

# **Appendix B**

**Virtual Workshop Whiteboards**

No workshop participants for Workshop 1



Breakout Group 1

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- Examples:
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# South Bruce Willingness Study - Community Workshop 2

## Thursday June 24, 2021



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- Could report to Council come sooner than Nov if report back period doesn't turn up major changes/feedback?
- When results presented, will we know how many participate in the process?

### Additional Notes

- Consideration of how many people participate in this consultation
- Hopeful for more participation in the process

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What processes do you prefer and why?						
Referendum as a stand alone/ binding not representative	Vote in conjunction with other forms of gauging willingness. Non binding vote (survey)	Not sure a public referendum right way to go communicating about Project would help. Needs all info to make wise decision	Council represents people; tremendous onus on them to make the decision	Easier to voice opinion anonymously. Stigma exists around a decision either way. Certain comfort	A measure of "informedness" - facts important	Perhaps opinion polls and surveys to start. Privacy component to it. Express opinions without division. People may speak more honestly
Stipulations on referendum - 50, and 50 Potential for 2/3 making a decision for all. Not appropriate	Referendum - people may be scared to voice opinion. Referendum is anonymous	Would be a draw for many people having anonymity	People are not participating - tough part of community engagement	Community panel similar to vote of Council. Decision of Council would be based on panel recommendations	Multiple people with multiple opinions get to say what they think	Perhaps survey could be a compromise on anonymity. Project can't be broken down to one question. Could ask multiple questions.
Public vote - makes sense in a democracy	To get large number of people out is most effective way.					

What processes do you dislike and why?	Other suggestions
Disagree with vote of Council or advisory committee. Not one small group making a decision	Asking the community their opinion on how to do your job (GHD)
Concerns on engagement activities (town hall meeting) getting rowdy - may divide community	Is it right to be asking the community how it should be done, or defer to consultant
Not a good representation of all constituents (Council Vote)	Don't overburden community on the how - people want to get to the actual discussion/ decision
	Hopeful that at end of this study, that the result/ process moving forward is accepted in the community.

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How informed people are/ informedness	Addressing doubts or misinformation	unfair to have inaccurate information as a basis for a decision	Depends on outcome - some will doubt outcome of this study
Have as much information as they can so they can make their own decision/conclusion	Honesty	What can it bring?	Once a decision is made there won't be everyone behind it
Independent bodies for whole process	there is a focus on negative; what about focus on benefits	Express positivity and probability	No matter how we determine, there will be pushback
Agencies committed to nuclear industries overall - are there other bodies we can look at.	this process should've happened a while ago	representation of all residents - the most important piece	We know Indigenous are part of a process but we don't have details on it
those who want their voice heard, get it heard, in the way they want it heard	Indigenous peoples - how they factor into the large decision	Would be helpful to know how SON feels.	

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Being honest with the people	Impacts on South Bruce, County - what are they	Other opinions should be shown if this is an engagement path	discussion about risks about the Project - realistic, plausible	Money being thrown at municipality - is it the right way	Risk of terror
Town hall meetings could be the way to go, or smaller groups	More informal than CLC - very proceduralized. Hard to have conversations, ask, challenge.	Many speakers have been from NWMO or industry.	Borehole results - what is rock like	Environmental assessment before deciding	NWMO always positive in explaining risk. Important to see both sides
Communicate information at town hall meetings, where people can talk	Groups of 30-40 together to point out pros/cons	Conversation about nuclear power and its benefits. Why project needs to happen	Open and honest discussion with community members voicing their opinions.	Need more speakers at CLC that have different opinions on the Project	Enviro Assessment could change minds.
Conversation surrounding that there is no perfect solution, without risk.	Will property value change? Employment (socio-economic projections)	Engage younger people	Not sure funding in the community is right way to proceed	Wide communication on borehole work	Children will live with this - is there a way they get a say?
Discuss with neighbours - experts in industry, and not experts.	No positivity, only seeing negativity	retrievability, future research and uses	Water shell/ source - possibility of contamination being discussed	Project positively and negatively impacts children.	The history of the industry
Addressing that something has to be done	Need to look at what the options are, and what risks are with each. What option is safest	Least risky for longest amount of time. Safest option	What would it look like to include youth/ children	Aware that my answers influence children - they know opinions of adults	How is my property going to be impacted
Concerns for kids/grandkids... address other hazards, if not stored properly	Younger people impacted by what they hear from elders				



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Doesn't like Municipal staff during the workshop	Every rate payer should have an opportunity to say yes or no - basically a referendum	Municipality wants to push this forward - Municipality shouldn't be present when our thoughts are shared	How many times do I have to say no
People are tired of doing surveys	Not sure of all the rules around a referendum	want voice heard that doesnt want this project to happen - shouldn't get burried anywhere	do not burry it - experiment, risk is to big
dont want to have more meetings			

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**What processes do you like and why?**

**Referendum**

Most fair - only two options, yes or no, don't need an explanation and no grey area	Those on Council don't seem to be as educated as those who are opposed	No sense of who will be asking the question we answer - in a hybrid	Those opposed are educated	Lots of communications - timeline, when is the right time	A lot of things are up for interpretation and yes or no is not	To intimidating when its more complicated than a yes or no	Risks with a referendum - if not enough people show up
Don't have 3 hours a week for DGR	Do not burry it	The municipality shouldn't be here	The Municipality wants to move the project forward	Don't feel that we've been heard in the past	Only a smoke curtain to consult on measuring willingness	Every ratepayer and anyone living in the community should have an opportunity to say yes or no	

