

# We want to hear from you!

Spring/Summer 2021

The Municipality of South Bruce is one of the final two potential sites the NWMO is considering for a deep geological repository (DGR) to store Canada's used nuclear fuel. The NWMO process includes technical studies to confirm that the site can safely secure the used nuclear fuel. It is equally important to determine whether the community is willing to host the site.

## Help Shape the Process to Measure Willingness

For the Municipality of South Bruce, determining our willingness to host the project may be the single biggest decision our Council will ever make. That process starts with determining how we want willingness to be measured. Council is seeking broad community input to inform this decision.

To do this fairly and objectively, the Municipality hired an independent community engagement consultant, GHD. This year, GHD will gather input on how the community wants to measure its willingness to host the project through an open, transparent, and inclusive consultation process.

Make your voice heard at one of the consultation events – come to a community workshop, complete the online survey, drop-in on a Tuesday Talk, or invite us to facilitate a mini-workshop with your community organization. Details on how to participate are inside.

### Timing

In August and September, GHD will report back to the community on what they heard, and you'll have the chance to confirm this information and make any additional comments. Consultation results will be reported to Council in November, who will finalize how community willingness will be measured. Together, we will shape a fair, transparent, and community-driven process for how willingness will be measured.

## Why is the project needed?

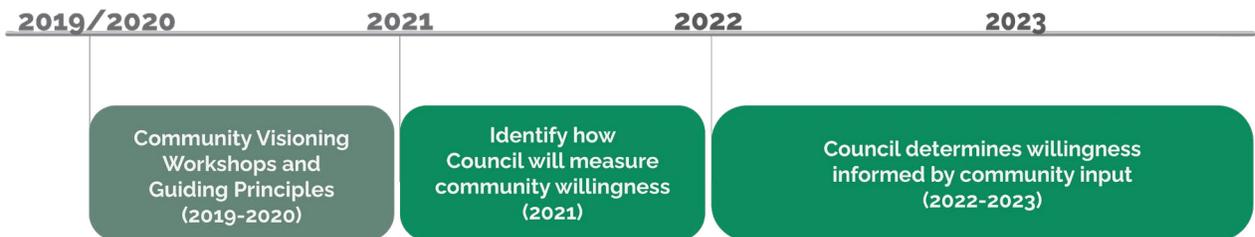
- Nuclear power is used in several provinces. In Ontario, it supplies about half of our electricity.
- The used nuclear fuel from nuclear power plants is currently stored in secure above-ground storage at seven sites across Canada. About half of it is located at the Bruce Power site.
- The NWMO is tasked with finding a safe, permanent solution. Globally, storing the waste in a reinforced facility deep underground is considered the safest option.
- The proposed facility would be approximately 680-metres underground, with a centre of expertise and other facilities above ground.

## Timing (continued)

This consultation reflects the guiding principles we developed last year, based on community input, specifically Principle 9:

“ The Municipality will, in collaboration with community members, develop and establish an open and transparent process that will allow the community to express its level of willingness to host the Project. ”

South Bruce path to measuring community willingness



## Get Involved and Participate!



There are many ways you can have your say and shape how willingness is measured. No matter how you choose to participate, your input will be included in the process. Any South Bruce resident or ratepayer is invited to participate. To ensure this process reflects the South Bruce community, you will be asked to provide your name and South Bruce address/property.<sup>1</sup>

### **Virtual Community Workshops (Registration Required)**

Participate by phone, computer or mobile device at any one of the virtual community workshops:

Wednesday	June 16	6-8 pm
Thursday	June 24	3-5 pm
Saturday	June 26	12-2 pm
Tuesday	June 29	6-8 pm
Wednesday	July 7	10 am-12 pm
Saturday	July 10	3-5 pm

Register online at [www.southbruceswitchboard.ca](http://www.southbruceswitchboard.ca), or call 1-833-583-2613.

Additional dates will be added, if needed.

