

# Review of Memorandum of Understanding

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## Today's Topics

- ▶ **Status of the Site Selection Process**
- ▶ **Review of the MOU**
- ▶ **Next steps**

# Status of the Site Selection Process

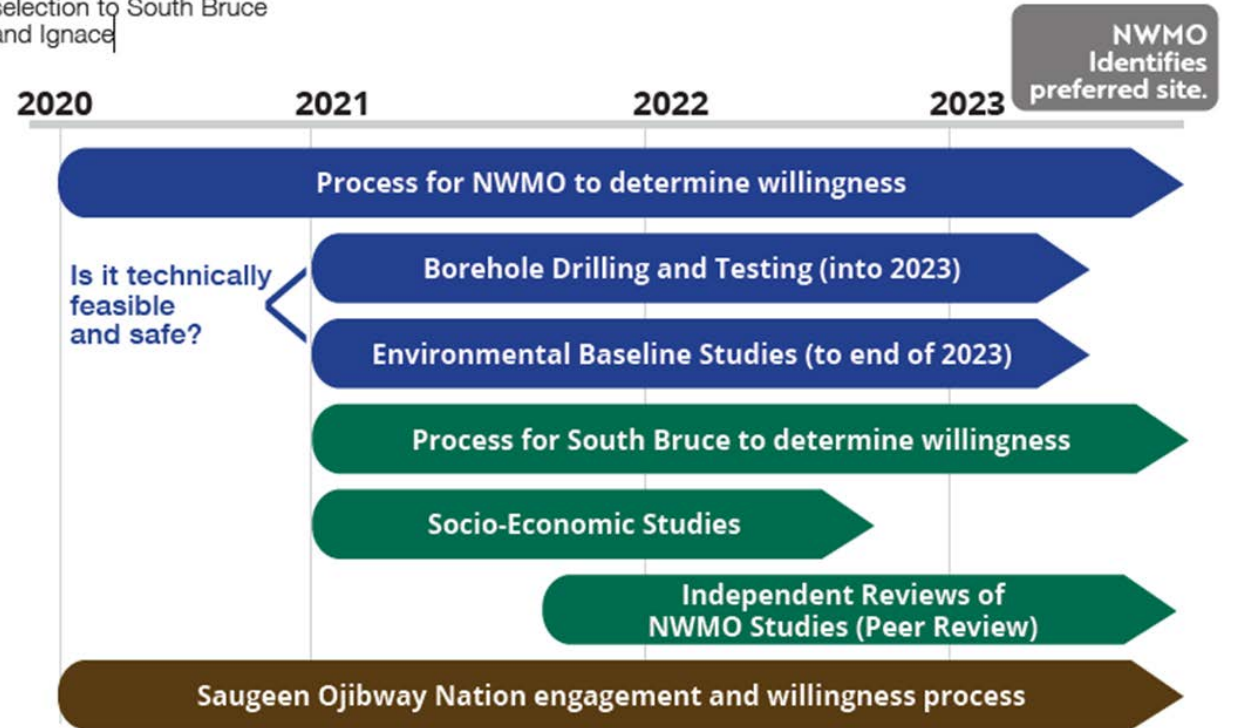


# NWMO Site Selection Process

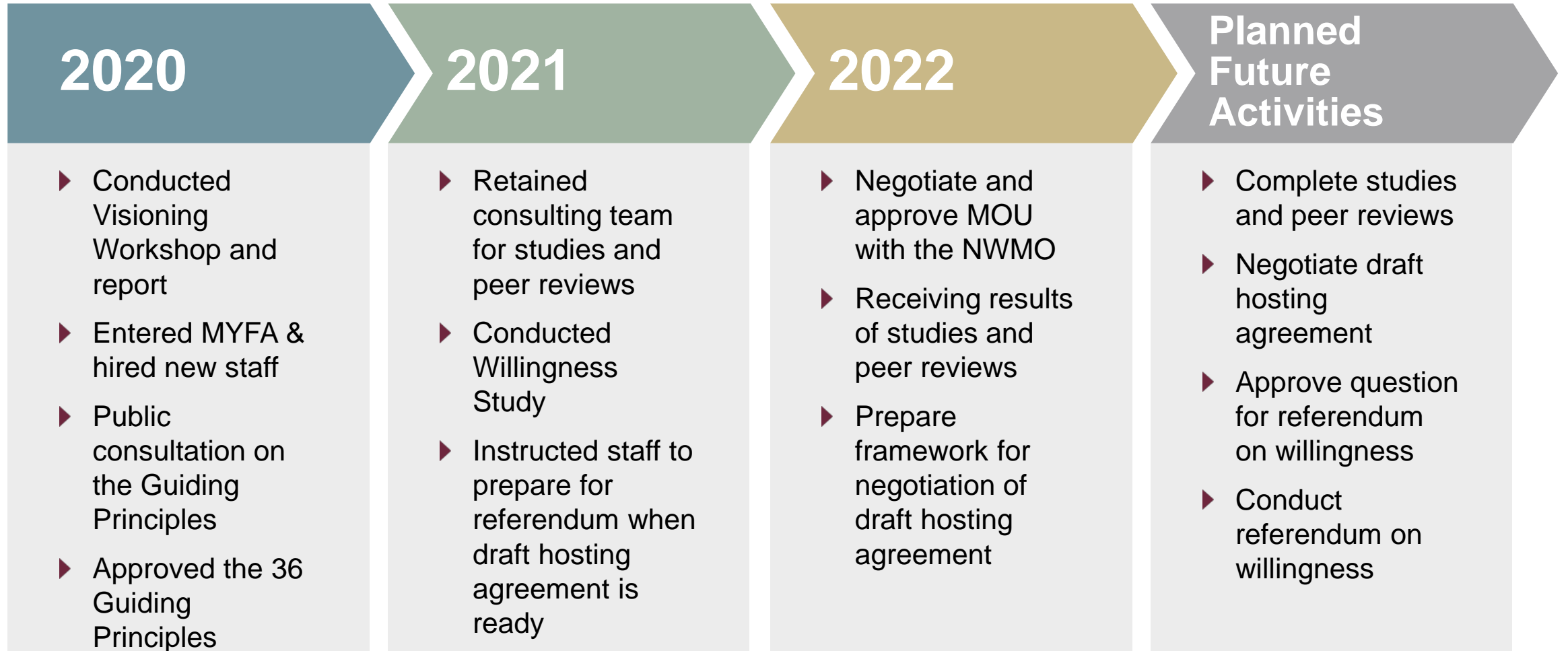
- ▶ NWMO's objective is to identify preferred site by the end of 2023
- ▶ NWMO would enter into a hosting agreement
- ▶ NWMO has a separate engagement and willingness process with SON