**What processes do you not like and why?**

Phone surveys - maybe a great number of responses	Advisory committee - CLC doesn't seem independent	Community engagement activities get low #s
Advisory committee, community engagement - don't like		

**Other suggestions**

Non-canadian citizens who can't vote in a referendum	The sooner the better	Any way to include them would be good
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All residents have an opportunity to be heard	Give your opinion yes or no	phone surveys - don't answer the phone if don't recognize the number
Keep it simple - the process	Everyone who is entitled to vote can vote - don't see a limitation for those entitled to vote	

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Have to be able to understand the question being asked	Yes or no question - all they need to know	want to know # of participants at the end of this	don't know what you need to learn
Don't really trust council to do what report says	so much available for those that want to learn more - this has been going on a long time	You hear what you want to hear	Those that are vocal sign up for workshops



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Here to learn	Business Owner - still in the learning process	Still learning, interested in the Willingness process
Important to remain and be informed in the process. Interested in how the municipality will define Willingness	Have been following this project and interested in how willingness will take place	

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<p><b>Advisory Committee or Panel</b> is a good way for people to learn. In the case of the CLC, it's great but inaccessible (time of day)</p> <p>Elected officials are elected by community members. They make all of our other decisions for us. It is appropriate for them to assist with making the decision for this Project.</p> <p>The CLC members are the community members that have been formally elected with the support of the resident members. Between the CLC and the Council, they should have a lot of say in this Project.</p>	<p>Agree that CLC and Council have been the most involved. They have listened and been transparent with a lot of information. There would be an option to discuss with the CLC Council. How do we get people to participate? Could be a lot of people who do not have internet and can't participate online.</p> <p>How do you pick the 40 people on a panel? How do they get a feel of the community? How do they interpret the information?</p> <p>Concern with internet access (polls, surveys, consultation) that are online</p>	<p>Learning towards polls, surveys, community engagement activities</p> <p>The options that get the most people in the community involved.</p>	<p>Survey to forward all the concerns from the community. The survey could be integrated to get a documented list of what facts they need to know about in a way that is transparent. How do we distill the responses in a way that can easily be responded to?</p> <p>The questions should include: What is the cost of doing nothing vs. the cost of doing something?</p> <p>For answering the questions/concerns, you could ask how we answered the question? Are you satisfied with the response?</p> <p>The advisory group/panel would play an impartial advisor that would aggregate the input from the survey from the public and get back to the council.</p>
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**What processes do you not like and why?**

<p>Concerned that with referendum because of the No DGR movement who will be able to gather a large group to go out and vote</p> <p>Referendum doesn't allow for those who haven't followed the process to be informed - have they really been informed?</p> <p>Concern with referendum. Voter turnout is already low and would only require 25% of the population. A vote doesn't indicate informed.</p>	<p><b>Other suggestions</b></p> <p>Concerned with the lack of attendance at this workshop and that there is no one from the opposition group here.</p> <p>Similar concern with the (low) number of people attending the CLC meetings.</p> <p>Concern that the silent majority will not come out and the opposition will get out to vote on the referendum.</p> <p>Is there a way for making the referendum a requirement by the Federal Government? If referendum was selected</p> <p>Is there a way to brochure with True &amp; False Statements to better inform the community</p> <p>Too many people that just can't be bothered</p>
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**2 What would you like to ensure is included in the process to determine willingness?**

**Examples:**

Representation of all South Bruce Residents	Guiding principles are met	Transparent and robust process
Broad representation and feedback from community members	Meeting in person - will get a better turnout for things like town halls, engagements, etc.	Informed means differently for those for or against the project. It can't be the CLC, NMMO, the municipality or any advisory group associated with NMMO. How do you get people to trust impartial information.
Understand what the actual economic impact is to our municipality, jobs (unskilled and skilled), and will they be able to source it from the municipality	Where is the waste coming from? What is the traffic going to be like?	Accurate information
Personal security, public reputation, friendships, while having open dialogue.	There have been some difficult situations (threatened, intimidation). How can we get them to feel safe and participate.	A clear understanding that this process is regulated by the CNSC
Secret ballot (do not have to divulge). We are supposed to be a democratic country but sadly there will be bullying	Concerned that in an open setting that intimidation (commitment and consent) would have an affect.	By being a willing host - we have the opportunity to have a say on the terms of the agreement for this Project (example to include or not include nuclear arms or medical waste).
Leverage social media to report back to the community	Think about a swipe or a digital signing of a petition. It can be completed in a couple seconds without thought. How can the process be communicated/engaged in a simpler way	How are you (GHD) going to get more people involved and give more perspective?
	How do we measure informed?	It is every community members to investigate further and beyond what's provided in the paper: CLC, NMMO, etc. - it is our duty to dig into the information

**Examples:**

Should know what SON perspective is	Want to see the scientific evidence
Continuation from above - True vs. False statements for educating the community.	Concise reports on the facts. Small, step by step.
High level short summary with infographic/common language with a link to the long technical reports (economic, geologic, etc.)	Bridging the gap between the specialized technical information (ex. geology) and the lay person
Could the newspaper be the third party neutral	That the community comes back together. The best possible willingness process to satisfy the largest percentage of the community.
Make a decision after we know about the rock formation.	The other municipalities surrounding South Bruce should be fairly satisfied with the decision too.
It's better if people are not informed, that they don't vote. We need to figure out how to get the people informed.	Has heard from their son that if they had to vote today that they wouldn't because they don't feel like they are informed enough.
Newspaper accepts all articles written - allows all to voice their opinion. If there are people giving incorrect information that the challenge.	Is the 1500 acre piece of land not a demonstration of willingness?
	Do not want to destroy this community.

