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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating Progress and Partnership with NWMO and the Community

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

As this four-year term comes to a close, Mayor and Council would like to reflect on the progress, partnerships and important decisions that have helped shape the future of the Township of Ignace. These years have been marked by meaningful community conversations, regional collaboration and a renewed focus on ensuring that Ignace is prepared to respond thoughtfully and responsibly to new opportunities.

Building Momentum Around the NWMO Centre of Expertise

One of the most significant developments during this term has been the continued advancement of the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) Centre of Expertise. The proposed Centre represents an opportunity for Ignace residents and a world audience to participate in research, education, training and knowledge-sharing related to the long-term management of used nuclear fuel. Council has worked to ensure that the community's interests, priorities and expectations remain central to discussions surrounding the project alongside the NWMO.

The Centre of Expertise has the potential to create lasting benefits for Ignace and the surrounding region. These will include new employment opportunities, skills development, partnerships with educational institutions, support for local businesses and increased participation in national and international conversations about nuclear waste management. Just as importantly, the initiative provides an opportunity to strengthen Ignace as a centre for science, innovation and responsible decision-making around used nuclear fuel management and opens the door for new housing developments, retail, commercial and business opportunities that are well underway.

A Historic Decision for Canada

Another defining milestone of this term was the decision to proceed with Ignace as the site for Canada's first deep geological repository (DGR) for the long-term storage of used nuclear fuel. This decision represents an important moment in our community's history and places Ignace at the centre of a nationally and internationally significant undertaking.

Deep geological repositories are designed to safely contain used nuclear fuel deep underground using multiple barriers and engineered systems. The project is expected to involve extensive scientific study, regulatory oversight, environment monitoring and ongoing engagement with the community and Indigenous partners at Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation. Council recognizes that a project of this scale required careful consideration, transparency and a commitment to public safety and environmental protection.

Ignace's participation in this process has been guided by the belief that major decisions must be informed by reliable

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SUBDIVISION & SURPLUS PROPERTIES

NWMO NEWS & CENTRE OF EXPERTISE

ELECTION DAY IS OCTOBER 26, 2026

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OPEN MONDAYS
May 25 to November 1

WEDNESDAY
12 - 4 PM
All year

SATURDAY
12 - 4 PM
All year



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information, open dialogue, and respect for the people who call this region home. The community's willingness to engage in this conversation has helped establish a foundation for future planning and collaboration.

The $27 billion dollar DGR project, the Municipal Hosting Agreement and the Centre of Expertise will place the community of Ignace at the pinnacle of its future development. This Council has laid a foundation to build a community that current residents and future families will be proud to call home. Ignace has proudly taken a tremendous step of recognition on the WORLD nuclear stage, thanks to the wide external and internal communication efforts of our senior staff.

Partnerships & Community Engagement

Throughout the term, Council has emphasized the importance of working with residents, businesses, Indigenous communities, neighbouring municipalities, regional organizations and government partners. These relationships are essential as Ignace continues to evaluate opportunities and prepare for potential changes associated with the Centre of Expertise and the DGR.

Community engagement has included public information sessions, meetings, consultations, presentations and opportunities for residents to ask questions and express their views. Council appreciates the many residents who have participated in these discussions. Constructive questions, differing perspectives and informed dialogue all contribute to stronger decision-making.

The Township has also propelled itself on the government stage at both the Provincial and Federal levels and has built strong and fruitful relationships with Ministers, stakeholders and bureaucrats at all levels, which have resulted in millions of dollars in grants, loans and assistance for infrastructure projects that would not have been readily available. Our participation at conferences such as AMO, NOMA and ROMA has built awareness, networks and advanced collaboration from critical political and bureaucratic personnel within Ontario and Canada.

Preparing for the Future

Alongside these milestone achievements, the Township has continued its work on local priorities, including municipal services, arena/recreation centre infrastructure, economic development, community well-being and long-term planning. Preparing for potential growth required attention to housing, transportation, roads, emergency services, health care, recreation and the capacity of local organizations and businesses. One of the most notable achievements toward housing was the initiative to develop a subdivision with Bruno's Contracting from Thunder Bay. New housing will be built to satisfy the future requirements of incoming NWMO staff and their families, and new commercial developments are planned for our community.

