving the municipality, First Nation and Métis communities, and others in the area to implement the project together. A single, preferred site for the project is expected to be selected by the NWMO in 2023. Preliminary studies suggest the project can be implemented safely in the Ignace area, and the project aligns with the priorities and objectives identified by the community and described in Ignace's Strategic Plan.

5. Share your thoughts

We need your thoughts and ideas to develop the plan for our community. Please share your thoughts in the comment form, join in on upcoming community workshops, roundtable discussions and events, or reach out to us directly, so we can refine the plan together. We look forward to speaking with you and hearing your thoughts.

What we did (our history)

- **2009** – The Mayor and Council approached the NWMO to learn more about APM, and initiated outreach and educational activities.
- **2010** – The Council passes a resolution requesting information about potential project.
- **2011** – The Council passes a resolution expressing interest to learn more about APM. It establishes the **Ignace Community Nuclear Liaison Committee (ICNLC)** to help facilitate community learning and dialogue.
- **2012** – The Council, the ICNLC and the NWMO undertake technical and social studies, community engagement, and early outreach with neighbouring municipal and Indigenous communities. The ICNLC launches a local community office, monthly public meetings, website, and newsletters.
- **2013** – The NWMO completes **Phase 1 Preliminary Assessment** activities and shares findings with the community with respect to the potential of suitable geological rock and fostering local and regional well-being.
- **2014** – The Council passes resolution expressing interest in continuing to learn about APM, and initiates and plans for **Phase 2 Preliminary Assessment** studies.
- **2015** – Ongoing discussions with Ignace and area residents, as well as Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation, to identify technically and socially suitable sites for initial borehole drilling and testing.
- **2016** – The Learn More Centre opens in the Ignace Plaza to house NWMO staff, as well as support detailed studies, regional engagement, and ongoing learning about the project.
- **2018** – Through community workshops and engagement activities, Ignace and the NWMO develop a set of guiding principles for potential partnerships.
- **2019** – The NWMO publishes findings from **Phase 2 Preliminary Assessment** studies and selects the Township of Ignace and the Municipality of South Bruce as the two preferred areas for more detailed study.
- **2020** – Through virtual workshops and other engagement activities, Ignace and the NWMO collaboratively develops a project vision that aligns with community values, priorities and project expectations.
- **2021** – Ignace and the NWMO develops a list of community studies to be completed by the end of 2022.

Why we did it (our rationale)

- We can be leaders and do our part for Ontario and Canada. We see the opportunity.
- We can advance the long-term well-being of the Ignace community through the APM Project, including promoting the socio-economic growth, environmental sustainability and community well-being.
- We can help ensure that future generations are protected from the hazards associated with used nuclear fuel by ensuring it is contained and isolated from people and the environment.

What is needed now (our direction)

- In late 2022, Ignace will decide if we support the implementation of the project in the area. Today, we are planning for how we will make that decision.
- Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation will also decide if it supports the project and is also developing a plan for how it will make its decision.
- Other communities in the area will need to be involved to understand and answer their concerns about the project.
- The NWMO will identify a single, preferred site in 2023, either in the Ignace area or South Bruce. Additional work will be initiated to complete the studies needed to support regulatory review and a licence application.
- The regulatory review and assessment process will be completed before a government decision.

Draft plan for a future community decision

The Township of Ignace and the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) continue to explore the Adaptive Phased Management (APM) Project. Community workshops and conversations are also continuing for community members to help guide each aspect of this work. We have worked together over the past 10 years to learn about and understand the APM Project, and work continues. Recently, we have planned together and are implementing community studies. We are also preparing to explore what a hosting agreement would contain, guided by the project vision established by Ignace residents. Now the community is being asked by the Ignace Community Nuclear Liaison Committee (ICNLC) for its thoughts/input on the next steps in our work to assess our community’s willingness.

In late 2022 or early 2023, with information from the current program of community studies and a draft hosting agreement developed with the NWMO in place, we will need to decide if our Ignace community is supportive of implementing the APM Project in our area. We are now developing a plan for how we are going to make that decision. To start the conversation, we propose some thoughts on what a decision-making plan could include. This plan builds on what we heard from our community members and the steps we have built together to lead us here today. Please get involved and share your thoughts as we continue to develop our community’s plan.

Steps	Involves	Includes
<p>1 We will assess the APM Project based on our values.</p>	<p>Examining the project against the objectives and values that community members identified in workshops. We would consider the extent to which the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensures safety of people and the environment for our community and communities and people in the area; • Supports the overall well-being of our local, regional and Indigenous communities; • Promotes community growth that celebrates the heritage and culture of our “small-town” community embracing both current and new residents with varying backgrounds, cultures, peoples, and age groups; • Sustains and complements local businesses while supporting the growth of mixed development opportunities for our local economy; • Supports development of infrastructure and services, enhancing, complementing and investing in new and present community facilities/developments; and • Respects Ignace’s strong connection to the outdoors and natural resources, being environmental stewards who protect and enhance the local and surrounding area, as well as support a variety of economic and recreation activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ICNLC reviews and discusses its assessment of the project against our community’s vision and values, and seeks expert support as needed.

Steps	Involves	Includes
<p>2 We will broadly engage Ignace residents on whether we are willing to accept the APM Project through multiple engagement activities.</p>	<p>Discussing the extent to which we are supportive, or not, of the project being implemented in our area, considering the assessment of the project against our community's vision and values.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ICNLC involves community members in assessing the project. • This includes meetings with community groups, interviews with community members, and community workshops. • A third-party consultant team will lead activities and discussions.
<p>3 We will summarize and draw a conclusion on what everyone said.</p>	<p>Comments will be assessed and consolidated. Conclusions will be drawn about whether the comments indicate that the community is willing or not.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the help of a third-party consultant, the ICNLC and the Township of Ignace report on what was said in community conversations, including publishing a summary of comments – both solicited and unsolicited.
<p>4 We will communicate our choice.</p>	<p>Based on the community discussions and conclusions drawn about willingness, the decision will be shared with neighbouring communities and the NWMO.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ICNLC meets to reflect on the consultant summary of what community members have said and makes a recommendation to the Council.
<p>5 We will ask the Ignace Council to review the choice and confirm the choice through a resolution.</p>	<p>The Council determines whether the community supports the implementation of the project in the area. Our decision is reflected in a Council resolution.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council passes a resolution and communicates its support, or lack of support, to the NWMO and neighbours.

Ignace Township Update on Willingness



Our Future Decision

For many years, Ignace, along with Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation, has been involved with learning about and exploring the potential in hosting the Adaptive Phased Management (APM) project. This project involves a deep geological repository (DGR) for Canada's used nuclear fuel as well as the Centre of Expertise. We were the first of 22 communities in expressing interest to the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) with regards to being part of the siting process and exploring whether the area would be suitable. After many years of social and technical studies conducted by NWMO, two areas have been identified with strong potential that meet the requirements of the project: Township of Ignace and Municipality of South Bruce both located in the Province of Ontario.

As part of the siting process, our community will need to let NWMO know in 2023 if we are willing to see the project implemented in our area. Before making this decision, we will have more information about the project from many technical and social studies that are currently underway with respect to social, economic, and environmental considerations. It is important to our community that we remain informed so that we can weigh all of these considerations when determining if the project can and should be sited in this area. Foremost, safety must be demonstrated at the site. The project will only proceed with the involvement of First Nation and Métis communities in the area and surrounding communities along with Ignace. We must all work together to implement the project. Regulatory and licensing requirements will also need to be met.

Community Conversations

Over the last six months, our community has been talking about the process that we would like to implement throughout the next two years to help us make our decision in 2023. As a result of our community outreach process, over 1,000 respondents - representing all ages and sectors - were reached whether it was through community group meetings, social media, pop-ups, a survey on the Ignace website, and/or one-on-one discussions. Information was also sent to each household throughout this time including an invitation to join our community conversations. In addition, 166 people provided formal written comments. Hardy Stevenson, an independent consultant, was retained by the Township of Ignace to help facilitate the community engagement process as well as prepare a report and share its findings with the Ignace Community Nuclear Liaison Committee (ICNLC), Ignace residents for feedback and then Town Council for deliberation and resolution.

What Ignace Residents Have Said

When it comes time to make the decision, Ignace wants a process that is fair, transparent, balanced, confidential, and inclusive. Rather than just one way, we want to have multiple ways so that we can demonstrate whether we are willing or not in supporting the DGR project. To achieve fairness, we like the idea of an extended decision-making process that would allow seasonal residents and workers who live in Ignace and travel outside to work to participate. More importantly, the decision process must allow residents to consider, discuss, and weigh options in a manner that is characteristic of "deliberative democracy".

To inform our decision, we want to receive information through newsletters and letter mail-outs to all community members. Face-to-face open houses and door-to-door campaigns are also desirable. Our community would then be asked to decide. A third party could help collate the responses in a transparent manner and present them to the ICNLC. The ICNLC would then share the results to the public and facilitate further comments. Following a period of reflection and comment, the ICNLC would present the results to the Township of Ignace Mayor and Council for a final community decision through a Council resolution. Public input is, therefore, central and vital to this process.

Ignace Township Update on Willingness

Questions and Answers

Why wasn't a referendum given as an option on the Ignace community survey?

If we decide that we want to pursue this project, we need to show the NWMO that we are “informed and willing”. A referendum cannot determine whether someone is informed. Community members were also encouraged to suggest new and different ways to determine willingness as well as multiple opportunities in the comment form to suggest different approaches be used, including a referendum. No one suggested it during our community outreach events whereas two of the 166 people who commented in our formal survey indicated that Ignace should hold a referendum.

What does Ignace think is the best democratic way to assess willingness?

The process the community wants us to implement in determining willingness is characteristic of “deliberative democracy”. Decisions are best reached through public deliberation – argument, debate, exchange of ideas – among citizens. Residents have been given many opportunities to provide comment on this project through surveys, discussions, and one-on-one meetings. The expectation is that not every person would participate actively and extensively. Rather, deliberative democracy envisions public forums where residents are offered equal access and opportunities to participate. In so doing, their voices are heard and better understood. This method puts an emphasis on reasonableness, on civic-mindedness over pure self-interest, on the equality of citizens, and on legitimation of public policy decisions.

Why weren't other communities involved in the survey in determining Ignace's willingness decision process?

Ignace started the exploration of the project in 2011 being one of 22 communities across Canada that initially expressed interest for the DGR project. As part of the NWMO siting process, Ignace will need to demonstrate willingness. NWMO is also working with Dryden and other communities in our region to support learning about the project; to understand their perspectives and concerns; and to explore whether broader regional support for the project can be developed.

You only heard from 166 people, out of a community of 1,200 people, how can you conclude that you had a representative sample of comments?

The 166 individuals who did provide formal comments represent a broad cross-section of the community (for example age, gender, race, ethnicity, and labour status). This number of respondents is well within the range for the number of participants that the Township of Ignace engages with for important public policy matters. Through our various community engagement activities, we have reached over 1,000 respondents informing and providing them with multiple opportunities to comment. Every household in our community received information about the dialogue. Community members had been either briefed on or had discussions about the project through various meetings, pop-ups, and one-on-one discussions over a six-month period (i.e. late Spring, Summer, and early Fall 2021). In addition, the Township, ICNLC, and NWMO has been involved in many opportunities relating to outreach, engagement, and mutual-learning since the inception of this project proposal – over a decade in the making.

If you would like to share information with the Township of Ignace about the Willingness project or have any additional thoughts or feedback, please contact Petrina or Leisel by December 10, 2021:

Petrina Taylor-Hertz - Communications Specialist at communications@ignace.ca or 807-747-0327.

Leisel Edwards – Project Manager at projectmanager@ignace.ca or 807-747-1724.

Appendix B: Background Material

Background and Context

A brief overview of information shared through this material as background for the discussion is outlined below.

APM Process

In 2007, the Government of Canada determined that Adaptive Phased Management (APM) would be Canada's plan for the long-term management of used nuclear fuel. Used nuclear fuel is one of the by-products of electricity production in nuclear power plants. It is a compact, solid material that is hazardous and needs to be contained and isolated from people and the environment, essentially indefinitely.