# South Bruce Willingness Study - Community Workshop 5

## Wednesday July 7, 2021



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What processes do you prefer and why?			
Option Polls and surveys are done on my preference. Not a lot and not sure that they are enough to reflect. Depends on the selection group and people completing them.	Positive aspects of the community panel & advisory committee. 40 is large - may be difficult to get a consensus.	Community engagement activities - but attendance is key if low doesn't represent a the community.	Referendum is the best way to go - top priority.
Always thought a Public Referendum - but not sure when that should happen or how that should look. Who is considered an eligible voter?	Agree with most of what was previously said.	All of the options do have some benefits but none of them really determine actual opinion.	A new advisory/panel with diverging opinions.
Engagement activities are good but could have been great for engagement and so in person is important to keep people informed and up to speed on things like results of the studies. This needs to continue.	Referendum is a good way to make a decision but concerned with voter turnout.	Some of the changing issues in the community would have been addressed should a referendum been conducted by early on. Everyone will respect the vote of the community.	

What processes do you dislike and why?	Other suggestions on how willingness could be determined?
Do not want it to be a vote of council. That is not fair to the community members and to council. There is a lot of one side or the other in the community.	Is there a potential for mandatory voter turnout? If not, would be great to be required but not sure that it is possible. They do this in Australia where people are charged if they do not attend the election.
Agree that it shouldn't be just the council.	Council could take this information even if it didn't make the threshold to make a decision.
Not in favour of opinion polls or surveys.	What is the typical voter turnout in South Bruce? In the past few municipal elections it has been in the low 40%.
Some benefit to advisory committee / panel but not a good way to determine willingness.	Would like to brainstorm ideas to ensure we have a good turnout.
Not fair for council to make the decision - that is a lot of responsibility for them to bear down the road.	Using the advisory panel to form an opinion on behalf of the entire community. Not a representative sample.
It wouldn't matter what the council votes, it wouldn't represent some members of the community.	There was a ward referendum that didn't get the binding voter turnout.
Concern with low voter turnout. How do we determine the opinion of those who do not come out?	Council could take this information even if it didn't make the threshold to make a decision.

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Not sure how they feel on if a vote for referendum should be in the municipality or broader.	We should be shooting for far greater than 50% of the population to provide input.	Very important that people are informed of factual details and allowed to form their own opinions.	This staff is already sitting by the lake being asked to do time goes on, we need to be looking at something that is better. If this is it or not, I'm not sure but there is a certain level of risk associated with it currently going on.	Facts like there isn't a lot of trust in the CLC. NWMO speakers have the floor and how that speak out against the NWMO. Very pro-DGR.	The timing is important - need information on: geological surveys, how risks associated with the rock here is good/bad/different than lignite.	If the community on whole knew that there was a timeline and that even if that needs to be flexible depending on the results of the studies. Can't be a specific date but a timeline that gets communicated/updated to the community by Council.
Important that there is straight forward factual information provided to the community in a way that is easy for all to understand.	Need to know if it can be built safe.	No coercion	An understanding of the current situation and how it's being stored.	There are conflicting views of what is safe.	If a referendum is selected, need to have enough time to allow factual information and engagement activities to be associated.	If I knew I had a vote, I would be more at ease. I came on this workshop because I am close in proximity to the proposed project and I am opposed, but there is a lot of common ground on this call.
Community members want to understand so that they can make an informed decision.	Want to understand the monitoring programs being proposed will be 24/7/365? If there were to be an issue, how quickly it will be addressed in a timely manner?	Ultimately - all want to protect our waterway. Need to engage the community in a way that provides the science so that they can understand.	Realization that something needs to be done - there is always a goal. There will always be waste as long as there is nuclear operations on-going.	How so many questions on the items that the NWMO is making on safety but they really don't allow other experts to diverging thoughts speakers to come present.	Agree with the above but would like to see a referendum being at the end regardless of other activities. It would take the edge off of the community members.	Should this go forward - there is a way to collaborate with the agricultural community.
The longer we let this fester, the longer it will take for this community will need to heal.	We are at a point where neighbours don't talk, family members don't talk, and people don't go church out of concern that they may sit beside behind someone with differing opinions.	If we want our opinions to be respected, that means we also need to respect the opinions of others.	It is a decision that individually need to make (including council). Would look to council to support the decision of the community.	Understanding this - a referendum allows people to vote if they agree/disagree individually on if this is the solution.	Agree with the above and would like this to come from council to be publicly announce a broad timeline so that people can prepare to become informed.	Ultimately want to protect what's already here in the community.