There is still substantial work ahead. The projects associated with the NWMO Centre of Expertise and the DGR will continue to require detailed assessment, regulatory review, public participation and careful implementation. Council remains committed to ensuring that Ignace's interests are represented and that the community is prepared to respond to both opportunities and challenges.

Looking Ahead

The past four years have been a period of important progress and historic decisions, as well as concentration on managing past financial concerns and advancing projects that will build a legacy for Ignace. Ignace has demonstrated that a small community can play a significant role in national initiatives while remaining focused on local values and community needs.

On behalf of Mayor and Council, we thank residents, municipal staff, our valued consultants, volunteers, local organizations, businesses, Indigenous partners and regional stakeholders for their contributions during this term. The future will require continued cooperation, patience, accountability and informed participation. Together, we can build on the milestones achieved and work toward a safe, sustainable and prosperous future for Ignace and the broader region.

On a personal level, as Mayor and Council, we want to thank all those individuals who have worked so diligently to advance the efforts of our community, regardless of their affiliation. We recognize that as a small Northwestern Ontario community, we must place our trust in stakeholders who believe in and align with the betterment of this community, such as the Provincial and Federal governments, Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation Chief and Elders, the NWMO and the many private-sector individuals we continue to work with who are investing in a future to build a legacy in Ignace.

Thank you and well wishes as we create a future we can be proud of together in this beautiful community we call home.

Mayor & Council
Township of Ignace

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Meet the Candidates in the 2026 Municipal Election

The next municipal election in Ontario takes place October 26, 2026. The Township of Ignace will once again use Neuvote Systems to conduct voting 100% online. A voter information letter with a unique access code will be mailed to each eligible voter. Advance voting will begin on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, and will run until 8 p.m. on Election Day on Tuesday, October 26, 2026.

Candidates are listed below in alphabetical order by last name. **Current members of Council are indicated with an asterisk.* Watch for campaign information from each candidate, as well as details for a "Meet the Candidates" night being organized by Ignace Public Library on October 1.

Mayoral Candidates - *One position as Head of Council*

- Jodie DEFEO*
- Jeff LEDERER

Council Candidates - *Four positions as Councillors*

- Joe BARNES
- Ken BARNES
- Hugh BROUGHTON
- Kevin CLOUTIER
- Josh LaFLEUR
- Penny LUCAS
- Wayne MINNEAR*
- Cindy STARK
- John TADDEO*



ALL VOTING IS ONLINE FOR THE 2026 IGNACE ELECTION

You will use the unique PIN code from your Voter Information Letter and your birthdate to log into the Neuvote system.

Please attempt to log in before Thursday, October 22, 2026, to confirm your access or cast your ballot.

In case your birthdate on file is incorrect, we will still have time to reset your access before voting closes on October 26 at 8 p.m.

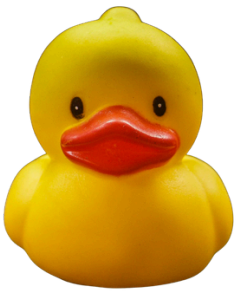
What's a "Lame Duck" Period?

A "lame duck" period is the time shortly before and after an election when the outgoing council remains in office but has restricted decision-making powers. In Ontario municipal elections, it happens when it becomes clear that the next council will include less than 75% of the members of the outgoing council. Because only three of the five current members of council are candidates in the next election, the lame duck period started Friday, August 21, 2026.

During a "lame duck" period, council cannot:

- Appoint or remove a municipal officer
- Hire or dismiss a municipal employee
- Dispose of municipal real or personal property worth more than $50,000*
- Make expenditures or incur other liabilities exceeding $50,000*

**unless these transactions were already approved or included in the most recent budget, or it's an emergency situation, or authority has been properly delegated to Administration.*



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DANIELLA OKOYE
Economic Development Generalist
Township of Ignace

Meet Our Economic Development Generalist

The Township of Ignace is pleased to introduce Daniella Okoye, B.Sc., M.A., our new Economic Development Generalist. Daniella holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from Covenant University in Nigeria and a Master of Arts degree in Economics from Lakehead University in Thunder Bay. Before moving to Ignace, Daniella worked for the City of Thunder Bay. Daniella has a wealth of ideas for development and we are excited to welcome her to Ignace!