More than 90 percent of Canada's used nuclear fuel is in Ontario. It is currently managed in licensed storage facilities, many of which are located at nuclear power plant sites. This storage is interim and requires active care to maintain. The concrete and steel containers that currently contain the used nuclear fuel need to be replaced every 50 to 100 years. The buildings in which the used fuel sits need to be continuously monitored and maintained.

APM moves towards a goal that Canadians identified: safe, secure, long-term containment and isolation of used nuclear fuel produced in Canada with flexibility for future generations to refine the approach and adapt to experience and societal changes. Canada's plan puts in place a long-term management plan that will safely and securely contain and isolate used nuclear fuel in a passive manner that does not require future generations to take care of waste they did not produce. Canadians have said it is unfair to put the responsibility for taking care of this waste on to future generations when we have the knowledge, capacity and resources to safely and securely put in place a long-term management plan today.

The site selected for the project must ensure long term safety. APM involves placing our country's used nuclear fuel in a deep geological repository using a multiple-barrier system. The preferred site will be one that can be demonstrated to safely contain and isolate used nuclear fuel and protect humans and the environment over the very long-term. The project consists of surface facilities as well as the repository, which must be located in a suitable rock formation. The rock formation will have desirable characteristics (geological, hydrogeological, chemical and mechanical), that support containment and repository performance to meet or exceed the regulatory expectations of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, the guidance of the International Atomic Energy Agency and experience in other countries with nuclear waste management programs²⁰.

²⁰ NWMO, 2015. Description of a Deep Geological Repository and Centre of Expertise for Canada's Used Nuclear Fuel. Accessible Online: https://www.nwmo.ca/en/~media/Site/Files/PDFs/2015/11/12/08/10/2798_description_of_a_deep_geological_repository_and_ce.ashx

The project must also be able to foster long-term community well-being and quality of life of the local community and region. The local community must be willing and the project must be able to be implemented with the involvement of First Nation and Métis communities and others in the area, working in partnership to implement it. A National Centre of Expertise will be an important part of this project. A fundamental tenet of Canada's plan is incorporating learning, including Indigenous and Traditional Knowledge, at each step to guide a process of phased decision-making. APM is designed to be flexible and responsive to new learning, societal priorities and evolving public policy. Moving to a deep geological repository is recognized internationally as the best approach for the long-term management of used fuel.

Township of Ignace Involvement to Date

Since 2012, Ignace has been learning about the APM project and exploring the potential to implement it in the area. The potential for this area to meet the requirements of the project is strong. Twenty-two communities and areas initially expressed interest in the project. A series of technical and social studies and narrowing down decisions made by the NWMO were designed to focus on progressively more detailed studies where there is strong potential to meet the requirements of the project. The Ignace area is now just one of two areas being considered to implement the deep geological repository, Centre of Expertise, and other facilities that are part of Canada's plan for the long-term management of used nuclear fuel.

The leadership of Ignace expressed the following two considerations when the community initially entered the site selection process. Ignace leadership wanted to: i) ensure that future generations are protected from the hazards associated with used nuclear fuel by helping to implement sound practices of waste management such as environmental stewardship, safety, accountability, and social responsibility; and ii) advance the long-term well-being of the community through the APM project, including promoting socio-economic growth, environmental sustainability, and well-being of the community and its surrounding area and Indigenous neighbours. Preliminary studies suggest the project can be implemented safely in the Ignace area²¹. The project aligns with the priorities and objectives identified by the community and described in Ignace's Community Strategy²².

Ultimately, the project requires a site that can safely and securely contain and isolate used nuclear fuel for the long time period needed, as well as a supportive partnership involving the municipality, First Nation and Métis communities and others in the area. Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation will also decide if it supports the project and is also developing a plan for how it will make its decision.

A single preferred site for the project is expected to be selected by the NWMO in 2023. Once the NWMO has selected a preferred site in 2023, it will need to complete more detailed studies

²¹NWMO, 2013. Preliminary Assessment for Siting a Deep Geological Repository for Canada's Used Nuclear Fuel The Corporation of the Township of Ignace, Ontario. FINDINGS FROM PHASE ONE STUDIES Available Online: https://www.nwmo.ca/~media/Site/Reports/2015/11/20/07/16/2242_ignace_preliminary_assessment_report.ashx?la=en

²²Township of Ignace, 2019. Township of Ignace Community Strategy.

as required by Canada's regulators and the regulatory review process. The project will not proceed without undergoing a process of regulatory review, assessment, and licensing.

Appendix C: Engagement Advertisements

Mobile Learn More Centre

Visit the Nuclear Waste Management Organization's **Mobile Learn More Centre** – a one-stop shop for learning about Canada's plan for the safe, long-term management of used nuclear fuel.

Throughout the Mobile Learn More Centre you will find informative and exciting exhibits, models, diagrams and 3D displays.

For more information, please contact the Ignace Learn More Centre at 807.934.2472.

What:

NWMO's Mobile Learn More Centre

Where:

Ignace Learn More Centre
304 Main Street, Ignace ON

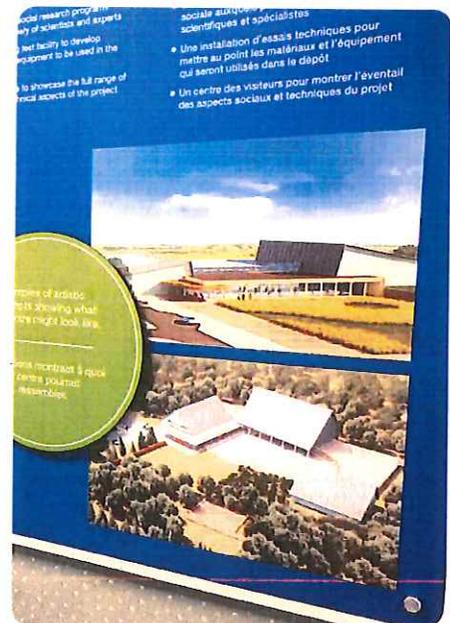
When:

Monday July 5, 2021
12:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Tuesday July 6, 2021
9:00 am to 7:00 pm

To ensure we are in line with public health guidelines and abiding by social distancing measures, plans will be in place to protect the safety and well-being of the people we engage with.

Aligned with protocols put in place by the Northwestern Health Unit, every visitor will be required to provide a name and contact information for contact-tracing purposes. In addition, mobile exhibit visitors will be required to self-screen, sanitize their hands upon entry, and wear a mask or face covering at all times while inside the Mobile Learn More Centre. NWMO will provide masks and hand sanitizer. Capacity will be limited to two visitors at a time, so wait times may vary.





Let's Talk About How We Decide Whether we are Willing

Planning for a community decision on the APM Project

We are asking for your help to develop the plan that our community will use to make our decision in late 2022.

Come share your thoughts.

Look for our **blue** chairs at the Mobile Learn More Centre Exhibit located in the Ignace Plaza Parking Lot

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Canada Day 2021

Liz Russell was out on **Canada Day** with a fully decked out kayak at Agimak beach. There were no fireworks this year or a parade due to Covid-19, but hopefully next year **Canada Day** will be celebrated once again.



Melody Kiss was also out and about with her niece Courtney Kiss and her niece's boyfriend Mark Abbott. Courtney and Mark were up visiting from Kingston; hopefully they enjoyed the kayaking on Agimak Lake.



The Agimak Jammers & friends will be performing at the Township of Ignace office boardwalk on August 2nd from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Bring your own lawn chair or a blanket and come and enjoy the music. Light refreshments and snacks will be provided.

(Pictured left to right: Ken Moss, Pat Petit, Bill Vincent, Maurice Betournay, Harold Singbeil and Don Wager.

Help, my house has become a bird rescue!!!

In 2016, my daughter Reagan came home from school and saw a bird at the bottom of the neighbours tree...and so began our adventures with Bird 1. It was a great experience, and Bird 1 survived our house and dogs even after being stepped on. The stepped-on part prolonged the rescue period, but it nonetheless made friends and flew South. This year, however, has brought five birds, two of which did not survive, but two Grackles did, and so did this little guy that spent the summer holidays at camp with us. I want to say thank you to the people that thought of my daughter taking care of these birds, as she does try hard to help them. I understand this little guy, affectionately known as Bird Six, has been visiting people in the neighbourhood and community garden, so if you get dive-bombed by a little brown bird, please be nice to it.



Nuclear Waste Management Organization

– Did you know?

This project will only proceed in an area with informed and willing hosts. People who live here, including Indigenous communities, need to understand what it means to host the projects, and agree to have it here.

The project is safe, and in line with international best practice. When used nuclear fuel is stored in the repository, our series of five engineered and natural barriers will protect people, land and precious water resources

The project will create stable jobs, community investments and long-term opportunities for decades to come.

Like many organizations, the NWMO run sponsorship and donation programs. This is because the project is multi-generational. The NWMO will be joining the host community for decades – they want to be good neighbours.

When NWMO asked Canadians and Indigenous people, they were clear: we must implement a long-term solution for the management of used nuclear fuel. We must not pass the burden down to future generations. The repository project is that solution.

Rachelle Davenport, Relationship Manager and Keayra Gascon, Developmental Engagement Student, welcomed visitors to the Mobile Learn More Centre



Mobile Learn More Centre completes Northern tour

The Nuclear Waste Management Organization’s (NWMO) Mobile Learn More Centre was back in Northwestern Ontario this past month. Starting on July 5, the Mobile Learn More Centre visited more than 10 northern communities, including several Indigenous communities, providing learning opportunities to local and regional community members, First Nations and Métis. It traveled almost 1,500 kms during its tour.

“We are delighted to be bringing the Mobile Learn More Centre back to our communities and to have meaningful conversations about used nuclear fuel” said Lise Morton, Vice-President of Site Selection at the NWMO. “Our staff are looking forward to giving you a tour of the excellent exhibits and answering your questions.”

Throughout the Mobile Learn More Centre you will find Using informative and exciting exhibits, models, diagrams and 3D displays, visitors to the Centre had the opportunity to learn about the nuclear fuel cycle, and details about how a deep geological repository will safely contain and isolate used nuclear fuel.

OPP Police Briefs

Members of the Dryden and Ignace Detachments of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to 681 calls for service from June 14 – July 18, 2021. Officers also laid 285 charges under the Highway Traffic Act and Criminal Code.

Traffic Complaints	95
Police Assistance	36
Animal Complaint	13
Assault	9
Break & Enter	5
Domestic Disputes	8
Impaired/Over 80	4
Mental Health Act	12
Theft	6
Motor Vehicle Collision	32
Marine	2
Trespass to Property	6
Weapons	1
Assist other Police	2
Mischief	3
Traffic Hazards	9
Unwanted Person	2
RIDE	2
Bail Violation	3

Ignace Public Library

Open to the Public
NEW HOURS

Garbage Tags/Punch
Cards Available

Wednesday

3:00 – 7:00 pm

Thursday

2:00 – 5:00 pm

Friday

2:00 – 5:00 pm

Free WiFi

Computer Use

Photocopying

Library Loans, E-Books, Audio

Books, Daisy Reader and Books

Printing

Faxing

Scan to Email Inter

Visit our Beautiful

Museum; the Dennis
Smyk Heritage Centre



Ignace Annual Kid's Fest

Medieval Times

The 2021 Annual Kids Fest will once again be virtual!

Families can register for a Kids Fest box that contain all the loot, activities, crafts, resources and materials for a medieval afternoon of fun!

Saturday August 14, 2021

Boxes can be picked up at the Ignace Recreation Centre between 10:00 am and 12:00 pm

Families are required to pre-register (children ages 3-13) by August 4, 2021 by contacting:

Joanne Armstrong	(807) 934-6696	ignacenurseryschool@bellnet.ca
Chantelle Gascon	(807) 936-0139	cgascon12@sympatico.ca
Katelyn Hamre	(807) 938-7749	recprogrammer@ignace.ca
Kimberly Richards	(807) 934-2202	icnlc.office@gmail.com

(Family Name, address, contact information, and number of children will be required)

Sponsored by: Ignace EarlyON Child and Family Centre/Nursery School, Nuclear Waste Management Organization, Ignace Recreation Committee, Ignace Community Nuclear Liaison Committee, Inwood Park Campground, Alterna Savings, Signal Weather/The Gallery, Northwestern Health Unit, Bragg's, Mary Berglund Community Health Centre, WaCu Productions, Northwest EMS, Vern's Minnows, Ignace Lions Club, Ignace Public Library, Crossroads Employment & Training Centre, Ignace Volunteer Fire Department and community volunteers!