CLC is no longer a good forum

Referendum should be dependent on the completion of some of the key studies

- Examples:
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# South Bruce Willingness Study - Community Workshop 6

## Saturday July 10, 2021



### Breakout Group 1

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### Question Bank


### Additional Notes

Concerns of conflict of interest for GHD. Concerns that GHD hired to conduct studies and if GHD has interests to continue further studies	Concerns about councils presence at workshops for community members	Interest in progress in the process and what other residents are thinking about the process
Concerns about passing on farm that could have poison. Concerns that the project and the effect on resident lives. Interest in what willingness is and how it will be interpreted during these workshops. Belief that community has expressed unwillingness to host this project.	Concerns the farther along this project progresses the less trust is had. Does not feel voice is accurately represented.	Request for summary of these workshops. All feedback will be included in summary report. PDF of Mural Boards.
Whats next... this is last zoom workshop scheduled. One Tuesday Talk left. Online survey open, workbook available to be completed. Hope that 1+ in person workshops to be scheduled near end of July, this will be communicated to residents this week and beyond. Report to be finalized near end of August.	CLC does not host different perspectives/scientists, 70% in favour. Need of community to provide broader picture.	Official rules for referendum at least 50% of voters must vote, majority must be in favour of decision for it to be binding. The same question cannot be put on a ballot for 4 years.
	Inquiry if residents will be able to review workshop summary before it is presented to council.	Feedback that who is let into the meeting should be discussed with residents (council, municipality).
	Why do willingness study workshops need to be done or if municipality effort? Concerns that names are attached to books and privacy is a major concern. Concerns that it should have been an option to not directly to GHD from the beginning. Hope that nothing would be sent to municipality with names attached.	

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Referendum - only honest way, no way to manipulate vote, referendum is safe and independent of other factors	Agreement that referendum is only way to happen - for example "informed" piece not achieved yet. This is decisive and referendum only way to determine answer.	Referendum - safe and way to vote without being manipulated. Concern that other ways can be manipulated (phone calls, events being held at certain times, etc).
Feeling that community has been brought out and decision has already been made.	Panel or engagement activities in addition to referendum. Concern that having the end of consultation and not that much participation and need for more dialogue. Support for polls and surveys to provide more information to achieve more informed.	Mentorship of CLC to review pros and cons however feeling that not the case, speakers that only provide one perspective. Not enough information for pros and cons shared. One public meeting on site along with the private the opportunity to share the views from AME CLC of this project.

What processes do you dislike and why?	Other suggestions on how willingness could be determined?

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Safe concerns residents do not feel safe to fill out a workbook as this will be sent to council only. Concerns over future job opportunities. One parents safe to different than another definition of safe.	Referendum needs to be held soon as residents are interested in the process. There are other ways to have the referendum.	Let's have been put on hold, family is interested in the form. However this put on hold because of the concerns about this project. Concerns about safety of the project. The sooner this referendum takes place residents can decide to move or stay in South Bruce.	Interest in Indigenous voices regarding this project. Interest in the science related to this work. Concerns about how residents can learn more about these 2 projects. Feelings that residents need to be fully informed about their position before having a referendum.
Concern that municipality does not actually want residents to participate.			

## 3 What information do you need to participate meaningfully?

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Indigenous voices and science background for DGR	Need commitments to a referendum. Not keeping residents stringing along and dragging consultation along.	Note about frustration on this call. Commitment will provide relief/piece of mind that a decision will be made, meaningful to residents that they have been heard.	Closed session meeting council has had has created further divisiveness. Why has council hidden these payments, discussions, etc. This creates further distrust of council for residents.	Agreements that it is sad, frustrating that residents cannot find out what the payments are for and who they are for. Council meetings are secretive and creating further distrust.
Referendum being completed soon would assist to repair damage that has been done. Exclusion of this project. Exclusion of this project. Exclusion of this project. Exclusion of this project.	If consultation/activities are dragged along, need for consultation to be done sooner to begin to repair this damage. Frustration of divisiveness.	Disrupt happens when council has closed meetings, residents require that council meetings be open. No closed meetings. There are some members of the meeting who are not present.	Residents need commitments.	Community elected council, there is some inherent trust the community trusts them. Concerns that why we do not trust them.
Concerns that council is unclear by NIMMO. Residents feel that there is a need for pushing to receive proper answers for their questions. Disrupt that council does not provide answers and directs residents to research for their own information. Concern about who needs to be able to receive answers.	Concern that council intimidates residents. Distrust in council.	Concerns that council had an illegally closed meeting. Other meetings that activity that is not being disclosed to the public - people stepping down from roles, having meetings.	Science is constantly evolving. What does the science say today vs. what science say 10 years? Need for science to review future pros/cons in 10 years. This will provide more options for what to do with the nuclear waste in question.	Note that this does not feel safe because of involvement of municipality, council, NIMMO. Reflection that it is not safe to be investigated by study members, investigation should be done on council members.
Note that having a referendum will save money. No need for further studies, surveys, etc. If referendum determines yes, that surveys, etc. can wait. Note that community is not willing.	Concern that science cannot be trusted. There are different residents of the same science being reported on with different outcomes. How can residents trust certain scientists?	Note that only reviewing NIMMO science (who are paid to determine this project) is biased. Having other science reports/scientists provides a full picture. NIMMO science in addition to other scientists.	Request for independent study for social and economic for South Bruce. Belief if project does go ahead, no one will want to live beside a Reflection of south Bruce power and comparison to this project. Need for independent company to complete this study. Independent means possibility of not paid school where students are working towards completion of degree, would be outside of municipality or NIMMO, need for good peer review.	
Need for 50% of voters to be sure of their vote for this project, thus referendum is only option for determining the direction of registering the vote. Residents need to be informed and complete research. If 50% of eligible voters are not willing to vote this is a serious issue and will not be a true reflection.	Note that resident wants responsibility of voting yes or no on this project. Council/panels, etc. does not have the right/trust to make the decision on residents behalf.	Has council considered the proposal by OPG/SCL/Canadian Nuclear Laboratories to bring all Canada waste back to Canada and if so is the site it is coming to? (from 12 countries)		