Revita Communities Preparing to Build in Ignace

Revita Communities, through a newly formed corporation called Ignace Cottage Community GP Inc., is preparing to create affordable housing in Ignace. By using prefabricated homes and a land-lease model, Revita is able to lower the cost of homeownership by roughly 30-40% compared to traditional builds and get homes built and ready faster. Ignace is a natural fit for this mission: a community with real workforce housing needs and a Township ready to grow.

Revita recently purchased 25 surplus properties in the mobile home park on the south end of Ignace. Revita's investment in Ignace reflects exactly the kind of development the Township's Community Improvement Plan is designed to support: private capital addressing a real, local need to create housing for the workforce powering Ignace's growth.



Representative from Revita Communities met with Township staffers Keith Roseborough (2nd from L) and Daniella Okoye (centre).

Evergreen Pharmacy Celebrates Grand Opening

The Township of Ignace congratulates Evergreen Pharmacy on its grand opening celebration, which took place Saturday, June 13, 2026 in Ignace. Deputy Mayor Wayne Minnear represented the Township at the store's ribbon cutting ceremony. The opening of Evergreen Pharmacy's third location helps to revitalize retail activity in the Ignace Town Plaza and shows the company's commitment to local community economic development in Northwestern Ontario. Thank you for choosing Ignace, and we wish you success!



Evergreen Pharmacy staff celebrated its grand opening on June 13, 2026.

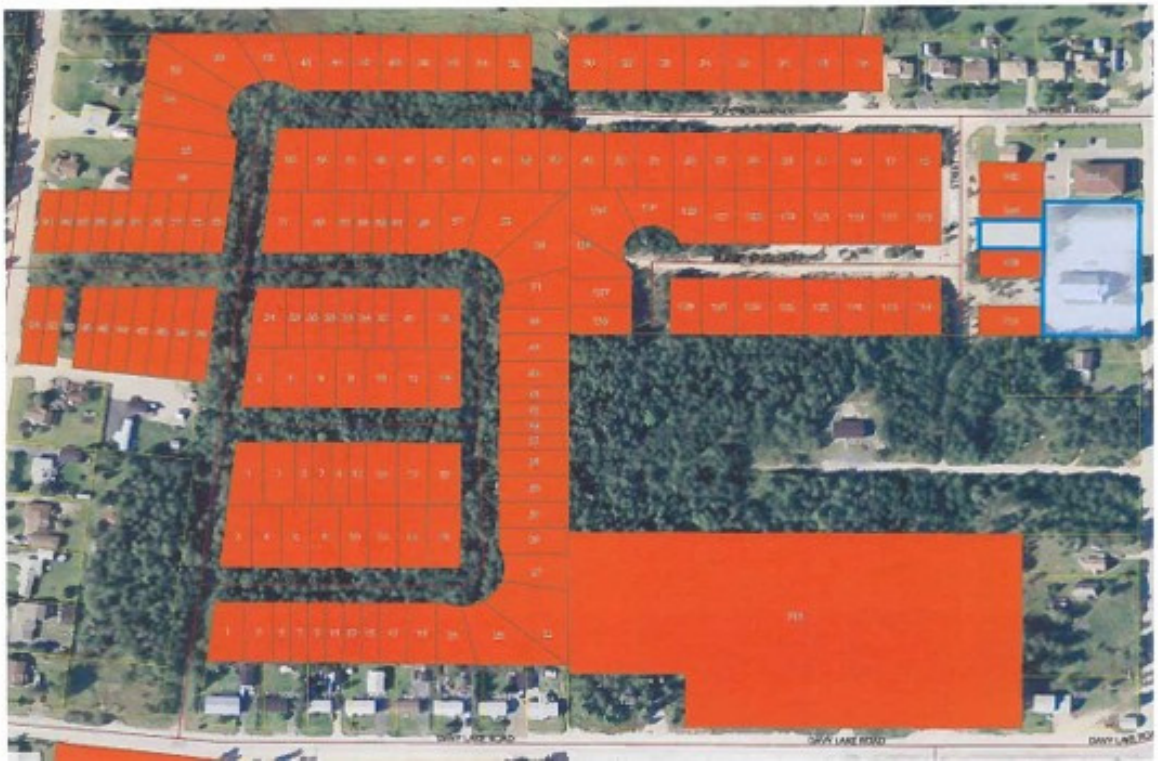
UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday, October 5, 2026 @ 6 p.m. – Special Meeting
Tuesday, October 13, 2026 @ 6 p.m. – Regular Meeting
Monday, November 16, 2026 @ 6 p.m. – First Meeting of New Council
All meetings are held in the MPR at Township Office and on Zoom.