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“What is Wind Blown Litter?”

The Ignace Landfill Site is inspected by the Ministry of Environment on a yearly basis and they make recommendations on how to improve the area. There are certain infractions that are chargeable, but there are certain things that are easily fixed if we can take a couple of extra seconds in our daily routines. Plastic bags have a tendency to fly around, but if we tie them in a knot; it makes it harder to fill with air and stops the bags from ending up in all of the trees around the landfill site which in turn keeps are landfill site cleaner and free from flying litter.



2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, September 22, 2021

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Ignace Silver Tops Centre

We encourage our community to participate in our Annual General Meeting in support of The Mary Berglund Community Health Centre.

WHY?

The Annual General meeting (AGM) is an important event for every organization. It gives its members, and the community a broad overview of current directions, and financial health.

It's transparency:

We need to be accountable. It is an opportunity to report on the results of our strategic plan. Did we achieve all of our expected outcomes over the past year and what do we plan to do in the next year?

It's communication:

The AGM provides a good opportunity for the Board of Directors and the Executive Director to interact with the community - to answer questions, hear your feedback, and seek your views.

Ignace Community Garden

Christopher & Reina have built a couple of picnic tables and have been busy weeding and watering. Remember to stop in. "Bird 6" has been hanging his hat at the Community Garden.



Let's Talk WILLINGNESS

Things you need to know about Ignace's future "Willingness" decision.

What is the APM Project About? In 2007, the Government of Canada determined that Adaptive Phased Management (APM) would be Canada's plan for the long-term management of used nuclear fuel. Moving to a deep geological repository is recognized internationally as the best approach for the long-term management of used fuel.

Since 2012, Ignace has been learning about the APM project and exploring the potential to implement it in the area. The potential for this area to meet the requirements of the project is strong. A single preferred site for the project is expected to be selected by the NWMO in 2023.

The objectives for the Ignace Willingness project are:

Through dialogue with community members, outline a process for Ignace to determine its level of willingness to implement the APM project in their area;

As part of this process, identify and describe multiple indicators that will be used to assess Ignace's willingness; and

Include a range of methodologies to ultimately engage and assess the willingness and support of community members in the future

When talking about willingness; what are Ignace resident being asked to think about? The Township wants to understand what willingness means to the residents of Ignace in the context of the APM project being sited in the area. The Township wants to know how people feel about the decision they will be asked to make and how they would like to see it made. The Ignace Community Nuclear Liaison Committee (ICNLC) has provided a letter to the community to introduce the Willingness project and encourage the community to participate.

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COVID-19

REOPENING ONTARIO – STEP 3

Permit with restrictions – Additional indoor services with larger numbers of people and restrictions in place.

- Outdoor social gatherings and organized public events for up to 100 people
- Indoor social gatherings and organized public events for up to 25 people
- Indoor dining with no limits to the number of patrons per table
- Retail with capacity limited to ensure physical distancing
- Indoor religious services, rites or ceremony gatherings with physical distancing
- Indoor sports and recreational fitness facilities with capacity limits
- Personal care services with capacity limited to ensure physical distancing
- Museums, casinos and bingo halls with capacity limits
- Cinemas, concert, theatres, and other performing arts venues with capacity limits

Read the full description of Step 3 at www.ontario.ca

The province will remain in Step Three for at least 21 days and until 80% of the eligible population aged 12 and over has received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, and 75 % have received their second, with no public health unit having less than 70 % of their eligible population aged 12 and over fully vaccinated.

WHEN YOU CAN'T FIND THE SUNSHINE, BE THE SUNSHINE

Chronic Conditions and Wildfire Smoke

People with any chronic condition should take the following steps to protect themselves from wildfire smoke:

Before wildfire season:

- Talk to your healthcare provider. Plan how you will protect yourself against wildfire smoke.
- Stock up on medicine. Store a 7 to 10-day supply of prescription medicines in a waterproof, childproof container to take with you if you evacuate.
- Buy groceries you won't need to cook. Frying or grilling especially can make indoor air pollution worse

During a wildfire smoke event:

- Pay attention to air quality reports. Follow instructions about exercise and going outside for "sensitive individuals."
- Follow your healthcare provider's advice and your asthma action plan if you have one.
- Think about evacuating if you have trouble breathing or other symptoms that do not get better.

After a wildfire:

- Do not return home until you are told it is safe to do so.
- Look out for any symptoms. Contact your healthcare provider if you have trouble breathing, shortness of breath, cough that won't stop, or other symptoms that do not go away. Call 9-1-1 or go right away to an emergency department for medical emergencies.
- Smoke can stay in the air days after wildfires have ended so continue to check local air quality.

Let's Talk WILLINGNESS

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After many years of learning about the Adaptive Phased Management (APM) Project, Ignace has come to the point when we need to make a decision. It is a decision that will be of interest to all of us and all Canadians.

We need to develop the plan that our community will use to make our decision in late 2022.

1. Planning to make a community decision

Once the community and the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) have completed more detailed technical and social studies in late 2022 and discussions about a partnership agreement with the NWMO have advanced, we will need to decide if Ignace is supportive of this project. We are developing a plan and activities for how we will make that future decision, and we need your input.

2. What is the project?

In 2007, the Government of Canada determined that APM would be Canada's plan for the long-term management of used nuclear fuel. The NWMO has been federally mandated to implement the project. APM involves placing our country's used nuclear fuel in a deep geological repository using a multiple-barrier system. The project consists of surface facilities, as well as the repository, which must be located in a suitable rock formation. Part of Canada's plan is incorporating learning, including Indigenous and Traditional Knowledge, to guide a process of phased decision-making. APM is designed to be flexible and responsive to new learning, societal priorities and evolving public policy. Moving to a deep geological repository is recognized internationally as the best approach for the long-term management of used fuel. A national Centre of Expertise will also play an important part of this large national infrastructure project.

3. Why is Ignace interested in this project?

After a Canada-wide site selection process, two communities remain interested in the project: Ignace and South Bruce. The leadership of Ignace expressed the two following considerations when the community initially entered the site selection process. The Ignace leadership wanted to: i) ensure that future generations are protected from the hazards associated with used nuclear fuel by helping to implement sound practices of waste management such as environmental stewardship, safety, accountability and social responsibility; and ii) advance the long-term well-being of the community through the APM Project, including promoting socio-economic growth, environmental sustainability, and well-being of the community and its surrounding area and Indigenous neighbours. Safety is paramount for both our community partners and the NWMO. The project is a national infrastructure project and subject to a high level of independent regulatory review, assessment and ongoing oversight.

4. What has been Ignace's involvement to date?

Ignace is continuing to learn about and explore the project, and has not decided whether it is supportive of implementing it in the area. Ultimately, the project requires a site that can safely and securely contain and isolate used nuclear fuel for the long time period needed. As important, it requires a supportive partnership involving the municipality, First Nation and Métis communities, and others in the area to implement the project together. A single, preferred site for the project is expected to be selected by the NWMO in 2023. Preliminary studies suggest the project can be implemented safely in the Ignace area, and the project aligns with the priorities and objectives identified by the community and described in Ignace's Strategic Plan.

5. Share your thoughts

We need your thoughts and ideas to develop the plan for our community. Please share your thoughts in the comment form, join in on upcoming community workshops, roundtable discussions and events, or reach out to us directly, so we can refine the plan together. We look forward to speaking with you and hearing your thoughts.

Ignace's history with NWMO, APM Project, ICNLC

What we did (our history)

2009 – The Mayor and Council approached the NWMO to learn more about APM, and initiated outreach and educational activities.

2010 – The Council passes a resolution requesting information about potential project.

2011 – The Council passes a resolution expressing interest to learn more about APM. It establishes the **Ignace Community Nuclear Liaison Committee (ICNLC)** to help facilitate community learning and dialogue.

2012 – The Council, the ICNLC and the NWMO undertake technical and social studies, community engagement, and early outreach with neighbouring municipal and Indigenous communities. The ICNLC launches a local community office, monthly public meetings, website, and newsletters.

2013 – The NWMO completes **Phase 1 Preliminary Assessment** activities and shares findings with the community with respect to the potential of suitable geological rock and fostering local and regional wellbeing

2014 – The Council passes resolution expressing interest in continuing to learn about APM, and initiates and plans for **Phase 2 Preliminary Assessment** studies.

2015 – Ongoing discussions with Ignace and area residents, as well as Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation, to identify technically and socially suitable sites for initial borehole drilling and testing.

2016 – The Learn More Centre opens in the Ignace Plaza to house NWMO staff, as well as support detailed studies, regional engagement, and ongoing learning about the project.

2018 – Through community workshops and engagement activities, Ignace and the NWMO develop a set of guiding principles for potential partnerships.

2019 – The NWMO publishes findings from **Phase 2 Preliminary Assessment** studies and selects the Township of Ignace and the Municipality of South Bruce as the two preferred areas for more detailed study.

2020 – Through virtual workshops and other engagement activities, Ignace and the NWMO collaboratively develops a project vision that aligns with community values, priorities and project expectations.

2021 – Ignace and the NWMO develops a list of community studies to be completed by the end of 2022.

Why we did it (our rationale)

- We can be leaders and do our part for Ontario and Canada. We see the opportunity.
- We can advance the long-term wellbeing of the Ignace community through the APM Project, including promoting the socio-economic growth, environmental sustainability and community well-being.
- We can help ensure that future generations are protected from the hazards associated with used nuclear fuel by ensuring it is contained and isolated from people and the environment.

What is needed now (Our direction)

- In late 2022, Ignace will decide if we support the implementation of the project in the area. Today, we are planning for how we will make that decision.
- Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation will also decide if it supports the project and is also developing a plan for how it will make its decision.
- Other communities in the area will need to be involved to understand and answer their concerns about the project.
 - The NWMO will identify a single, preferred site in 2023, either in the Ignace area or South Bruce. Additional work will be initiated to complete the studies needed to support regulatory review and a licence application.
- The regulatory review and assessment process will be completed before a government decision.



New Equipment for Public Works – A mini excavator was purchased as per the approved budget. The mini ex will assist with cemetery work where the larger equipment was landlocked and as well with proper ditching. Thanks Joe Hamre from Strongco for facilitating the purchase.

White Otter Castle Renovation Update



White Otter Castle is a magnificent three-story log building (white and red pine) with a four-story tower that was built by Jimmy McQuat between 1903 and 1918, the year that Jimmy died. It is in Turtle River Provincial Park and owned by the province. The Friends of White Otter Castle maintains it and at the moment the Castle is undergoing major work to replace some rotten logs as well as other much needed upkeep. This is possible through grants received from Fednor (\$185,310) and the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (\$50,000), both of whom we are very grateful for.

Donations for ongoing upkeep are very welcome. They may be made by going to the Friends of White Otter Castle website and follow the instructions. (CANADAHELPS.ORG) (submitted by Jackie Smyk)

Jimmy McQuat

(Pronounced "McKewitt")

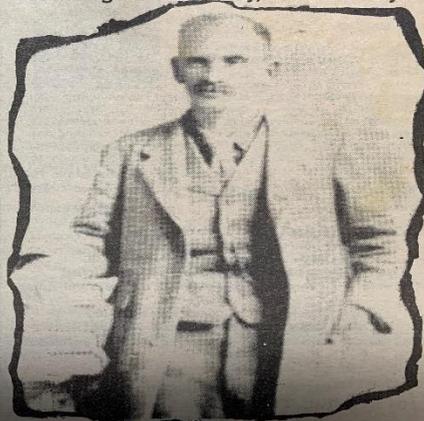
Born James Alexander McQuat January 17, 1855 in Argenteuil County, Ottawa Valley.

He homesteaded on Rainy River near Emo in 1887. In 1898 he bought two neighbouring farms; then sold all three farms, and gambled on the gold rush in the area. When the mines closed in 1900 Jimmy had lost all his life savings.

He arrived on White Otter Lake (then called "Big Clearwater Lake") in 1903, and built a shack near the castle site. He worked at one time for Captain Ed Tripp, a commercial fisherman on Clearwater West Lake.