Facilitator: Katrina M, GHD  
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<p><b>Public Referendum with 51% in favor to approve the project</b></p> <p>I think for our community doing something like the opinion polls would be a good fit. A lot of people want to share their voice but not have a name attached</p> <p>Community engagement activities are a great way for people to learn about the borehole results</p>	<p>Advisory committee that then gives a report to council. This way the public can give input and the decision is an informed one.</p> <p>Public Referendum everyone has a chance to have a say</p> <p>Community Panel - should allow for a dialogue between citizens but represent the prevailing opinion</p>	<p>Citizen's jury - if it's a large enough sample of residents, it should represent the prevailing public sentiment towards the project.</p> <p>I think a referendum could work if enough people voted but then I think only the people with extreme opinions may vote.</p> <p>Combining Public consultation methods, many different approaches (polling, meetings, panels, independent and unbiased arbitrator makes final decision?)</p>	<p>"Respectful" town hall-style communication to allow for people to challenge thought processes of others</p> <p>In a perfect world I'd like to see a referendum, but the level of awareness may not be there.</p> <p>Community Jury / Panel - representative group on behalf of the community</p>	<p>Combination or referendum bc it leaves it up to a large group of community members - more people = better</p> <p>A municipal election will be happening next year. Could be an opportunity for people to vote councillors in who they believe will represent their values and ideals</p>
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**What processes do you dislike and why?**

<p>Opinion polls &amp; Surveys because it's hard to monitor who is filling them out</p> <p>I don't like the vote from council, a lot of people in our community already think that they don't have a say and that the CLC is making it for them</p>	<p>Vote of Council - potentially only considering (or could be accused of only considering) financial compensation</p> <p>For the community panel, what would happen if the randomly selected people didn't care enough to take the time to make the decision</p>	<p>If a group feels public opinion is turning against their cause, and rallies everyone on their side to boycott a referendum, will that discredit the results, especially if it keeps the turnout below 50%?</p> <p>A referendum could result in people voting only based on what their neighbours/friends/family tell them to vote.</p>	<p>I have a distrust in the abilities of the average person to make informed political decisions especially in a referendum.</p> <p>How do seasonal residents can captured in a referendum?</p>	<p>A lot of these process can be negatively influenced through boycotts, and possible intimidation tactics.</p> <p>There are pitfalls with each of the processes that will result in some people not being happy</p>	<p>How many of these processes will be legally binding and result in a final say on the project?</p>
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A presentation of the borehole results and if the results were optimal to host a DGR	I would like to hear recommendations from GHD consulting after this process on how they think we should proceed. Would like to hear a recommendation from them due to their expertise in consultations.	Up-to-date information and study results to assess for socioeconomic and environmental impacts	making the information shared in a way that ALL kinds of people can understand fully
As much information (ex. Borehole) is gathered as possible prior to making a decision	a truly informed and educated decision	Conditions which have to be met (i.e. maybe jobs going to SB residents first)	Minority opinions do need to have their time to be heard, either for or against the project.
Explanation of what the borehole samples have determined	Depending on the processes selected - youth having representation and a voice	When is the "point of no return"?	A way to say "Yes, but..."
sharing more about the project other than just the DGR	How will the infrastructure of South Bruce change?	This decision impacts the youth - quantify the youth opinion in the process	The decision made is an informed one and not an emotional one
Local jobs first commitments from NWMO	Make sure that Youth have a voice because our generation is the one who will ultimately be the one who lives with the outcome		

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What local Indigenous communities are doing for their willingness process.	Everyone should have basic knowledge of how fuel is currently stored	If it will stay a municipal matter/decision or will go to the Provincial/Federal level afterwards and this process won't even matter.	<b>Borehole Results</b>
Have experts who are not from NWMO to provide unbiased information (not pro-nuclear or anti-nuclear)	How similar decisions have been made in other areas.	knowing all aspects of what this project will bring to the community, not just the site itself	<b>Trust</b>
Implications of the project (i.e. what happens if it comes vs. if it doesn't) - such as taxes	Will it be a binding decision?	stats on all the positives and negatives of the project	<b>Openess</b>
Are there opportunities for the municipality to say no in the future if we initially say yes?			