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Residential Subdivision Development Update

At the Special Meeting held on Thursday, August 13, 2026, Council for the Township of Ignace approved the Agreement of Purchase and Sale and Option to Purchase and Development Covenants between the Corporation of the Township of Ignace and Bruno's Contracting (Thunder Bay) Limited for the sale of the Phase 1, Phase 2 and Phase 3 "Mayotte Agimak Terrace Subdivision" lands for a total purchase price of $223,442.50 plus HST. The land transfer will close in October 2026, and construction is expected to start in the months that follow.



Mayotte Agimak Terrace subdivision lots

Bruno's Contracting plans to build several model homes for potential buyers to view different options and finishes, then sell individual lots and take orders from homebuyers for custom new home construction. If you are interested in ordering a new home in Ignace, contact Bruno's Contracting directly at (807) 623-1855 or contact@brunoscontracting.com.

Surplus Residential Properties

If you are interested in building a house in Ignace, several surplus properties are still available:

- 203, 205, 213, 235 Wren Street
- 347, 349 Tait Street
- 456, 460 Berglund Street
- 303, 309, 322 Railway Street
- 306 East Street

See page 8 for TAX SALES with a tender deadline of October 14, 2026!

If you are interested in purchasing a surplus residential property, please contact Keith Roseborough in our Planning department first at (807) 934-2202 ext. 1034 or email him at cds@ignace.ca to find out which properties are still available and discuss lot sizes, current assessed values, and the development agreements required to ensure new homes are constructed on the properties within two years.

After you have spoken with Keith, please submit an Expression of Interest form with a 5% deposit to the Clerk in a sealed envelope, following the instructions on the form.

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NWMO & Township of Ignace Presented at Nuclear Industry Conference in Korea in June 2026

In June 2026, Councillor John Taddeo represented the Township of Ignace at the Korea Radioactive Waste Agency (KORAD) 9th International Symposium on Radioactive Waste Safety Management (SaRaM) in Seoul, Korea, along with NWMO's Director of Municipal Relations and Transportation, Jamie Matear, to articulate Ignace's willingness process for the Deep Geological Repository project. The Northwestern Ontario delegation was invited by KORAD, which provided flights, accommodations, conference registration and some meals. Councillor Taddeo's mileage and remaining travel expenses were covered through Township funding from NWMO.

Councillor Taddeo discussed many aspects of the process that the community undertook to achieve willingness after years of learning and understanding fact-based technical information that was communicated to Township residents. Councillor Taddeo also discussed the relationship between Ignace and Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation and the work by NWMO to achieve authority by both parties to continue to move forward to the next stages of the regulatory and licensing process. He also spoke of the solid science, solid rock and solid choices made by the Township of Ignace over the course of 15 years of studies and consultations with the community.

One of the most important and interesting aspects of the presentation for the audience in Korea was the discussion of community engagement through committee volunteers that participated in the process of many years and terms of Council. The process involved not only citizens but professionals in communications, regulatory requirements, community engagement and other areas that propelled the projects forward, including the timelines around the Municipal Hosting Agreement, the Centre of Expertise and other related economic development in the community.

NWMO conducted their own presentation at the event including discussions of partnership between the Township and First Nations in the area, as well as long term consultations that continue to move the project forward.

The construction of the Centre of Expertise was another key aspect of the presentation. Councillor Taddeo assured the audience that this was one of the elements promised to the people of Ignace, and that discussions about the impact and importance of this centre must continue.

Throughout the conference, Councillor Taddeo met with and exchanged information with other significant nuclear bodies in attendance. He also met with officials one-to-one from Korea, Japan, France, Switzerland, Sweden and Finland on their Roadmap for High Level Waste Management Plans.



Councillor John Taddeo represented Ignace in Korea in June 2026.



Share Your Ideas for Community Well Being Projects

If you have a great idea for a project that could be funded through the Community Well Being Fund, let us know! The project must support arts, culture, heritage, sports, recreation, social or physical health, the environment, or other initiatives that improve the quality of life in the Township. Email your suggestions to info@ignace.ca.