It isn't known for sure when he began building the castle, but he lived in it for only four years, from 1914 to 1918. He drowned while netting fish in front of the Castle in October, 1918.

In the spring of 1919 fire rangers from Ignace, Tony Berglund and T.C. Campbell found his decomposed body and buried it near the castle.



From 'White Otter Castle - The Legacy of Jimmy McQuat' by Elinor Barr, Singing Shield Productions

Driftwood > Ignace Bulletin

Driftwood began in 1971 as a monthly newsletter and was an English project for Dennis's junior class when he taught in the Ignace school. It was very well received...so well that when school finished for the summer the town's people insisted that the two of us continue it on our own. That was the birth of Driftwood as we all knew it and after a very steep learning curve and with much love and perseverance by the two of us, it continued for 51 issues a year for over 40 years and winning prizes along the way. It was extremely loved at one point we were the second smallest newspaper in Canada.

Then Dennis became extremely ill and could not do it anymore and I could not do it alone. It has now been gone for almost three years with nobody willing to take it over. Then Petrina approached me and the result is what you now are reading!!

I am so proud of her for tackling this. It is a huge undertaking? I am also very happy to be helping her in anyway I can...reporting, pictures, advising, etc.

We are full of hope for the ongoing success of the Ignace Bulletin; the town needs and wants a resource like this as I have been told countless times.

Thank you Petrina for involving me and good luck and best wishes for this exciting new chapter of your life?

Jackie Smyk

Ecole Immaculee Conception Grade 8 Graduates 2021



Keira Levesque



Reagan Hertz

Greg Rickford attended the Township of Ignace Municipal Office on Friday, July 16, 2021 to announce the Ford government provided funding towards the Township of Ignace Corporate & Communications Plan and Digital Modernization. The Canada Geographic Information System (CGIS) enhancement is adding property details and building permits; moving from paper to electronic and keeping it all in one place. The centralized filing system also includes by-laws and they will be able to be accessed from a central depot. In 2019, the Ford government launched the Municipal Modernization Program (MMP) to help small and rural municipalities modernize service delivery and identify new ways to be more efficient and effective. The projects selected for funding under the MMP will further support municipalities' efforts to implement efficiencies, with a focus on digital modernization, service integrations, streamlining development approvals and alternative service delivery.



Teen Beach BBQ Event

Come learn about the Youth Advisory Council, the Youth Engagement Strategy, and what events are coming to Ignace!

- BBQ
- Participation and draw prizes
- Brainstorming Session
- Beach Volleyball

Wednesday August 3rd

5:00-7:30 pm

Grades 7-12

at West Beach Pavilion

Please call Kim Richards @ 807-747-0318

or email icnlc.office@gmail.com

for more info

Cemetery Committee



Members – Chicki Pesola, Vern Dungey, Cheryl Manchulenko & Beth Kasaboski (Missing – Councillor Greg Waldock & John Etherington)



Mary Berglund
 Community Health Centre Hub
 Centre de santé communautaire
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Your Centre for Health and Wellbeing

Meet the Team at Mary Berglund CHC

Heidi West - Executive Director
 Melanie Martel - Office Administrator/Accounts
 Bonnie Lotsios - Data Management Coordinator
 Wendy Timkew - Medical Records
 Jennifer Creed and Danielle Biloski – Reception
 Yvonne Romas – Health Promoter
 Dana Caines – Social Worker
 Deborah McGoldrick – Nurse Practitioner
 Jodie Defeo – Registered Nurse
 Amy Newman – Registered Nurse
 Tracy Stanley – Registered Nurse/Telemedicine
 Coordinator/Footcare
 Katelyn Hamre – Client Assistant/Community
 Mental Health to “meet our team”
 Lyndsey Hyatt – Registered Practical Nurse/
 Footcare
 Mike Poling - Physiotherapist
 Our team of Physicians: Dr.Bradley, Dr.Merali,
 Dr.Rabbat, **(Dr.Carlisle is On leave until further
 notice)**

Congratulations to Wendy Timkew who has completed the required courses to receive a recognition of achievement from Confederation College as a “Medical Records Clerk”

Wendy has been working at taking courses part time over the past few years and we are proud of her accomplishment. Great job Wendy☺



Ignace Community – Save the Dates

Food Bank Days – Every second Thursday – 05 & 19 August
Meals on Wheels – Tuesday & Thursday
Residential Garbage – Monday & Thursday
Commercial Garbage – Monday & Thursday
Waste Disposal Site – Monday, Wednesday & Saturday 1:00 to 5:00 pm
Ignace Public Library – Wednesday 3:00 to 7:00 pm
 Thursday and Friday 2:00 – 5:00 pm
The community garden is alive with their raised garden beds & animals. If anyone is looking to volunteer, there are always repairs that need to be completed. Call Yvonne at 807-934-2251.



The Public Works Department also received a brand-new towable lift. The lift was purchased from Equipment World. Both the mini excavator and towable lift will alleviate the need to rent equipment several times a year.



Ignace Secondary School Graduates 2021



NOAH MARTEL



SHALAMAR SNOW ROBILLARD



EMMA CREED



ANNABELLE BELANGER



MAX LEDERER



RITA ALVES



CAITLYN SENIO



JUSTINE RUSSELL



LILYAN PELTOMAKI

Missing from photographs are Dana Korkola and Cole Riding

Bike Rodeo
Wed. August 18, 2021
4-6:30 pm.
At Recreation Centre
All ages welcome



In Partnership with the Ignace Recreation Dept., Ignace EarlyON Child and Family Centre and Ignace OPP

Rodeo includes — Bike Skills Obstacle Course
 Bike Helmet Fitting Station, etc.
 Parents **MUST** attend with children

Event will follow the COVID Guidelines as of that date.

MOE the MOUSE

Is a Speech & Language Development Program of the British Columbia Aboriginal Child Care Society.

As a language program "Moe the Mouse" and his animal friends help children to learn speech sounds and language skills.

Moe loves to sing songs, share books, tell stories, and play.

Building on children's language skills helps enhance their play experiences thus expanding their social and emotional development.

Sessions Aug. 24 & Sept. 2 @ 10:30 am

Ignace EarlyON Child and Family Centre



Scavenger Trail

Friday August 13, 2021 @ 10:30 am to 12 noon

Ignace EarlyON Child and Family Centre **"FREE"**

For children 3 to 10 years old **MUST** have an adult with them. Pre-register by Tuesday August 10th Call 934-6696



The Outdoor Play Area beside the Ignace EarlyON Child and Family Centre and Ignace Nursery School can be used by families at any time. Please latch gate upon leaving. Please ensure that you keep the playground clean and report any safety issues to staff. Keep all pets outside of the fenced in area. Please record your visit on the sign in sheet provided in the play area.



Remember to Social Distance and wear your mask as required

Summer Story Time

August 20 & 27, 2021 @ 10:30

For Parents, Caregivers and Children ages 6 years and under Story time, songs, craft and snack Siblings Welcome



Jigga Jump Program

For Parents, Caregivers and Children Ages 6 years and younger August 10 & 17 @ 10:30 a.m.



A physical activity program Refreshments provided At the Ignace EarlyON Centre **COME OUT & GET ACTIVE**



Stroll & Roll Program COME OUT & GET ACTIVE

A walking & biking program to get you active with the youngsters. Program runs June 1 to Aug.27, 2021

To register and for more information about the program Call Joanne at 934-6696

This program is for Moms, Dads, Grandparents & Child Care Providers with Young Children and Expectant Moms **"LETS WALK TOGETHER"**

In partnership with the NWHU, MBCHC, Ignace Nursery School and the Ignace EarlyON Child and Family Centre

IGNACE AUGUST 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 EVERY CHILD MATTERS	2 CLOSED	3 Fun Under the Sun 10-11:30 1-2:30 3-4:30	4 Play Pals in the Park 10-11:30 Family Drop In 6-7:30	5 Fun Under the Sun 10-11:30 1-2:30 3-4:30	6 Fun Under the Sun 10-11:30 1-2:30	
8 Family Drop In 6-7:30	9 Family Drop In 6-7:30	10 Jigga Jump 10:30 am 1-2:30	11 Play Pals in the Park 10-11:30 Drop In 6-7:30	12 Fun Under the Sun 10-11:30 1-2:30 3-4:30	13 Scavenger Trail 11:00	Virtual Kids Fest Pre-Register Pick up at 10-12 noon @ Arena
15 Family Drop In 6-7:30	16 Family Drop In 6-7:30	17 Jigga Jump 10:30 am 1-2:30	18 Play Pals in the Park 10-11:30 Bike Rodeo 4-6:30 @ Arena	19 Fun Under the Sun 10-11:30 1-2:30 3-4:30	20 Summer Story Time 10:30 am	2 Bike Rodeo
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Summer Hours Effective June 5 - Sept. 18 Mon. & Wed. 6 - 8:30 p.m. Tue. & Thurs. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fri. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

P.O. Box 870 312 Pine St. Ignace, ON POT 1T0 (807) 934-6696 Fax (807) 934-6124 ignacenurseryschool@bellnet.ca

First Riders Program Back to School Safety Program Watch for Confirmation of Date and Time

Scoop for a Scoop - Helmet Safety Program

Congratulations for Wearing Your Helmet" Redeemable at the "DAVY LAKE CAMP GROUND"



Coupon Valid for a FREE One Scoop Ice Cream Cone

A coupon may be given to any child or adult observed wearing their helmet properly while biking, roller blading, skate boarding, etc...

Wearing a helmet while biking is the LAW

A special Thank You To... Davy Lake Camp Ground, Ignace O.P.P., Ignace Community Policing Committee, Ignace Nursery School, Ignace EarlyON Child and Family Centre, Ignace School, École Immaculée Conception, and the generous donation by the O.P.P. Association 17 Branch **Coupon Valid June 1 to September 3, 2021**



The Corporation of the Township of Ignace
 Published by Township Ignace · August 19 ·

Rachelle and Robin are at the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) Mobile Learn More Centre at Agimak Beach today. Stop by for a tour or a chat about willingness.



243 People reached | 13 Engagements | -3.3x Lower Distribution Score | [Boost Post](#)

4 Likes | Comment | Share | Comment as The Corporation of the Towns...

The Corporation of the Township of Ignace
 Published by Township Ignace · August 18 ·

The mobile Learn More Centre will be at Agimak Beach tomorrow from Noon until 5:00 p.m. Take a trip to the beach and Learn More about Canada's Plan for the long-term storage of used nuclear fuel and we can talk about willingness as well.



539 People reached | 26 Engagements | -1.6x Lower Distribution Score | [Boost Post](#)

5 Likes | 3 Shares | Comment | Share | Comment as The Corporation of the Towns...

The Corporation of the Township of Ignace
 Published by Township Ignace · August 18 ·

The Township of Ignace wants to know how people feel about the decision they will be asked to make and how they would like to see it made regarding the Deep Geological Repository (DGR). If you would like to participate in this "Willingness Project", then visit the Township of Ignace Home Page, www.ignace.ca and fill in the survey. The survey is open to residents of Ignace only. Have your say in this important decision.



419 People reached | 226 Engagements | -2.1x Lower Distribution Score | [Boost Post](#)

4 Likes | 12 Comments | Comment | Share | Most Relevant

Comment as The Corporation of the Towns...
 Jacqui Thingstad
 I see it as an economic opportunity with all the environmental protections in place. We have no idea what goes through our community daily by highway and rail.
 Like · Reply · 9w · 2

View 5 more comments

The Corporation of the Township of Ignace
 Published by Township Ignace · July 30 ·

Willingness Conversations on the Greens
 Friday, July 30, 2021
 3pm-7pm
 Ignace Golf and Country Club... [See More](#)



239 People reached | 8 Engagements | -3.5x Lower Distribution Score | [Boost Post](#)

3 Likes | 1 Share



The Corporation of the Township of Ignace

Published by Township Ignace · July 28 ·



Head down to the Learn More Centre for their grand re-opening. There are many changes to the Learn More Centre to make it more interactive, including wall displays and a new 3D model of the future deep geological repository. There are also many specialists there to answer all your questions. Don't forget to stop at Leisel's table to discuss "WILLINGNESS."