# South Bruce Willingness Study - POW Mini-Workshop

Thursday June 24, 2021

Total number of participants 16



## Breakout Group 1

**Facilitator:** Emily Gallant  
**Notetaker:** Katrina Kroeze

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<b>Public Referendum</b> Public Referendum - good enough for the government of Canada and the voice of Canadians. It's objective not subjective and hesitate people can come out and vote. All resident have a voice.	Public Referendum - Council did not discuss the DGR before the last election as a result, we need to have an election or referendum because it wasn't part of us voting them in.	Lots of issues with the CLC committee and only 1 with a different viewpoint and that the NWMO is a part of each of the CLC meetings.	Advisory Committee - polar opposite of the CLC - would love to hear more from the other side. Committee that brings in guest speakers that would enlighten to not just the benefits but also the hazards and repercussions.
<b>Public Referendum</b> Public Referendum - It's a way to ask the community directly.	Public Referendum - should be done by the residents. We are the ones that are going to have to live with it. Council is only here for a short period of time.	Council and municipal staff (administration) are too cozy with NWMO and there is a conflict of interest and is very some. NWMO staff is now working at the municipality. If you follow the money...	A community Panel - could be used to independently provide advice.
Public Referendum - shouldn't be held with an election, council shouldn't be involved and no municipal staff.	If referendum, Bruce County or Municipal Council should not have involvement in a referendum.	Conflict of interest of council to be involved because they are financially incentivized. They don't need to work to find economic development for the municipality.	In the strategic planning 2014-2018 there were a number of economic development that never came into being. Council is really focused on the project to being the money for the next 50 years and we don't want to take that risk.

#### What processes do you dislike and why?

<b>Don't like the CLC</b> Can't ask questions as members of the public (observers)	<b>Opinion Polls &amp; Surveys</b> Based on the experience of Kincardine. This method was used and the process including the questions were very subjective. A large number of voters that are not residents were able to participate and respond. Too subjective.	<b>Council</b> The Council doesn't have to live with the decision after. They aren't around for the long haul. They shouldn't be ignoring the request of the residents. Take the easy road. Let the people decide.
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#### Other suggestions

Feel that having municipal staff in the session does not allow for a safe space and independence.	Would have been better to have GHD staff take notes in lieu of Municipal Staff.
Agreement in that sentiment, there is mistrust in Council, employees.	People feel concerned in what they are saying.

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### What would you like to ensure is included in the process to determine willingness?

#### Examples:

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### Additional Notes

CLC meetings aren't transparent in communicating how many people are there as observers.	Opposition to the project is being suppressed by name calling, fear, mongering, and radicals. Unwillingness is being suppressed.	Work statement says that not one particular factor determines willingness - seems to be in disagreement with concept of how the community wants to determine willingness.
CLC meetings are too scientific.	Open and transparent - means no participation from South Bruce	Pre-conceived what the need is - having multiple factors.

CLC supposed to have 50/50 pro and con speakers but that hasn't happened. They either need to be disbanded or there needs to be more diverse conversations	Had this not been for COVID where at the last CLC meeting had over 300 people attend. COVID has allowed the virtual meetings be totally controlled by the NWMO	Would be nice if when public letters are submitted to council and CLC, that they are actually acknowledge and there is a discussion around the submitted letters.	We don't know what transpires between NWMO and the Municipality. April 2019 - meeting worked out an agreement on funding and no public information was shared. How open is the municipality? Could do an FOI but would need to be very specific.	NWMO is here at the present time and their going to leave a lasting impact. Council is looking at the financials.
Previous opinion polls are being discounted	No understanding of what the expectation will be relative to accepting this project. There haven't been any feasibility/preliminary studies to show the benefits or even get into this process. No one ever asked the residents in advance to even get into this process. It was a council decision.	Information should be easily accessible. Including GHD's work statement for the Willingness Study	CLC & Council keeps saying "learn more" but their agenda speaks otherwise.	The council hasn't paid attention to the social and cultural changes that will be affect the community
Transparency - financial reports, how much money is the municipality receiving as a % of total revenues.	Keep saying "informed community" but no methodology or study to demonstrate/explain "informed"	Appreciative of the Willingness study team effort	We are following the 9 step process outlined by NWMO but there is no process for the community	What business signs a contract before they know what they are signing up for. This is what the municipality has done - not sure - because not transparent - heading down the hill and need to know what's at the bottom.
Learn more as taken on a new meaning. With no end date - thinking about school we knew when the test was in school and we would start studying when we knew we had an upcoming test. In this case, we keep learning but after 8 years	How much influence is the NWMO having on the municipality	Objective not subjective	They also still say learn more but only from the NWMO materials.	We are an agricultural community - and we are supposed to be happy with a radioactive underground mine. We won't even recognize the community as we know it.

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## Breakout Group 2

Facilitator: Katrina McCullogh  
Notetaker: Vivian Kennedy

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Will they be able to access to the votes from early County Council 2005, 2010, 2012 (discussion regarding the project)	Has GHD ever worked for NWMO?		
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### Additional Notes

Concerns with Municipal Staff being on the call	Independent, neutral, not happy with Municipal staff being a part of the session	GHD is a part of many of the future studies	In GHD's interest to make the Willingness process drag out as long as possible therefore not making it a fair process
In the past Council has determined that they are not willing hosts, without public meeting	How can we trust our Council to interpret what is going on with these workshops	Concerns if these workshops/expressions of determining willingness will be translated by Council appropriately	

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Petitions have been ignored by Council and NWMO	Feels some other processes are manipulative - they get spun	Feels attending things gets misconstrued	Question will be put forward to the community and they can appeal to Ontario's election's office if it isn't clear enough (two dates)	How do we know that this survey won't be ignored as well?	Fair yes or no question	Council doesn't have the mandate to make a decision other than a referendum
If they truly only want to come to a willingness process that's what they should do	no manipulation with a referendum	Referendum Concurrently with the Municipal election	this project has created a division in our community	there is no in between - you either are or are not willing	Council will say how they will deal with it	concerned about the financial reimbursement people get
important because it's concurrent with a Council that will carry it out	important to tie the Council and their position to the referendum question	Some people fear what other people may say or think - a referendum gives them an anonymous opportunity	Let people who are afraid to commit with a secret ballot with a simple question	phone survey can be skewed	cost saving if it is a part of the ballot	If the people say no - Council will know what the decision is
would like discussion on both sides to continue leading into the referendum	feels the number of signs, letters, number of protests should be considered a measure of not being willing.	Cost wise Council has an opportunity to put it on the ballot	Carry on with all the processes leading up to the referendum to have a full discussion	Feels survey results get twisted	Does the number of vehicles, people in the yellow parade register anyway in how to determine willingness?	