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Township of Ignace Well Represented at AMO

Deputy Mayor Wayne Minnear, Councillor Jodie Defeo, CAO Aaron Gullins, and Communications and Outreach Lead Jake Pastore represented the Township of Ignace at the annual Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference in Ottawa on August 16-18, 2026. The Township team met and networked with many provincial government and municipal leaders and provided key information to Ministers and other stakeholders with respect to the following matters:

- Status Update of the Centre of Expertise and the Deep Geological Repository Project and the Community's process on work associated with the DGR/COE and NWMO.
- Updates on Infrastructure improvements and work associated with the wastewater facility and on-going renovations at the Ignace Recreation Centre.
- Status of Financial Affairs and Reporting Mechanisms with provincial government programs, housing projects and overall economic development initiatives.
- Discussion of issues related to the Ontario Provincial Police, new infrastructure development, and potential new provincial jail locations in Ontario.
- Support for healthcare improvements and infrastructure updates at the Mary Berglund Centre, Infrastructure Ontario support, and support for funding for the Dryden Regional Health Hub.



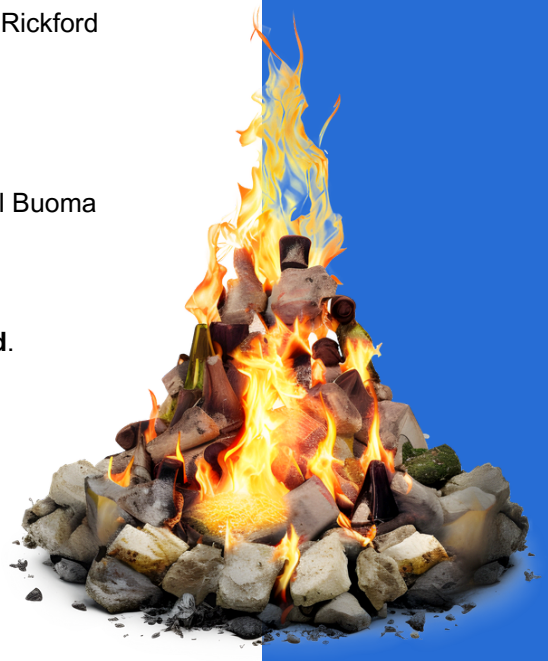
From L-R: Deputy Mayor Wayne Minnear, Outreach Lead Jake Pastore and CAO Aaron Gullins at AMO 2026

The Township of Ignace secured delegations with the following Ministries and individuals:

- Ministry of Infrastructure – Parliamentary Assistant Minister – Amorjot Sandhu
- Minister of Northern Development and Growth and NOHFC – Minister George Pirie
- Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy and Mines – Rudy Cuzzetto
- Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy and Mines – MP Smith
- Minister of Indigenous Affairs and Economic Reconciliation – Minister Greg Rickford
- Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health – Anthony Leardi
- Solicitor General's Office Minister – Minister Hamid
- NWMO Director, Government and External Relations – Mr. Dakota Kochie
- NWMO Manager, Municipal Relations - ILW – Ryan Bissonette
- Federal Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources – Minister's Staff
- Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier's Office and Indigenous Affairs – Will Buoma

Ignace Fire Department Update

The Ignace Fire Department would like to remind all property owners that **a valid fire permit is required for all outdoor fires, even in your own backyard**. The permit fee is $10 + HST and applications are available at the Township Office and at the Fire Hall. Please refer to By-law 35.2021 for regulations about Open Air Burning.



The Fire Department and the Community Emergency Management Coordinator would also like to thank the Ministry of Natural Resources, the dedicated fire crews and the residents of Ignace for their diligence during the threat of the Dryden 36 forest fire southwest of Ignace earlier this summer. This situation showed us how we can improve our emergency response and communication, and we will be updating our plans this fall.

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Township of Ignace Provides Additional Lands to Support KDSB-led Seniors Housing Development

The Kenora District Services Board (KDSB), in partnership with the Township of Ignace, is advancing plans for a much-needed 20-unit seniors housing development in Ignace. The project represents an important step toward expanding housing options that allow seniors to remain in their community as they age.

KDSB
KENORA DISTRICT SERVICES BOARD

At its March 2026 council meeting, the Township approved the transfer of additional adjoining lands to the project, providing sufficient land for KDSB to advance a proposed 20-unit, single-storey seniors' building on Pine Street. The newly granted lands, combined with the existing allocated parcel, will create a larger site with more development potential that will help realize the community's collective vision.