There is a kids' area and scavenger hunt with prizes, and don't forget to bring your appetite as the Lions Club memb... See More



248
People reached

90
Engagements

Boost Post

7

4 Comments

Appendix D: Other Suggestions From Closed Ended Questions 1a) and 2a)

1a) Other Suggestions

- Other- Open forum
- Other- A Town Hall event to answer questions about the report and a council decision.
- Other- All 3 should be considered and a final decision made by the Town Mayor
- Other - there should be more opportunities for community conversations such as town halls
- Other - voting system for Township and WLON.
- Other - let the Ignace residents' vote
- Other -Residents present to Council and community leaders at a grand Town Hall meeting, their views for and against the project. Two different meetings with different schedules to accommodate all residents. An anonymous survey can be presented to capture their views and decision and vote. Then have a second meeting to present feedback on what we heard and do we hear it right. This can be done by council. A third final meeting would be where the decision would be made.
- Other - door to door - other methods have proven that responses are not being met.
- Other – vote
- Other- Any decision should be made on behalf of majority of residents' opinions
- Other- door to door campaigns
- Other- go door to door

2a) Other Suggestions

- Other - The more methods to share information the better, because people learn differently e.g. videos posted on social media
- Other - Continue doing a combination of all of the above which should be good enough to reach everyone
- Inclusion of regional voices
- Other- if you don't know by now you never will
- Other- Brad talking about flying, spend more money to do 850 mailouts, hard to get to someone who has a preconceived view (how do you overcome that?), chat with the proponent
- Other- Advertise - e.g. quick commercial on the pellet size.
- Other- Everyone is set in their ways, whatever you do will not change their minds so save your time for something else
- Other - community special meetings

Appendix E: Open Ended Responses from Comment Form

Appendix E1. Question 1 b)

1b. Which of the activities you checked above is most important and why?

- Transportation safety
- All are good ideas
- Both - people should go through the Mobile Unit and learn more/ be educated before making a decision.
- Our town has so many opportunities to educate themselves as well as voice their opinions. I believe that most importantly we need to trust our town council to make the best decision on the community's behalf for prosperity.
- Survey due to COVID restrictions. A special event will include new information
- The community survey will allow residents to voice their opinion about the APM project and will provide the best understanding of community willingness. Proof of residency in the local community should be required.
- ICNLC input - these are the experts appointed by Council to learn about the project. They should be the most knowledgeable and in the best position to provide input to council and residents.
- See where the majority of people are with it.
- It is important that community members express their concerns and are heard by community council
- Need more conversations, important for everyone to be on the same page
- voting system will ensure not biased
- Need to engage with other areas and communities, Thunder Bay would benefit or be impacted by the project
- I trust these 2 groups to do their homework but they need to show how they arrived at their decision. NWMO is highly regarded and I trust in what they are doing
- The ICNLC is the best informed group
- ICNLC has done a great job informing the community
- The Township Council and ICNLC are both important but they also should listen to the citizens especially if there is a special meeting for people to voice their opinions
- Too many voices to agree. Sometimes a decision has to be made based on science and technology for the better good of the community and nation. Emotions can't control outcomes, facts are what is important
- It is important that the majority can decide
- This way everyone gets a say not just a few
- The council decision will be final but the populace need the illusion that their voice is heard
- I trust the decision of our Council and ICNLC
- If left to the community it wont get a clear answer. Township to host a meeting with preferred decision. Community discusses and decides, makes a final decision.
- have a meeting, go door to door as not everyone has a computer, give people a chance to express their ideas or opinions
- voting system
- I believe it is Council's responsibility to make informed decisions for the betterment of the community including listening to all the opinions of the community
- most important is the community surveys as most people don't care if it comes here

- The special event that includes recommendations, Council thoughts and decisions, and time for question and answer with hard evidence and answers available
- I think town council should make a decision based on the results of the survey and other studies (community) conducted
- voting is the democratic way
- survey to reach most residents - both summer and year round residents
- A special event should be held for Ignace residents to voice their opinion about the project because it guarantees a bigger turnout of residents
- Special Township meeting then Council can go from there - Councillors are representative of the people, they can take our vote to make a decision
- a very simple and short survey
- we voted council in to run our community
- NWMO making recommendation
- Special even held for Ignace residents to voice opinion
- I believe its important to hear the voice of the community, instead of a few making choices for the population. It is also important to educate people
- I believe our municipal personnel and council shall decide which method is to be chosen. They best understand our community needs. They are the ones who know the background and safety
- Residents' opinion is very important
- Ensuring that you heard every resident's opinion
- education is what it is - no one has anything to compare this to
- both committee and township can make the best decision for the community
- So more of our community can put their opinion in.
- I think that it is important to hear from the community there thoughts about the project and if it should be here but ultimately if our rock is better and safer for the project it should be up to the committee
- I think either the township council should make the decisions or surveys because you get to hear from the towns point in what should be planned
- I think either hosting an event or putting out surveys to hear from the community is most important. The community should make the decision together to have good communication and clear responses to the project.
- People in Ignace should share their thoughts about the town and changes to it.
- The voices of the community members is the most important and coming to an unanimous decision about the whole project.
- The township council should make decision on behalf of the community because if the reps of the council are trusted by the town then the project might be implemented faster
- I think a special event is most important because everyone has a different opinion and it might make you look at it in a different prospect
- The Ignace township represents the people always, so I think they should represent in this case as well because it can get people from other communities
- I think these are the most important because I think that the township and residents should have a say in anything that happens to the community

- Everyone should be able to provide input. Could have a vote but its unclear who would come out. We've been doing this for so long. Should likely include those under 18 years since this project will impact them the most.
- Council and CLC should make the final decision since they have the facts/ they've been learning about the project (on behalf of the community).
- Surveys may not reach everyone. I did the community survey for our household, my husband did not. Need to reach out to the community in a number of ways.
- The process that was used when making a decision on the Ignace rocks worked/ people came out. People will come out to a community event. May not be pretty (i.e. could be noisy) but people will come out."
- Have a series of events for members of the community. Information sessions so that people can ask questions and process information. After these events, then ask residents for their decision (i.e. this would occur over days/ weeks, not months). People have been surveyed to death; these means would provide an opportunity for residents to be heard. Will not please everyone but at least give people the chance to be heard. Community defined as residents, camp/ cottage owners/ Indigenous.
- Some type of poll would be best. Any type of group meeting could be over-run by vocal opposition. Individual, survey-type responses would be best. Would not be a good idea for the INCLC to speak on behalf of the community since they're seen as pro-project (i.e. would not be well received/ would be challenged by those against the project).
- Ignace Township Council, they were elected to make decisions which are in the interest of the citizens of Ignace
- The nuclear committee members are the most qualified and knowledgeable about all things nuclear. And I believe they have the town's best interest at heart.
- A survey allows residents to voice opinions; concerns and offer guidance
- Special events where people have a chance to talk in person and make their voice heard.
- Taxpayers only should have their opinions heard and weigh in before decision is made
- The NWMO experts are trained, & educated on Nuclear waste. They present info to Town Council, whom we hope would take the time to research & make an informed decision.
- I believe the residents should have a say, as that's what they were promised.
- I like the idea of having a simplified version of this process. We should have community input in decision-making and then have the ICNLC and Council provide the final decision by assessing all the public engagement results.
- We elect them to make decisions for us - they could open it up to a public debate before making the decision.
- I think we elect these officials to represent our views - the next municipal election will be telling as to how willing the community is
- By giving taxpayers an opportunity to vote, they are being involved in the decision-making process.
- The emphasis should be giving them every opportunity to make an informed decision on whether or not they believe the project should proceed."
- Want to make sure people have a chance to have their say

- I like the fact that the ICNLC coordinates information sharing events/sessions. These together with Council should be a combination.
- Council should not make the decision on their own but it should be informed by the voices and comments from all residents.
- Hosting events in different areas of the community to meet persons in different demographics who may not be aware of the project or are indifferent is a good idea e.g. BBQ in different parts of town.
- Door to door may reach hard to reach populations.
- Community surveys and hearing from every resident in the community. Surveys must be representative and not just come from certain segments.
- Community or special events may only reach a segment of the population and not and not those who are vulnerable or don't have transportation.
- Special events may be helpful in facilitating the decision-making process. A survey is not really preferred because it does not usually get a good turn out rate, so to reach everybody a door to door maybe best
- Community event is preferred because a lot of people would come out as well as door to door/ A combination of both would be a good idea.
- Personally, I like to do surveys, however it depends on how many people fill it out.
- Council should make the final decisions as they are the elected governing body. There should be a step before where residents should be able to vote inclusive of a significant sample or a cross section of the demographics e.g. old, young, indigenous.
- Community events to encourage attendance-> when you attend you are able to give your vote or opinion which will then be tallied by ICNLC and Township.
- Ideally multiple methods should be used to get a representative sample and it all comes together to feed into the final decision that the ICNLC and Council should make.
- A designated election process can be used to facilitate a community vote bringing it to a simple yes or no in support of the project.
- Door to door to reach the ""hard to reach segments of the population"
- This is important because it would get the needs and wants of the community out there for the people to see
- I think these people are the ones who have taken the time to learn about the project and have gained considerable knowledge.
- I elected these officials whom I believe would make that decision on our behalf
- That the township council ultimately make the best decision for the community. If the people aren't willing to participate then decision should be based on those who have.
- I think that the ICNLC should make the final decision. Council has enough shenanigans to deal with and the last thing we want is for them to be hated because of the decision they make. I figured that is ultimately why the ICNLC was created, to be that voice for the community regarding this project and provide us with information from NWMO.
- Having the township decide based on surveys conducted throughout the community. I know that survey support has been hard to achieve but I think you should give the people as many opportunities to give their opinion/vote and from those opinions/votes the township can decide what is best for the majority of their people.

- Hearing the residents' opinions because questions they have can be directly addressed rather than passively thought of.
- The most important checked above would be council making the decision on behalf of the community. This is the most important because council will make an informed decision based on the data and study's provided
- It's important to have the whole community involved and informed and to be able to have the opportunity to complete mailed surveys; attend events etc.
- Community input, as it affects us all.
- I believe that if you give people the chance they can decide. Put it up to a town vote, advertise it a lot. Then if anyone bitches about the decision too bad so sad they had their chance to state their opinion
- The towns people should be the ones to decide. NOT a committee.
- We voted for these people to make these decisions for us. I have to believe they have done all the research and are prepared to make this important decision on behalf of the township.
- We elected the council to make decisions. If an election is held with new people the decision the present council should be binding. We don't d not come all on this way t be scuttled. In addition, the government has allowed us to drill. The council should pass a resolution to accept the project as soon as no possible.
- Council should make an informed decision based on science not on emotion
- Survey public. Citizens get input and give the most amount of citizens to have input.
- Everyone votes!
- No one else should be making this life altering decision for anyone involved.
- Public meetings and getting input from residents so council can make an informed decision
- These are the people who did the work, and have the most knowledge regarding the Nuclear Waste.
- Too many people in town don't care either way, and have not done their due diligence.
- The Mayor Council and members of the INCLC.
- Residents live here so it should be their decision.
- Reaching out and visiting all community members that you haven't heard from yet for whatever reasons.
- I am a recent addition to Ignace and am taken back by the opinions of people researching information on social media. I have attended nuclear waste management seminars and believe the public need more education and facts. Not rubbish off social media.
- I think all of the residents should have a say in it.
- Both; reaches broader range of Ignace residents
- I think both are important to some people.
- Community surveys so people can have each opinion voiced and not be able to complain about it later saying they didn't have a chance to have their say.
- Community input. I do not believe that we need to hold a vote or anything like that as this is costly an turn out can be poor. What we need are venues that allow the residents of Ignace to express their opinions and concerns directly to council so that council can vote on behalf of what their community wants.