## NWMO Site Selection Timeline

NWMO narrows the site selection to South Bruce and Ignace



# Municipality of South Bruce Willingness Process



# Review of the MOU



# Purpose and Effect of the MOU

- ▶ The ultimate objective is to negotiate a draft hosting agreement with the NWMO that secures benefits for the community and mitigation of any potential impacts
- ▶ The community can evaluate the studies and draft hosting agreement to make an informed decision on willingness by way of a referendum
- ▶ The MOU is an initial step in the negotiating process – signals intention to move forward and establishes parameters for the negotiation of the draft hosting agreement

# Key Provisions of the MOU

- ▶ Key provisions
  - For discussion purposes only and is not legally binding or enforceable
  - Does not constitute community consent to siting of the Project
  - Project scope includes DGR, Centre of Expertise and other associated buildings
  - Identifies NWMO commitments in response to the Principles
  - To determine a process for negotiating a draft hosting agreement



# Project Scope

- ▶ The MOU states that the Project will only house Canadian used nuclear fuel waste, such as that generated from previous and current nuclear generating stations in Canada or arising from Atomic Energy of Canada Limited's operations
- ▶ Low and intermediate level waste produced as part of the operations of the DGR will be sent to a licensed facility or stored at the site

# NWMO Commitments

- ▶ NWMO Commitments provided in response to each of the Principles that apply to NWMO
- ▶ Commitments will require further development and refinement as part of negotiating the hosting agreement; they are not intended to be final statements

# NWMO Commitments

- ▶ Commitments related to future regulatory processes
  - Principle 1 (safety)
  - Principle 2 (natural environment)
  - Principle 3 (transportation)
  - Principle 7 (construction and operation plans)

# NWMO Commitments

## ▶ Commitments tied to outcomes of ongoing studies and peer reviews

- Principle 2 (natural environment)
- Principle 3 (transportation)
- Principle 6 (recreational use of site)
- Principle 10 (socio-economic impacts)
- Principle 13 (agriculture)
- Principle 14 (tourism)
- Principle 15 (youth opportunities)
- Principle 27 (housing)
- Principle 28 (emergency services)
- Principle 29 (infrastructure)
- Principles 30 and 31 (use of road network)
- Principle 32 (community services)
- Principle 36 (regional support)

# NWMO Commitments

- ▶ Commitments to develop strategies
  - Principle 11 (property value protection program – released)
  - Principle 12 (business loss mitigation)
  - Principle 20 (local employment strategy)
  - Principle 21 (local business opportunities strategy)
  - Principle 22 (local procurement strategy)
  - Principle 28 (emergency services)

# NWMO Commitments

- ▶ Commitments related to design and operations
  - Principle 4 (no foreign waste)
  - Principle 5 (maintain agricultural character)
  - Principle 6 (minimize footprint)
- ▶ Commitments related to NWMO workforce
  - Principle 16 (diversity)
  - Principle 18 (relocation of NWMO employees)

# NWMO Commitments

- ▶ Commitments related to community participation / governance
  - Principle 8 (community support)
  - Principle 26 (participation in impact assessment)
  - Principle 33 (compliance with local planning)
  - Principle 34 (joint governance committee)
  - Principle 35 (community engagement)
  - Principle 36 (regional support)
  
- ▶ Commitment on Centre of Expertise
  - Principle 19 (Centre of Expertise)

# NWMO Commitments

## ▶ Principles not addressed

- Principle 9 (Municipality's willingness process)
- Principle 17 (Municipality's relationship with Indigenous peoples)
- Principle 23 (community benefit payments – to be discussed)
- Principles 24 & 25 (capacity funding – already covered by MYFA)



# Next Steps



# Next Steps

- ▶ Staff seeking direction to:
  - Sign the MOU in the form presented
  - Prepare a framework for further negotiations related to a draft hosting agreement
    - identify the matters to be addressed in the agreement,
    - provide recommended approaches/options for negotiations, and
    - address other logistical matters
  - Return to Council by the end of the year

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