“The ability to age in communities of choice is vital for seniors’ overall wellbeing. I want to thank both of our teams for working together to move this project from its initial concept towards reality. The additional land will provide a high-quality site for the proposed housing complex. It is an exciting development for the community, as these units will be purpose- built to provide residential spaces that accommodate the changing physical, social and health needs of seniors,” said Sarah Stevenson, CEO of KDSB.

“This project represents an extremely important investment in the future of our community here in Ignace. By working together with the KDSB, we are helping ensure that more seniors can remain in Ignace, close to the people, services and community they know and value,” said Mayor Kim Baigrie.

The KDSB is actively advancing pre-development planning and pursuing funding opportunities that will allow construction to commence in the future. Additional details about the 20-unit seniors’ complex development in Ignace will be provided to the public as they become available.

Recent Tax Sales



The following six properties were posted for tax sale with a tender submission deadline of August 12, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. Three of the properties sold and three remain in arrears and may be posted for sale again in the future.

- 203 Davies Street – No tenders received, not sold, remains in tax arrears
- 258 Davies Street – No tenders received, not sold, remains in tax arrears
- 302 Garden Street – Sold to Clooch’s Ltd. for $8,000.00; no other tenders
- 304 Garden Street – Sold to Clooch’s Ltd. for $8,000.00; no other tenders
- 348 Tait Street – No tenders received, not sold, remains in tax arrears
- 350 Tait Street – Sold to Cloutier Ventures Ltd. for $30,500.00; no other tenders

Current Tax Sales



The following five properties are currently posted for tax sale with a tender submission deadline of October 14, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

- 748 Cedar Street – Minimum tender amount: $42,149.28
- 750 Cedar Street – Minimum tender amount: $42,042.56
- 251 Davey Lake Road – Minimum tender amount: $43,127.51
- 304 McNabb Street – Minimum tender amount: $17,518.55
- 110 Robinson Crescent – Minimum tender amount: $29,307.79

Please refer to the official Form 6 Sale of Land by Public Tender advertisements for details and instructions for interested buyers, or visit www.OntarioTaxSales.ca.

Information packages are available at the town office for $25. The form of tender is available on the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository website under the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

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Progress Continues on the NWMO Centre of Expertise



A two-dimensional conceptual representation of a proposed architectural design used to illustrate form and aesthetics.

NWMO Centre of Expertise

Unity CIMA+

The Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) recently unveiled the final design for our Centre of Expertise. It will be located in Ignace, Ontario, a host community for Canada's deep geological repository for used nuclear fuel.

The centre represents an approximately $50-million investment in the community. It will incorporate a range of features identified through local community input, including flexible multipurpose and educational spaces, a design that blends into the natural environment, and an accessible location connected to community amenities.

"We are very proud of this design that integrates nature, knowledge and community," said Christina Van Drunen, Vice-President of Operations at the NWMO. "It has been exciting to see the NWMO's new home in Ignace grow from the concepts presented seven years ago to these final renderings, and it couldn't have happened without input from community members."

Designed at approximately 55,000 square feet — about the size of a football field — the facility will accommodate 160 to 200 NWMO employees, bringing sustained economic opportunity to northwestern Ontario for generations to come.

The NWMO issued a request for proposals on August 11 seeking the construction firm that will build the facility.

The centre will anchor the NWMO's long-term operational presence in the region, supporting training, innovation and the development of world-class expertise to support the NWMO's work.

A sign was installed at the future site of the Centre of Expertise on Monday, September 28, 2026.



Centre of Expertise architectural rendering provided by NWMO, Unity and CIMA+

Township of Ignace representatives pose with Shanu Shaikh, Acting VP and Chief Engineer for NWMO, in front of the new sign.

(L-R) Daniella Okoye, Lesley Sterling, Cllr.Jodie Defeo, Mayor Kim Baigrie, Keith Roseborough, Shanu Shaikh, Aaron Gullins

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DGR Advertised as Potential Project of National Interest

On September 18, 2026, the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, President of the King's Privy Council for Canada and Minister responsible for Canada-U.S. Trade, Intergovernmental Affairs, Internal Trade and One Canadian Economy, announced the publication of a notice in the *Canada Gazette* for the Deep Geological Repository (DGR) Project, marking the next step in considering whether the project should be listed under Schedule 1 of the *Building Canada Act* (the Act) as a project of national interest.