- The committee is filled with very capable people with an aptitude for understanding the better portion of the complex data being presented. Along with the council who WE have voted to act in our best interest. I feel either of these groups WILL act in the best interest of Ignace.
- Professionals should decide.
- One or both of the representative bodies (Council/ICNLC) should make the decision, as they were chosen by the community to speak for them, and they have all received enough information and training on the APM Project to make an informed decision.
- Nuclear Liaison committee should have input to council to decide as they are the most informed
- It is important to have transparency from both sides, and to make a well-informed decision from those that have the knowledge and ability to make a decision that is best for the community.
- All voices heard and then decision made. I think there should be a community vote.
- The liaison committee because I feel it would represent the people of Ignace in the most transparent manner.'
- People (residents) have a right to learn and make their informed choices so questions and answers can be heard from all sides.
- All residents should have a say
- A survey as the community was promised that this would happen at the onset
- Community survey and special events because it gives the people of Ignace the chance to be heard
- Community Surveys allows the people to be heard. Surveys should be done in a number of formats to accommodate peoples' various communications preferences.
- Do our best to ensure local, seasonal and regional residents are aware of the plan and have the opportunity to voice their concerns, I think its important to get in front of the little ones too seeing as they are the ones that will eventually operate the site. If possible, I feel Ignace/Wabigoon should hold a registered vote for 18+. Not one that people can just casually come out to an event and have their say or vote multiple times, it really needs to capture the community as a whole with a set goal of getting say 60% of eligible population to vote). Although council should be the ones to make the official decision, the ICNLC should be working very closely with them and provide their final recommendation first.
- Other is most important so taxpayers will know exactly how willingness will be determined. For example, will there be a vote by all taxpayers? What number will determine willingness???
- 50+1?? 75%???
- We elected Council and know they will look into all aspects for our benefit as a community. Once feed back has been given, go with the majority. Too many hands in pie make it not stable
- Having actual residents voice their opinion's is most important. Too often we see all over social media the naysayers who aren't even from the area. They are against nuclear, not the idea of what it can provide to the dying community.
- Great job to cleaning the town. Now it is time to clean all the scrap yards
- Community input as they will be affected directly from the project
- It shouldn't be one specific group. It should be the people who actually live in Ignace, not outsiders.
- No even if your seasonal, it should be decided by full time residents.
- So there is a decision based on residents options

- I'm hoping that the individuals who do not support this will actually see they have an opportunity to learn the history, research & benefits to be able to make an informed decision. I'd be happy to volunteer to try, at least, to have non-supporters attend.
- I think we elect council to represent the best interest of our residents
- It appears that the ICNLC Plan already includes engagement with the community and the decision to use a third-party to determine and communicate to counsel whether this is a go or not. I would like to see the ICNLC Ensure that both surveys and face-to-face engagement opportunities are provided
- Township council should decide using all information provide by interest groups
- I think the entire community needs to have a voice in this project. For or against, all should have a voice.

Appendix E2. Question 2b)

2b. Which of the activities you checked above is most important and why?

- Mailout or survey to capture opinions
- Newsletters and letter mailout because we all use the postal service
- Newsletter and Mailouts, get to read and think about the information to be current on new information, and helps with current restrictions relating to COVID
- Newsletters should be circulated more frequently. These can reach all residents and not just those that attend public events. People can read at their own leisure to help inform their decision.
- Good Luck and good job guys - I hope we get it.
- Prefer hard copy communication - can retain information more as opposed to meetings and conversations
- Newsletters help me retain information
- Those that are more engaging, taking care to observe covid protocols
- Engage and involve the community
- Additional learning events similar to the display trailer set up in the shopping mall 2 years ago. This was informative and won my approval
- Inform those who are not
- Face to face open houses are the most important because people need to voice their opinions.
- Giving the option to learn more is always positive. If people choose not to educate themselves, that's their prerogative. In the end you can't tell people to just say no because of the pristine environment - local beauty will not be affected and the environment is being protected.
- All are the same importance
Same as 1b above
Maintaining the illusion of illusion
Transportation and methods, restrictions (e.g. day travel only, clear weather only, experienced drivers)
- Education is key
- Newsletters are good so it is not all on Facebook
- Transportation (reiterate key messages on safety). Work with Indigenous communities to make sure they are informed (Grand Councils) and higher treaty organizations as opposed to just the band and chiefs. Need to understand what is the nuclear fuel bundle.
- People should see posters in stores and at the school for kids. Important to have these on a website and Facebook
- Go to each community group directly for intimate conversations. It is more personal and makes residents feel more apart of the decision making. E.g. have dinners with the clubs.
- I believe that face to face discussions are more impactful than presentations
- Newsletters because everyone gets mail, if they read it, they read it, if not, they throw it out
- Learning circles - misinformed information can make for very wrong uneducated decisions
- I believe most of these are already being done, again a door-to-door campaign would reach everyone willing to answer
- More interactive sessions- I think having that dialogue with community members face to face is important - they like informal requests sessions
- Briefings and update presentations to community groups to keep informed with up-to-date info

- House to house
- Newsletters reach the most
- Going directly to residents at different locations e.g. bank or grocery store - at this time people are not turning up to engagement events because the process has been going on so long, so we have to meet them at their own places
- People like to see how people react and hear from the people who are looking for willingness
- Learning circles because I would feel more comfortable
- Newsletters and mailouts are important because some people don't have internet
- I like the workshops and seminars but not all people want to learn, just complain
- Face to face is more important to keep Ignace residents fully informed
- Open houses
- I believe face to face meeting are vital to the success of this project
- Professionals that hold valid points for and against the new facility
- Community group updates.
- They are all important
- Everyone has a chance to answer at home
- Workshops, seminars and other learning events can help educate people
- I think keeping people updated about the project would be the best thing as it would allow people to understand what is happening in their community.
- Newsletters because it can get out to anyone rather than just people that can show up at a certain time.
- I think face-to-face open houses are very important to spread real and reliable information. It can help stop false info and ease people into the idea
- I think they are important so more people can help to make a decision and make sure everyone got a chance to give their opinion because being one on one with people will give more trust and be engaged more in the conversation
- Newsletters and letters because everyone will be informed
- I think I get the most information from the face-to-face open houses in a short time period
- I think coffee chats would be best for their casual style because you can talk face to face for better communication
- I think this activity that is most important is the Newsletters and letter mail outs to all community members because I think its important that everyone gets to know what's happening and then they can give feedback
- Door to door can work for hard-to-reach population but may be safety considerations (for those knocking on the doors).
- Newsletters aren't always effective... see them in the garbage at the post office.
- Face-to-face events are the best way to get people out/ involved. Offer food and they will come out. Have offered gift cards as incentives to increase parent involvement/ response rates."
- Have a variety of sessions at a variety of times/ variety of dates/ variety of locations. Provide opportunities for everyone to contribute.
- Local NWMO staff have done a great job of getting information out and have used all of these means of getting information out. People can't say they have not had a chance to learn about the project.

- As it get closer to making the willingness decision, consider having weekly meetings/ sessions. In addition to the Learn More Centre, for example, go to the Silver tops one week, grocery store the next, etc. This way NWMO can get to people that might not otherwise go into the office.
- More face to face open houses. People want to see and hear their community members
- For the working person who checks their mail each day
- I think it's best to let interested people stop by when it works best for them.
- More face to face as it allows for more open direct dialogue
- I think mailouts are good since most of all the residents have a mail box
- Briefing and township website with a portal for taxpayers comments
- At an open house, residents can ask questions, & get answers. With mail outs u can read it, but still have questions
- I believe we should all know.
- I like newsletters to keep people informed
- I think the more informed we are, the better it is to make a decision.
- We have been questioned to death - please move on to the actual decision
- See our comments on the previous page.
- Just to get the information out so that people can make an informed decision
- Mail outs would reach the seniors population.
- Have to be more conscious of those residents who come and go e.g. mining households who work for weeks on and outside of town. So mail outs would be good for them as well.
- The more methods to share information the better because people learn differently
- Suggestion- Having a representative from NWMO attend anti-nuclear protests and events to educate, inform and answer questions. Ensuring that those who are against the project are heard.
- Direct mail out since everyone has a P.O. box. Making it short with graphics so that it is easy to read and understand
- Community workshops tend to have the same folks attending with the same demographics.
- Suggestion: Mail out in a format that residents can utilize afterwards e.g. a calendar with coupons, information etc.. Incentivize the outreach to encourage cooperation. (A gift that is a building block to an ultimate prize with information or education about the project) "
- Talk to the people in person
- I like to read newsletter that are easy to understand and present objective information on issues at hand
- There have been enough educational opportunities
- I like the newsletter and presentations as they can be accessible and easily understood as to presenting facts - we can then ask questions accordingly
- Face to face so people can hear/see for themselves.
- Trying to include those not visible.
- Small one on one sessions, which may be meeting at a coffee shop or a home visit
- For me, mailouts work best. Only because I don't live in town and it is hard for me to attend community events unless they coincide with me being in town for business that day.
- Learning circles, face-to-face, again, so that we can address questions and concerns face-to-face

- The most important checked would be newsletters and mail outs - this is probably the most efficient way to reach everyone in the community. This is also a great way to get information out about the project to those who won't attend workshops or seminars.
- They are all important in order to reach everyone as we have such a variety of demographics; some that do not use any social media platform; some that do not like to attend events; others that do and want to ask questions. We shouldn't limit the way we communicate and we need to try to reach everyone.
- Outreach in small groups. More personal and less intimidating
- Including regional voices.
- Get the word out however you can. Then no one can say they were left out
- Newsletters, mailed out are most important and the only way you will reach every person in town.
- Personally I do not have internet service and I see very few posts when I do check.
- Everyone must be included.
- Newsletters. Everyone goes to the mail and if they choose not to read the information then that is their problem for not being informed
- To keep everyone informed of progress. It is important to let the community know of progress.
- Briefing us is important so false rumours can be addressed
- Newsletters. Information distribution to more citizens.
- Individual learning opportunities, transparency in Council/Township activities.
- Privacy in voting on every stage and decision.
- So far we have been told very little, decisions are made and then disclosed. No way to gain a sense of inclusion or trust.
- Workshops, seminars and other events to obtain more knowledge
- There needs to be some face to face outside of the NWMO Building. Some of us don't want to go in there. Coffee and Lunch chats.
- Not everybody wants this in our community
- Face to Face discussions
- I don't believe newsletters and flyers work I think that informal sessions drop in centers coffee environments are more effective for answering questions
- Face to face questioning is better on your education yourself
- Face to face
- I think they are all important to reach out to everyone
- Mail outs should reach more residents.
- Question and answer sessions so that residents can get their questions answered directly.
- All are equally important. Any method of getting more information out there will be beneficial
- I like to have something to read and refer back to.
- Mail outs as not everyone can attend in person events, particularly seasonal residents who deserve to be in the know too.
- There are people who will take in knowledge by reading what is presented to them, however in my experience with a diverse population, people will not always attend a public forum. It is advantageous to present information in various ways. Information should be something that they can have to read as they wish. Coffee gatherings often digress from the matter at hand.

- Mail outs important for those without technology.
- Open houses where everyone is made aware of and a summary of the discussions posted on social media.
- Nothing is required.
- Information that is mailed to residents will allow people to read and learn at their own convenience
- Face to face meetings with residents both permanent and seasonal, NWMO, town council and opposition groups. This way citizens can hear all sides based on all research both the positive and negative.
- More info. sessions with all community with option of times for working individuals
- Newsletter and mail outs as many community members do not attend open houses or public discourse events because of covid 19 or other health problems
- Face-to-face door-to-door because it gives people the chance to be heard without feeling intimidated by a crowd.
- Door to door knowledge campaign, because all other options are a passive approach. It is time for NWMO to start reaching out to the community people.
- Family Learning Trail - Having a location that people can go to on their own time to learn about the project, for those who may not feel comfortable attending community events or do not have access to a computer.
- Easiest way to keep all informed.
- So awareness is available and no one can say it was not presented
- You are doing a great job so far.
- Continue the good work
- Coffee chats & Drop in sessions because it provides a comfortable area for people to share feelings and learn new information.
- Coffee chats outside of the Learn more centre
- Best info sharing
- All of my choices surround teaching about this opportunity. Hopefully the more we can communicate with our town population, the more they may come to realize it is actually a benefit rather than a hazard.
- Newsletters - use simple language that people understand and are clear to assist them with their decision-making.
- Any live opportunities to have questions asked and answered would be very important - I feel that Covid has limited a lot of the communication to newsletters or what we can find online which can be misleading at best.
- Opportunities to engage with third parties/Scientific community not affiliated with NWMO "Would be preferable"
- Work shops, seminars....to prevent clueless speculations and personal attacks
- Community outreach is difficult at the best of times as people need a connection to participate in events or they need an incentive. So frequent outreach activities are important with participation prizes and/or food. More in person impromptu meeting as well.