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Meaningful participation require commitment and date of referendum	34 conditions - resolution passed - would like to see a timeline on how those conditions would be met	should be balanced scientific information available to the public - not just NWMO	other scientific from other sites made available	NWMO commitment to upgrading our infrastructure - make these timelines clear
would like a much broader cross section of information	other science from around the world varies from NWMO	would like other CLC speakers - not NWMO speakers	If the 36 Principles are to be met - what are the timelines for them to be made?	only 1 speaker non NWMO or regulator
The only information needed in the Willingness process is a confirmed date for a referendum	every time NWMO or Council is approached they say learn more	feels not properly informed	How long do they have to learn more before a willingness decision can be made	Would like broader CLC speakers
Candidates can put forward points for and against for the project - natural process	What is NWMO's timeline	too much information from just NWMO	now is an appropriate time to make a decision	Protect Our Waterways would like to suggest speakers
Feels conflict for consultants because salary is paid by NWMO	University of Waterloo study of large project impacts on rural communities	feels being held hostage for a long period of time without answers	Would welcome independent study on socio-economic impacts	What is the methodology for SON to determine Willingness

# South Bruce Willingness Study - Willing to Listen Mini Workshop Wednesday July 7, 2021



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Everybody deserves a voice and a vote	Someone has to make a decision - affects all Canadians, but who makes decision	If I am not smart enough to make a decision, I shouldn't be	Democratic vote - we put Council in place and they should provide input on what is good for community	Community panel could help Council decide.	want vote of council over a referendum. (council informed by survey, panels)
DGR is a big deal; not sure I am an expert to make a generational decision - don't think many are expert enough	everyone should have a voice, but at what point are you qualified to learn/know enough	Decision of such a magnitude is still difficult for entire population - are you qualified to decide on behalf of Canadians	No one should be disadvantaged in our community - improvements/opportunities for everyone (with Project)	with vote of council, what happens if new council are "no DGR"	This study should give a sense of level of information, approval not in community
How can NWMO think the residents could/should decide where Project should be?	Make a decision based on actual information not fear	Also wouldn't want someone external deciding what is good for us (South Bruce)	Advisory committee and vote of Council	expectation that council with either be in favour or postpone (at election)	Learning towards vote of council; with insufficient referendum turnout, Council decides anyway
Panel - would be non experts, but still take project seriously	advantages beyond SB - so Council should seek input from neighboring communities (13)	If project goes ahead it encompasses more than SB, circle goes beyond so should reach out for "yes or no" from communities.	agree that vote of other councils important - benefits etc. are shared.		could get a good cross section with random calls to form community panel. Need to indicate interest in participation.
What processes do you dislike and why?			Other suggestions on how willingness could be determined?		
Not a fan of referendum; inaccurate information	Won't get enough turnout for a referendum	against advisory panel made up of current clc	How is panel selected?	With a panel - how would non-handline people be randomly selected	discussion of motion of support/no support at County Council (Bruce).

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Would like to see more study public knowledge on likely impacts for residents	What will impacts be on those in proximity to the site? Lots of benefits and no one should be left behind	everyone should benefit including those next door.	Community panel should represent everyone - good range of people, not just random	See local service clubs involved (chambers, etc) the proactive and pro development voices. Engage those groups
Referendum is one specific question; making it hard to give a yes or no given size of Project	How do we educate people who don't have an interest or just say no	Educate on the good and the bad.	community engagement - listen to dissent and address	ensure those opposed are heard
some sort of bbq, meeting to help educate	community should help educate neighbours			

truly concerned how it affects business long term - division	engage in a friendly atmosphere - accept differences and have a party	Comment that opposition well funded and coached - remind all that dialogue starts with us	2023 isnt the right year to do it decide	More research completed before community says yes/no	controlled q&a (at community meeting) would be better. send q in sooner	must address dividends for our community	put conversations together with community.	help people understand and build confidence - there is fear that people can't understand depth of Project	word of mouth to simplify information for the public	have to make a community decision, but we are so divided... need to come back together to go forward	newspaper column - if you hear something ask it and get a response (anonymously)	difficult to have intelligent discussion when there is animosity/division	silence may not be negative
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If NWMO selects SB, and Council opposes - can gov. impose Project?  
 who determined 2023 date?  
 Can the Project come down to a Yes or No question?