The proposed DGR Project represents nationally significant infrastructure that would provide a permanent solution for the long-term management of Canada's used nuclear fuel while supporting Canada's position as a global leader in reliable, non-emitting nuclear energy. Under the umbrella of Canada's first-ever Nuclear Energy Strategy, released in June 2026, the project would help align Canada's growing nuclear sector, support energy security and economic competitiveness, create long-term employment opportunities, ensure Canada maintains its world-class safety standards, and generate lasting benefits for Indigenous communities and the region. It also supports Canada's long-term clean energy future by helping sustain a reliable, low-carbon electricity system for generations.

Publication in the *Canada Gazette* is a required step under the Act. The notice formally advises the public that the Government of Canada is considering whether to list the project under the Act and provides interested parties with an opportunity to submit written comments before any listing decision is made. Publication of the notice does not indicate a decision to list the project.

Canadians are invited to provide comments until October 26, 2026. Feedback received will be considered alongside feedback received in consultations with potentially impacted Indigenous communities, engagement with provincial partners, and advice from relevant federal ministers as part of the Government's decision-making process. The Government of Canada continues to consult with Indigenous rights holders and communities regarding the project.

Caitlyn Burley Appointed as VP of Regulatory Approvals



CAITLYN BURLEY
Vice-President of Regulatory Approvals

The Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) has appointed Caitlin Burley as Vice-President of Regulatory Approvals. Burley joins the NWMO's executive team as the organization advances our mandate for the safe, long-term management of Canada's intermediate- and high-level radioactive waste.

Burley brings more than 18 years of experience in advancing nuclear, energy, transmission and resource development projects through impact assessment, environmental assessment, regulatory engagement and licensing readiness. In her new role, she will provide leadership to secure and sustain all required federal, provincial and Indigenous permissions, including impact assessment, environmental assessment and Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission licensing outcomes.

"As the NWMO continues to move the Deep Geological Repository for Canada's Used Nuclear Fuel Project forward, I'm looking forward to bringing my experience with various Indigenous, provincial and federal regulatory processes to this important project," said Burley. "I am honoured to lead the team advancing this important work through the regulatory decision-making process, bringing forward the evidence, expertise and rigour needed to support informed decisions by regulators."

Burley previously served as Regulatory Decision-Making Project Director at the NWMO, where she worked cross-departmentally to support readiness for the impact assessment phase of our work. Prior to that, she served as Director of Strategic Programs and Transportation.

Earlier in her career, Burley supported and led federal and provincial assessments for projects such as the Cliffs Chromite Project, the Wataynikaneyap Transmission Project and the Bruce C Nuclear Project. She also worked on ExxonMobil's Papua New Guinea Liquefied Natural Gas Project, and led First Nation community readiness policy through Ontario's Ring of Fire Secretariat.

Burley holds a Bachelor of science degree from the University of Ottawa, a Master of Applied Science degree in environmental management from Toronto Metropolitan University, and accreditation in consultation and dialogue from the International Association for Public Participation.

Burley fills the role previously held by Allan Webster, who retired from NWMO in August 2026.

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NWMO Staff Spotlight: Jamie Matear

Jamie Matear joined the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) in 2010 and currently serves as Director of Municipal Relations and Transportation. During his time with NWMO, he has worked in or supported engagement activities in most of the organization's 22 siting communities and has held a range of roles focused on community engagement, transportation and municipal relations. Much of his work focuses on helping municipalities, Indigenous communities and organizations, emergency responders and regional stakeholders understand NWMO's programs and activities and identify issues that may be important to their communities.

Jamie is a regular visitor to Ignace and the surrounding area and works closely with local leaders throughout Northwestern Ontario. He leads a team that includes specialists in community engagement, transportation engagement, and socio-economic research. Together, they support NWMO's relationships with communities and provide information about transportation planning, socio-economic studies, community programs, and other project-related activities.

Originally from Northeastern Ontario, Jamie now lives in Toronto with his family.

NWMO Staff Spotlight: Carla Acosta

Carla Acosta has been with the NWMO team for over four years, working as an Economic Planning Specialist. With a background in social services and land use planning, Carla has a unique perspective shaped by her experience in both municipal government and the not-for-profit sector.