Appendix E3. Question 3

3. Before we decide whether we are willing to support the project being implemented in this area, what are you most interested in learning more about?

- I'm 100% for nuclear coming to Ignace. I'm interested to hear why some people aren't and if any of their fears are logical.
- Regional and local opportunities for employment and well being
- Storage.
- Promote tourism
- Provide HIGH speed Internet to the town
- Implement and encourage recycling
- Lower taxes to invite businesses and new residents (currently highest tax rate in Canada)
- Long term effects and transportation issues. We should have a 4 lane hwy before transport begins.
- How it's transported. We visited one of your info "trailer" sites. Very informative
- Operation and long-term monitoring of DGR
- I would like to hear more about community benefits
- Want to make sure that Ignace will not lose its voice with increasing regional pressure.
- I have learned a lot over the last 10 years - all good
- We do believe the transportation safety concerns have been well addressed. We are however concerned about the human factor at the site. Would like to know what fail safe procedures will be in place to absolutely prevent a catastrophe if a human makes a mistake. We do make mistakes, especially if we are involved in a repetitive job or we are just not as sharp as we should be on any given day.
- Transportation and impacts to community
- "Safety- dangers of the nuclear energy.
- Understanding why the anti-nuclear supporters are against the project
- Future of the community. if it expands and grows, reassure the community how the Town will grow e.g. having amenities, medical services etc.
- Health and safety aspects (to people and the environment).
- DGR is still new. there is a sense of the unknown. more facts about the project should be presented.
- Water contamination and storage
- Fear of losing customers- nature camp owners- fishing and hunting- stigma of nuclear waste may discourage tourists
- Fear of the consequences of the town booming and wanting to move their families. Wanting the town to maintain its small town feel.
- Road maintenance
- There is a group of people that has a neutral perspective. An ""I do not care"" attitude.
- Employment opportunities- I am concerned that there won't be local employment but persons brought from the outside to occupy positions and jobs
- I am not sure

- I have attended the learn more centre and read their material. I am satisfied with what was presented to me.
- What are the implications for housing in this area? There are currently very few rentals and very few houses for sale. If this project does happen, where will everyone live?
- Would like to hear more about what they plan to do for the community with respect to development
- How the infrastructure would be developed to host more residents.
- Safety of the community
- who is doing the project
- Are getting grants or where the money comes from who backs the project
- Not much
- I would like to learn more about the employment opportunities this project will create. I would also like to see some more information on the action items that will take place once a decision is made with/without this project.
- I think all the information has been presented and seems solid. I will keep watching information as it comes in. I can't think of anything new to learn about.
- How this will affect our tourism and surrounding land and resources.
- I'm most interested in learning about the development that will happen in the community if the project ends up coming here.
- How our community can support the growth; when we are using the time/money to beautify and upgrade our community at present, we should do a top notch job, not just part paving of a road, or part beautification of the plaza, etc. We need to look welcoming and want people to move their families here. We need housing, apartments etc. We need to look professional and also need to take advantage of upgrading our community & infrastructure including water/sewage, roads, arena, & clean up garbage and commercial and residential yards etc. We need to be thinking of being able to withstand intense weather systems (flooding/snow storms/fire). NWMO has been extremely informative and financially supportive to Ignace, what happens after, should they select Ignace?
- I am optimistic that we will get the project here in the Ignace Area, and I am prepared to move on to discuss to Centre of Expertise
- What the SHALLOW geological repository will look like. There has been zero info about that NWMO option.
- What are you going to do for us. Keep up the good work of talking every advantage
- Bringing in an independent spokesperson/persons to talk about the negative side of this. The person/persons must not have any affiliations with NWMO.
- There must also be a 100% guarantee that the placement will NOT be under the Township.
- What kind of jobs and training will they provide
- I'm good so far with the information I have received to date.
- I feel I can make an informed decision.
- I feel by going to open houses I can make an informed decision
- Benefits and enhancements to Ignace
- Area development leadership is paramount to a successful outcome.

- Unfortunately Council has demonstrated, through the ""surplus land purchase "" fiasco, that they will take personal advantages over the good of the community.
- It is better to ask for forgiveness than permission mentality
- Transportation
- Housing is a concern...where are these people going to live?
- Pick another location
- Potential long-term impacts
- Pros and cons for community given we will be viewed as a nuclear storage area?
- For me personally I would like to know more about the financial implications to the community how it will improve living conditions and the area as a whole the nuclear questions have been answered by the seminars I've attended
- Safety, employment to people from Ignace and not only highly educated people and friends, family and such.
- What does Ignace need in terms of infrastructure to support this project (hospital, hardware stores, water and sewer, housing, grocery stores and other retailers, recreational opportunities)
- Nothing. I am informed.
- I would like to know if there is a plan in place for resident's interests and investments if their should ever be a situation that warrants the loss or de-valuation of their property and assets.
- Rolling stewardship.
- How it will affect our community.
- The jobs that will become available. Hard for local people to le to train for a job they don't know is coming open soon.
- Transportation issues
- I have attended enough sessions to be comfortable in my decision making about the repository, and if I may say it here, I feel this is a great opportunity for Ignace to be the chosen community.
- Benefits vs drawbacks
- Long term plans. Long term economic plan and benefits. How they will ensure it is stored safely
- Nothing.
- All the truth both positive and negative, backed up by research.
- Future of Ignace opportunities
- The advantages this would bring the community
- Transportation security protocols
- Wondering if there are emerging technologies that will be able to use the 'spent' fuel in the future, and if the spent fuel will be able to be retrieved from the repository to supply that need.
- I have attended many planning sessions, workshops and events which have all been amazing. Our community should feel so grateful to be part of this process whether we get it or not. I have to say out of everything the Nuclear 101 course was amazing! I definitely feel more knowledgeable about nuclear power thanks to the NWMO and can understand the technology is still evolving. Although I felt like I was back in chemistry class and some things were over my head I believe a re-run of the course as well as a beginner's course on electricity in general would be great in our community. I think many of us can agree a transition to a cleaner safe version of electricity would be ideal but the waste is already here and we gotta do something so

start asking the big question as per my 7 year old daughter, if we don't put it here then where should we put it? My son responds in space. LOL

- Just to add...I lived near a nuclear power plant for many years and people rarely spoke about it, but now that they hear a DGR is potentially coming here they get all defensive and scared for us. The psychology there I just can't comprehend. You think they would be the ones in fear? So how do we get people to see past that? Maybe we need more national media attention?
- One last thing.... I would love to learn more about our rock and environment, even a tour to the drill site would be great to see.
- Need to know the magic number that will determine willingness.
- Personally have educated myself on all aspects. I know in Europe same idea, more or less has worked
- What will be established for housing and infrastructure to ensure that Ignace grows instead of surrounding communities.
- I will like to learn more about the safety of transportation.
- Safety. How safe are you making this?
- How many jobs will be given locally
- Will you be sponsoring our youth to go to school to eventually work at the mine?
- The dangers and long-term effects
- Typically, I'd like to learn more about the underground storage, but it all fascinates me as it could have a large, positive impact for our town for the years to come.
- Risk Management
- Experience and progress in Finland DGR
- I haven't attended any presentations on this matter but would expect NWMO has a strong safety plan in place for safely storing the product. (as per government regulations)
- Perhaps a news letter sent out with this info to all residents of Ignace as some (like me) don't wish to attend meetings to listen to those that complain and speak out with uneducated facts that relate to historical dumping practises prior to update government regulations
- I personally want to learn more about the movement of water and the packaging of the used nuclear fuel. I want to be able to dispel myths and misinformation and be more of an advocate for the project and know what i am talking about.
- Nothing
- Education possibilities for youth and younger adults for a future in this field
- Long term effects. Safety procedures in case things go wrong
- Transportation safety and highway corridor
- This is safe as per Canada regulations
- Anything new. The more you know the better to make a decisions
- Transporting the goods on the highways, safety plans for transportation
- I am educated on the mining side, what I've seen that NWMO is proposing makes sense to me
- I have learned enough about the project that I fully support the NWMO
- I'm not 100% sure how I feel about them bringing in the stuff because if one were to leak then we would have to leave our childhood town/home
- I am most interested in how the facility will be build and how the canisters will be transported to the site then underground.

- The effects of radiation on the environment and how it benefits our town
- The effects of radiation on the environment and the operation of the future facility
- I am most interested in learning about all projects you are planning to do for the communities
- I'm interested in learning about the benefits and what it can benefit for smaller communities
- The history of the Ignace area
- I am interested about learning what would happen if the nuclear waste gave out and what the effect would be
- How the NWMO plans to store the nuclear waste
- The outdoors
- I am most interested about learning what all projects you are planning to do for the communities
- Some people in town are asking how are we going to support this project? There are not enough homes/ land to be developed. There are no restaurants/ everything closes at 6pm.
- Transportation (safety) will always be a concern for people. There are always accidents on our highways.
- Focus on young people/ young families since this project will have the greatest impact on them. Will provide an opportunity for young people to come back to Ignace once they have graduated.
- What are the potential financial (rewards)/ benefits of the project for Ignace? How many jobs/ what's going to draw people to the community.
- Let people know that nuclear is all around them (e.g. xrays, exposure when flying, etc).
- For both 1) and 2) using simple language/ pictographs. Have used a lot more pictographs in the most recent Mary Berglund annual report."
- Potential draw backs of this endeavor - based on face & scientific input
- Yes I do
- job security
- Safety for transportation, storage, re-use. Need to determine who else gets a opinion.
- The whole process. Most people think about Chernobyl and other nuclear disasters
- Transportation, storing in the ground, handling of transfers. Geologist needs to compare the rock formation and discuss why granite is the best rock for APM
- Nothing
- What changes have been made in the past 5 years and the reason why. New findings.
- If there will be monies given to individuals for risks of nuclear management
- The impact of the NWMO on Ignace through a population lens. There is a lot of concern re: men working in camps and families not coming to live in Ignace. Will this be regulated? What kind of growth will Ignace see?
- Social and economic community impacts. Ignace is a great place to live. I want to see it grow and thrive again but only to a point. Too large of a population increase will take away from the town we love. Residents should be asked what a population target should be.
- Worst case scenario
- Hearing the reasons others may not have support for the project. This would identify knowledge gaps/ areas where maybe I would need to be more informed to address those who are not in support of the project
- Transportation, why there are reasons out there not to support the project

- Benefit of this project to the Township. Address people's fears. State a message that people will be unlikely to be exposed. The hurdle is how much radiation does the used fuel emit. What are the risks if exposed? Shielding? What happens in case of a transportation accident?
- I think this project is an excellent choice for Ignace. The Town needs more revenue and jobs
- I am informed and approve of this for Ignace and its prosperity
- Long term possible impacts on the environment
- Just keeping up to date on development and understanding what is happening at each phase. The MLC is an awesome way to gain perspective of what's on the horizon. Yes I think this is a good plan and I'm excited for what opportunities this can bring to our community
- Safety, infrastructure, nature recovery
- The best and fastest way to get out of the idea of moving all this waste up here
- Transportation
- Nothing
- Residents need to know about safety and get rid of misinformation that the facility will leak. Citizens need to know that the future benefits are. It will take 10 years to build, once a decision is made, people will either stay or go, need a decision so people can determine their future
- People are always looking for more information and updates. Need to understand why people are so against the project or not willing to learn. People will benefit, need to get all the facts.
- Economic benefits
- Very interested in the economic benefits the project will bring to Ignace. Concerned that the economic benefits will go to Dryden since they have the amenities and infrastructure that would attract potential residents, workers and qualified people. What will the NWMO do to ensure that Ignace will benefit. On the fence because the Centre of Expertise may not be in Ignace.
- I don't need to learn anymore. I believe I am educated enough on this project and I am for it.
- I have no problem with it coming here, I have kept up with all the NWMO info
- I am fine for a yes decision in Ignace, I would have to know more where they could take us for the future
- No concerns, have been to the Learn More Centre
- Capacity studies and how the NWMO will support Ignace in infrastructure and housing
- Future effects, jobs that will occur and other benefits
- Transportation regulations
- Transportation and ground safety
- Environment and economic impacts
- What the project looks like and how it is going to change Ignace
- What will our town look like - size, services, business opportunities
- Will this affect our water?
- Nothing, I'm all for nuclear
- Starting up timing
- Any new studies that become available, for example research from other countries on burying nuclear waste