 **Can't Attend a Workshop? Complete the Workbook Online or by Mail**  
Beginning Monday June 14, the workshop workbook will be available online at [www.southbruceswitchboard.ca](http://www.southbruceswitchboard.ca), at the Municipal Office (21 Gordon St. E in Teeswater), or by mail upon request.

<sup>1</sup>Registration information, such as your name and address will not be published. It will be kept secure and will only be shared with Municipal staff and GHD consultants to confirm resident/ratepayer status.

## Tuesday Talks

Join an informal drop-in discussion by phone, computer or your mobile device. Ask questions, share your thoughts, discuss with your neighbours.

June 15          6-7 pm  
July 13          6-7 pm  
August 10       6-7 pm  
September 7   6-7 pm

Participate by phone: Call 1-833-583-2613 for the Zoom call-in information  
Participate by computer or mobile device: Links will be posted on [www.southbruceswitchboard.ca](http://www.southbruceswitchboard.ca)

Each session is limited to 10 participants. Advanced registration requested (email [WillingnessStudy@ghd.com](mailto:WillingnessStudy@ghd.com) or call 1-833-583-2613). Additional sessions may be added based on demand.

## Host a Mini-Workshop with Your Group

Do you belong to a community club, organization, church, service group, social club, or local business? Let us come to you. We'll come to one of your meetings and facilitate a mini-workshop. Contact GHD to arrange by calling toll-free, 1-833-583-2613 or emailing [WillingnessStudy@ghd.com](mailto:WillingnessStudy@ghd.com). You can also reach out to a member of the South Bruce Nuclear Exploration Team if you prefer – see contact info on the back.

The NextGenNetwork, a monthly event geared towards the next generation of community leaders (under 30) will be hosting one such workshop at its next meeting on June 15, at 7 pm.

## Contact Us!

To speak with a member of GHD's consultation team directly or provide your input, call us toll-free, 1-833-583-2613 or email [WillingnessStudy@ghd.com](mailto:WillingnessStudy@ghd.com).

Consultation event updates will be posted to [www.southbruceswitchboard.ca](http://www.southbruceswitchboard.ca)

## Key Questions

### Are you asking if we support the DGR?

As a first step, in 2021 you are being asked how we, as a community, should determine and measure our willingness. Providing input into the willingness process does not mean you support or do not support the DGR.

### What are some ways willingness can be measured?

There are several ways to measure willingness, including a referendum, opinion surveys, and community consultation events, to name a few. Through this year's consultation, you will have the opportunity to provide your feedback on how willingness should be measured.

### What about a referendum?

We understand some residents have asked for a referendum. This is one approach to measuring willingness. To determine the best approach to measuring the community's willingness, this consultation will allow for a variety of opinions to surface through a neutral and independent process.

# Bringing the Engagement Results to Council

After the extensive community engagement process, GHD will prepare a report on the input they gathered. This report will be presented to the South Bruce Council in the fall of 2021 for information and consideration.

Based on the information received, Council will then decide a path forward on how South Bruce will determine if it is willing to host the project.

## An Overview of the Site Selection Process

The NWMO is seeking a site that is safe for people and the environment, with a willing host community. The process began more than a decade ago. In parallel with the NWMO, the Municipality of South Bruce and the Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON) are doing their own independent work to evaluate the project. For example, while the NWMO is testing the water and land, the Municipality is working with third-party experts to independently review the results.

The NWMO will select the site based on:

### 1. Is it safe for the environment and people?

- Borehole testing and various environmental studies

### 2. Is the community willing to move into the next stage of the regulatory process?

- South Bruce must express its willingness to continue with the process
- SON must express willingness to continue with the process
- NWMO must determine that the community is willing to continue with the process

After the NWMO identifies a preferred site, it will move forward to a multi-year, detailed site characterization program and a federal review process, including a federal impact assessment and licensing applications processes.

*Thank you for learning about and participating in the willingness consultation process. Your feedback is extremely valuable as we work toward determining whether this project is right for South Bruce.*

If you require information in an alternate format, please contact GHD.



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Reach out any-time with your questions, comments, concerns, or if you are seeking more information. We would be happy to hear from you!



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