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longer presence of NWMO will benefit community	impact analysis	see that the broader community will benefit (tax base, spending, etc...) but this is moot if someone next door is losing their farm	Need to look at different communities of interest (e people on Conc 8)	deal with communities of interest at a micro-level	Consider real disadvantages versus perceived disadvantages	how do we count the people not involved/don't care							
let's not kill Project too soon while benefits continuing and decade away from construction	impossible to keep the standard of everyone benefitting when there are some who will insist they are at disadvantage	gaining/regaining trust of NWMO, CLC and current council	there has been mistrust gathered + of misinformation, an informed community has to address those issues in a non threatening way	transparent, accountable correction of misinformation	fact not fiction - trust.	is disinterested in favour or opposed? What does undecided mean							
consider impact on children/grandchildren...they should have a say. They will be ones benefiting from it	building back trust starts with NWMO in non-confrontational way. Clear up misconceptions	note that more objective NWMO are; greater mistrust... try to get NWMO offstage and trustworthy source onstage	How do we get it so that people trust the experts - we trust a physician with our body, etc	issue of trust comes with NWMO affiliated speakers at CLC	lack of confidence that community can fully understand process - so someone else make decision for them	if you're opposed, you will say so. Should be a vote of opposed, not a vote of in favour							
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# South Bruce Willingness Study - Mini Neighbour Workshop

## Wednesday July 21, 2021



**Facilitator:** Katrina M, GHD  
**Notetaker:** Katrina K, GHD  
**Number of Participants:** 5

### Zoom Tips

Feel free to **unmute** yourself & start your **video**

If you have called in press **\*6** to unmute yourself.

Use the **Chat** to add to the discussion - look for the conversation bubble at the top or bottom of your screen

### Small Group Discussion Overview

- Have an open and respectful dialogue
- Answer the 3 discussion questions below
- Capture input and feedback from community members
- Report back what we discussed to the full group

### Discussion Questions

- 1 What process(es) should be used to determine the communities willingness?
- 2 What is important to you in a community willingness process?
- 3 What information do you need to participate in a community willingness process?

### Question Bank

Does the municipality have access to this meeting right now? No - only GHD	Who pays the GHD? The Municipality The NWMO provides funds to the Municipality which funds the Willingness Study	Will there be Municipal staff at the in-person workshops? Yes, at registration and welcome with the caveat that we may ask them to leave	

### Additional Notes


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The only thing that can determine willingness is through a referendum	They say "willing to listen" but they aren't	Referendum is the only way to go	Opposed to the project because of the proximity to their property	You get down the road and ask when did this project ever make sense? Not only for this community but also anywhere in the country.	Concerned that it won't only be high level but also medium and low level radiation	France is looking at an alternative solution. This is an old process to bury it in the ground.	Everyone on the call is in agreement to Referendum
This is a waste of time to band the community to push the decision	Waste of money - let's quit bawling around the bush and get to the referendum.	Let the people speak not the council	Immunized with the communication and information on what is being proposed	Don't want to be the guinea pig. Don't want to test farm land next to a river.	Can't be certain that this site won't also accept from other areas (outside of Canada) reference to New Brunswick.	How is an industry (nuclear) who doesn't know what they are going to do with their waste able to continue operating?	Send me an email for when to show up and I'll be there for a referendum
The only thing that will turn this around will be Council commitment to a Referendum	Pitting the community and family members against each other. We didn't ask for this, the NWMO brought this to the community.	Council hasn't listened to the community	Constantly doing research	This community if this goes forward will be responsible for all of Canada	Let each reactor site be responsible for their own waste	The site being proposed is through 4 aquifers, dairy farms, etc.	It's only been within the last couple years that the community groups have formed because it wasn't

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	Even if referendum criteria (50% isn't met, that the voice of the community either way should be listened to Over 1600 people have signed a petition against a DGR - PreCovid People do care and they will come out to the pole
	Referendum is the only thing that brings legitimacy to the process. Municipal council doesn't have the right and make a decision on whether or not they should proceed with the project as part of their mandate It's a huge failure that they were voted in to represent the community but all they are following is the NWMO money Some of the community will never read them. Community is thinking about this project with stress and anxiety from the time they wake up to go to sleep. When the project starts, even if it's not a referendum, it's not a referendum until it's a referendum. It's not a referendum until it's a referendum.

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Doesn't think that the process is fair because of the involvement from the Municipality from the get-go	The municipality is biased and that is why there is concern for their involvement.		From GHD: Is there a way to turn this around?
The Municipality should only receive the input when the community sees the report back	There has been a lot of wrong-doing from the start.		There are already too many things that have gone wrong. NWMO is big and doesn't care about this community.
Concern for the influence that the Municipality may have on others in the community after hearing what was said in a workshop or other consultation			The intent of the NWMO and the municipality is to repeat the information over and over again so that the community is forced into accepting it.

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Council Commitment to a referendum	We have enough information to make a decision through a referendum.	We have done a lot of research. We have read the NWMO materials and more than what they have to offer.	Anyone that watches the CLC would think it's pretty sad as they just go through the motions. It's a failure	The CLC is too closely intertwined with the NWMO
We understand the rules and deadline, we are ready for the referendum	The more time they give us to research, the more we find reasons that this shouldn't happen anywhere.	About a year ago, the community wasn't allowed to ask a question and that's why they have spoken up		We are saturated

**Concerns with Participation at Workshop**

People are afraid that participating in the workshops will show that they are willing.	Lots of division, harassment, don't want to speak up to not cause problems in the community or for their children. To keep the peace, they are busy.	At previous workshops, participation was documented as interested but not as vocal as expected. So people give up on attendance. Attendance doesn't mean they are willing to have the project.		
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