Appendix E4. Question 4

4. Do you think this is a good plan? What changes, if any, would you like to see made to this plan?

- Nope, it's a good plan
- Yup, looks good.
- Reasonably sound plan
- It's a good plan.
- Start with posting "Values"
- Clean up the town and add the cost of the cleanup to the polluters tax - make them pay - people have been looking at the garbage along the highway for too many years. Grow some and do something
- I support the plan. It's obviously been discussed thoroughly, well planned, and laid out. I think the people doing this are intellectual & with today's technology, it makes sense
- I have nothing to add.
- I think this is a sound plan
- Perfect - now let's move forward to making that decision
- We only have one concern with this process and that goes back to our earlier comments about giving the taxpayers an opportunity to vote. Drawing a decision on what people said, then making a choice then asking council for a resolution is not the same as giving everyone an opportunity to vote. This project has an extremely long-time frame and has significant risks. No disrespect intended, but to leave it to a handful of elected municipal officials to reach a consensus is not like passing a resolution on a By-Law or an expenditure of municipal funds for White Otter Days. We all know that this is a very, very big decision that will have a major impact on the community and surrounding areas for many, many generations. Very positive impacts on employment opportunities and facility development but with some long-term risks that would need to be managed. That is why we believe the taxpayers should have an opportunity to vote.
- I think it is a sound plan
- There is comfort in knowing that there is governmental standards and international regulations that should be adhered to.
- THE VOTE: There should be a clear definition as to who a resident is. Also, it is necessary to involve seasonal residents in the vote. How do we define a resident. Roll #s or taxes?
- SUGGESTION: Persons who do not live within Ignace or Wabigoon's boundaries should not have a vote. Ignace need to have a wrap around to those residents that live close to the site. Their voice and vote should count.
- Keep reaching out to community members and groups. It is important that people have their say and their voices are heard.
- Have another Nuclear 101 symposium. That was extremely helpful and informative. So having more of these e.g. Decision 101 geared towards making a decision. How would we make a decision?
- If it is a community decision, it should be based on what the community wants. We should determine the level of response rate that would let us know what decision should be made. The methodology and % rate should be established before hand.
- A bar should be established beforehand; the standards that should be looked at or established that is deemed an acceptable level of engagement that would influence an effective decision.

- SUGGESTION: Conclusions should be communicated out to the community so they are aware well in advance of what is decided before it goes to Council, so that a resolution can be made. people should be aware well in advance of what is decided before it goes to Council.
- Door to door knocking voting should consider the aspect of confidentiality. So having a sealed and confidential process should be considered.
- Myths and facts mail out should be sent out to reach the community.
- An information session can be conducted before the municipal elections which would feed into two (2) separate votes/ballot
- A vote is an opportunity for persons to have their voices heard. At that point Council can look at the representation and make a decision from there.
- s a resident of Ignace for all of my life, I think its important to be involved in the decision-making process
- I don't think it should be entirely up to Council. it would be better if residents are able to go to the polls, vote and then make a decision based on that
- Sounds good!
- PERSONAL OPINION: The project is an opportunity for the community to capitalize on. May not be the ideal industry but its important to educate persons on the significance of the project in storing Canada's nuclear waste.
- I enjoyed the Nuclear 101 courses. Educational workshops to educate persons on the nuclear industry etc., as opposed to the actual project. Moving forward we should do more educational courses for the general public.
- I've lived in Ignace all my life and because of limited opportunities, recreational etc., I felt like I was missing out, My return to the community was to change and encourage
- Sure
- Yes
- A very good plan that really tries to capture the community opinion on how to show willingness and decision-making priorities
- I didn't see anything about housing in this document
- I also think we should have been given the option of providing or not providing our contact information at the end of this survey. Not everyone is comfortable with others knowing what their views are and this may stop people from completing and submitting this survey. We should have known at the beginning of the survey that we would be asked for names so we could decide whether or not to proceed. And I object to being asked my age with no option for 'prefer not to answer'. And my gender???. Come on!!"
- I think this is a great plan
- Looks like a good plan
- Good plan
- Good plan. Council gets the recommendation from the community.
- Yes
- This is an excellent plan. I think Ignace has done an amazing job on presenting this project. This is exactly the right way to implement it and decide what is best for the majority of people; listening to the people then doing what they want.
- I think this is a good plan.

- Looks good at this point.
- I respect the plan, however I do have concerns about the small amount of people that would be involved in the decision, compared to our population. Would it be possible to hold a vote for Ignace Taxpayers to have a personal say?
- Eliminate the shallow option before asking for a decision on the deep option.
- The overall choice should be the Residence of the Township of Ignace, so as everyone feels they had their say in the final decision. The council should not decide for the residents.
- Looks good to us
- No changes required but a question. Does everyone think the repository will be under Ignace. As we know it is 42 kilometres to West. That needs to be emphasized.
- Yes
- Unsure
- Using social media platforms such as "Ignace discussion" of the intentions, decisions, and reasonings before, during and after projects must be implemented immediately to gain and retain local trust and inclusion. This has been started recently and needs to be ramped up significantly. Any push back must be dealt with in a professional and timely manner. We are all supposed to matter in these endeavours.
- Good plan
- Good plan
- Looks good!
- I think overall this is an excellent plan I would also like to involve more of the other communities Dryden Atikokan Upsala With information sessions
- It's ok
- It's a start
- Its a good plan for those who need to be told every step of the way in this process. As it stands from the beginning of all this, i have been for the repository. When all the data and testing says its ok or not to go ahead will determine my final decision.
- Yes. None.
- This sounds like a good plan as long as Council Members can separate what they want from what the residents decide they want.
- No changes currently
- I think it is a good plan.
- I think it is a good plan. Community engagement is important, but for something like this, education is just as important. From those I have talked to, the more they learn about the project, the more at ease they are about it.
- Yes
- It is a good solid plan, but sometimes the people should be led, as there is too much wrong information and theories circulating. It is time for council and NWMO to make a decision then inform the people.
- Community plebiscite
- Looks good
- The "community" should have very little to no input on this project. Employment opportunities are the only thing that matters, whether the uninformed or willingly ignorant like it or not.

- ICNLC should be voicing everyone's concerns based on research from all sides.
- Yes
- No changes
- No changes
- Be open and engaged with our neighbours as we want their support too! #NWOSTRONG
- Your plan is thorough but we need to know the magic number.
- I like the plan
- Yes it is.
- Yes
- Locals get a say
- Yes
- Fantastic plan! Although step 2 may take longer to address our population as we see how many do not participate in surveys & their input. It may take multiple attempts with different platforms of learning sessions.
- Yes - it seems comprehensive and collaborative
- Per previous comment ensure that there is face-to-face opportunities to have questions asked and answered.
- Plan appears to be one of political correctness...I would think that this committee would be more concerned on safety of storage ,long term effects and the checks and balances for dealing with any environmental concerns in the future...only then a informed decision could be presented to council
- I think this in an appropriate plan.
- Do you think this is a good plan? What changes, if any, would you like to see made to this plan?
- Fine
- I think this is a great plan
- Yes sounds good
- Good plan
- Good decision
- I believe this is a good plan and fully support it
- I think this is a sturdy, well thought out plan that will lead to success if the project does end up coming to Ignace
- I think it is a good plan
- Yes it is a good plan
- Yes I think it's a good plan.
- I think that it is a good plan
- I think this is a good plan because you are planning to communicate your plans
- Like the plan but Council comes with their own biases/ opinions. Hope that they'd do what's best for the town.... is this project good for Ignace? is this project sustainable?
- Process should be like a jury... unbiased/ decision based on facts. Just ensure that the process is fair and transparent.
- Multiple data sources/ means of hearing from community/ means of determining willingness.... community vote plus council decision plus....

- Yes, absolutely! Model is good, shows that process is moving along. Ok for Council at the end since somebody has to make the decision.
- Model is fine. Final decision should be a council resolution. That's why they're elected. Council just needs firm numbers/ good data to make their decision (i.e. feedback from the community). If people in the community don't come forward (i.e. vote on the project) then they can't complain.
- A lot of money has come into the community thanks to the NWMO. If the project does not come here it will be missed/ many organizations are relying on this money. Will this money disappear right away? People need to be aware of this/ need transparency. NWMO has evolved into a key community organization, like the OPP, district services board...
- If APM comes here organizations will need to plan. Organizations need time to ramp up. Will need help recruiting doctors. We are limited by the ministry when it comes to salaries. Perhaps NWMO could partner with us/ pay for moving bonuses...
- At this point people just want a decision. Thinks about 70% in town in favour, 10% will never be in favour and 20% on the fence. Expects ~80% will come out and vote.
- Yes
- Yes I do
- Yes
- The ICNLC has laid out a plan for how Ignace could decide on its support for the project which builds on our community's work to date to learn about and explore the project.
- Do you think this is a good plan? What changes, if any, would you like to see made to this plan?
- If people become informed it would be helpful. Offer a taxi or shuttle service to attend events. Give us a reason why we don't want APM here
- Just build it
- It is well laid out
- Yes, when the time comes
- How will the community voice be acknowledged in the decision making?
- This is a reasonable approach. As stated above, Ignace residents should know exactly what impacts to the community structure would look like and have input on how the community would be affected.
- Go through the steps and motions, seems appropriate.
- Need to involve the residents more
- Yes, with more input from residents
- Generally a good idea, we just have to consider those who are not in agreement with the project
- Good process, straight forward, drops onto itself, feedback.
- It seems that most residents have already determined their approval or disapproval of the project
- Yes, great plan
- I'm happy with this process
- Let us all vote!
- Don't need a plan if we say no to the project
- Maintaining the illusion of illusion
- Ok plan

- Everything is good
- If council doesn't decide, how do you expect the community to be able to decide?
- Need to communicate how Ignace is going to benefit
- Yes
- I believe this is a great opportunity for Ignace as long as Ignace is the chosen municipality for our area
- I think this is a good plan
- I feel the plan is good as long as the communication is wide open in the community - this will ensure their thoughts on bribery are incorrect, leaving nothing hidden or unspoken
- OK with the plan
- Yes
- Yes
- Good plan
- Ok
- It's a great plan
- I agree to this plan
- At this point in time the plan looks good
- Yes this is a good plan
- Good plan
- Yes
- The final choice should be given to the Ignace residents by a vote, council should make a final decision based on vote

Appendix F – Comments Received on the Update on Willingness

I have read the “Ignace Township Update on Willingness” flyer that was released on December 1, 2021. I understand that taxpayers have until December 10, 2021, to provide the township with any feedback on the contents of this document.

Although the Ignace Community Survey did not specifically identify a referendum as a potential option in the decision-making process like the South Bruce folks clearly did in their Willingness Consultation Study Workbook, I do not believe that a referendum should be overlooked.

I acknowledge that Ignace is not South Bruce and can certainly develop its’ own methods of determining willingness and that the process being used in Ignace is characteristic of “deliberative democracy.” However, if after all the studies have been completed in 2023 and the Revell site is recommended as the location for the DGR, the decision to express willingness to see the project implemented and have a Center of Expertise in Ignace will have an epic impact on Ignace and the surrounding area. Approval will result in perpetual economic stability for numerous generations. Disapproval would result in the continued economic instability of the boom-and-bust cycles of resource extraction projects that Ignace and most northern communities have been dealing with for decades.

This is such a monumental decision! It is unlike any that most municipalities have ever or will ever face. Although not likely (because the current Mayor and Council are doing a remarkable job of all things Ignace), the possibility does exist that the municipal council could see a changing or partial changing of the guard in the 2022 municipal election. If municipal council is to make the final decision on willingness in 2023 the public may not get what it was recommending during the “deliberative democracy “process, and that in my opinion is why a Referendum should not be ruled out. I point to the Charlottetown Accord of 1992 and the Federal Government’s decision to have a referendum. The results of that referendum had 54.3% of the Canadian public voting against the Accord. The people of Canada spoke out.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. You folks are doing a remarkable job of making sure the taxpayers are well informed and kept up to date with the project.