Carla and her husband Aaron recently moved to Ignace from Toronto (but her husband is originally from Mexico City!). They both chose to move to Ignace to start a new chapter in their lives and feel more connected to nature. Carla and Aaron are new to the small-town vibe but are very excited to enjoy time outdoors painting, swimming, and trying new activities like fishing and ATVing. They're looking forward to discovering all that the region has to offer and continuing to build their life in Northwestern Ontario.

Please join us in welcoming Carla and Aaron to Ignace!

NWMO Summer Student Spotlight: Kate Sterling

Kate Sterling was a Developmental Summer Student for the NWMO, working as this summer's Youth Coordinator. She is a student at the University of Manitoba, where she is pursuing a degree in history, and she aspires to enter the Faculty of Education to become a high school teacher. Kate's hobbies include crafts and all things outdoors. She thoroughly enjoyed running NWMO's Explore and Grow Youth Day Camps and participating in community events during the 2026 season.

NWMO Upcoming Engagement Opportunities

Join NWMO at these upcoming events to learn more about the safe, long-term management of Canada's intermediate- and high-level radioactive waste, in a manner that protects people and the environment for generations to come.

- Oct. 2 Mobile Learn More Centre & Community BBQ – Dyment Community Hall
- Oct. 3 Dryden Fall Fest Harvest Hay Day
- Oct. 3 Upsala Fall Fair
- Oct. 6-7 Mobile Learn More Centre – West Arthur Community Centre, Thunder Bay
- Oct. 8 Ignace Fire Department Open House
- Oct. 18-20 Women in Nuclear (WiN) Annual Conference – Niagara Falls
- Oct. 20 Atikokan Fire Department Open House
- Oct. 28-29 Lakehead University Career Fairs – Thunder Bay
- Nov. 3 Northern Ontario Tourism Summit Conference & Trade Show – Sault Ste. Marie
- Dec. 3 2nd Annual Community Career Connections Job Fair – Ignace School

Or visit us at the Ignace Learn More Centre at 304 Main Street, Ignace, Ontario.



JAMIE MATEAR
Director of Municipal Relations and Transportation



CARLA ACOSTA
Economic Planning Specialist



KATE STERLING
Youth Coordinator

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NUCLEAR WASTE MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION
SOCIÉTÉ DE GESTION DES DÉCHETS NUCLÉAIRES

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Recycling Pickup Starts in Late November

Beginning in late November, residents of Ignace will see the introduction of a new residential recycling program, including the use of an automated curbside recycling cart system. The new program will provide residents with a convenient single-cart system for recycling all accepted materials. **Recycling will be collected from houses every second Thursday**, with the start date to be confirmed and announced in the near future.



Pickup is from houses only at this time. Commercial and apartment building recycling is not slated to begin until 2030. Recycling across Ontario is being coordinated by Circular Materials and funded by recyclable material producers, and local collection in Ignace will be performed by Emterra Group.

New recycling carts will be delivered to homes beginning in late October, in advance of the program launch. Residents will automatically receive a 360-Litre cart for their use. If a 360-Litre cart does not meet their recycling needs, residents can pre-select a smaller or additional recycling cart by October 9, 2026, by visiting the community website at https://www.circularmaterials.ca/resident-communities/ignace/.

Please see the postcard delivered to your door for more details about recycling, and visit the Circular Materials website at URL for details about what's recyclable and how to include it in your bin.

Recyclable materials are to go into the bin loose, not in bags. All cardboard must be flattened and must fit fully inside the bin. Please rinse off food residue. Do not include alcohol cotainers.

YES! Recycle these empty materials:

- **Paper/fibre** – Paper, cardboard, egg cartons, paper tubes, paper plates, magazines, etc.
- **Cartons/containers** – Paper laminate containers, paper cups, beverage cartons
- **Plastic** – Containers, bottles, food trays, cosmetics tubes, plant pots, plastic bags, styrofoam
- **Metal** – Food cans, metal lids, soda cans, aluminum foil and trays, empty aerosol containers
- **Glass** – Clear and coloured glass jars, bottles, and other containers

STOP! These materials DO NOT go in the blue bin:

- NO Food residue
- NO Books of any kind
- NO Alcoholic beverage containers
- NO Plastic wrap film and absorbent pads from meat trays
- NO Broken glass, mirrors, window panes

PUBLIC NOTICE: Ignace Recreation Centre will be closed during renovations. Please watch for details of the reopening date.

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