

Resolution for South Bruce Guiding Principles for NWMO's Site Selection Process

WHEREAS the Municipality of South Bruce has been involved since 2012 in a process of learning about Canada's plan for the long-term management of used nuclear fuel (the Adaptive Phased Management project, including a deep geological repository and a Centre of Expertise (the Project)) being undertaken by the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO);

AND WHEREAS the NWMO has committed that the Project will only be located in an informed and willing community and that the Project will be implemented through a long-term partnership involving the host community;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality and the NWMO conducted community workshops between December 5, 2019 and February 18, 2020 to explore the community's expectations and aspirations for the Project if it were to be located in South Bruce and had a third-party consultant prepare a Project Visioning report that summarized the feedback from the community received at the workshops;

AND WHEREAS, as part of the community's continued participation in the NWMO's site selection process, the Municipality will continually assess the Project's potential contribution to community well-being and the community's willingness to host the Project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality's assessment of willingness be guided by the following non-exclusive principles drawn from the Project Visioning report, to be interpreted in conjunction with the existing regulatory regime for the Project:

Safety and the Natural Environment

1. The NWMO must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Municipality that the Project will be subject to the highest standards of safety across its lifespan of construction, operation and into the distant future.
2. The NWMO must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Municipality that sufficient measures will be in place to ensure the natural environment will be protected, including the community's precious waters, land and air, throughout the Project's lifespan of construction, operation and into the distant future.
3. The NWMO must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Municipality that used nuclear fuel can be safely and securely transported to the repository site.
4. The NWMO will ensure that the repository site will not host any nuclear waste generated by other countries.
5. The NWMO must commit to implementing the Project in a manner consistent with the unique natural and agricultural character of the community of South Bruce.
6. The NWMO will minimize the footprint of the repository's surface facilities to the extent it is possible to do so and ensure that public access to the Teeswater River is maintained, subject to meeting regulatory requirements for the repository.
7. The NWMO must commit to preparing construction management and operation plans that detail the measures the NWMO will implement to mitigate the impacts of construction and operation of the Project.

People, Community and Culture

8. The NWMO must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Municipality that it has built broad support for the Project within the community of South Bruce.
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.
10. The NWMO will identify the potential for any positive and negative socio-economic impacts of the Project on South Bruce and surrounding communities and what community benefits it will contribute to mitigate any potential risks.
11. The NWMO, in consultation with the Municipality, will establish a property value protection program to compensate property owners in the event that property values are adversely affected by the NWMO's site selection process and the development, construction and/or operation of the Project.
12. The NWMO, in consultation with the Municipality, will establish a program to mitigate losses to business owners in the event that their business is adversely affected by the NWMO's site selection process and the development, construction and/or operation of the Project.
13. The NWMO, in partnership with the Municipality, will develop a strategy and fund a program to promote the agriculture of South Bruce and the surrounding communities.
14. The NWMO, in partnership with the Municipality, will develop a strategy and fund a program to promote tourism in South Bruce and the surrounding communities.
15. The NWMO, in partnership with the Municipality, will commit to implement programs to engage with and provide opportunities for youth in the community, including investments in education and the provision of scholarships, bursaries and other incentives for youth to remain in or return to the community.
16. The NWMO will implement the Project in a manner that promotes diversity, equality and inclusion.
17. The Municipality recognizes the important historic and contemporary roles Indigenous peoples have and continue to play in the stewardship of the lands we all call home and will, in the spirit of Reconciliation, work with the NWMO and local Indigenous peoples to build mutually respectful relationships regarding the Project.
18. The NWMO will commit to relocate the working location of a majority of its employees to South Bruce as soon as it is reasonably practicable to do so after the completion of the site selection process.
19. The NWMO will, in consultation with the Municipality, establish a Centre of Expertise at a location within South Bruce to be developed in conjunction with the Project.

Economics and Finance

20. The NWMO, in consultation with the Municipality, will commit to implementing a local employment and training strategy with the objective of ensuring that the majority of employees for the Project are located within South Bruce and surrounding communities.
21. The NWMO, in consultation with the Municipality, will commit to implementing a business opportunities strategy that will provide opportunities for qualified local businesses to secure

agreements that support the Project and that requires the NWMO to take all reasonable steps to create opportunities for qualified local businesses to benefit from the Project.

22. The NWMO will commit to implementing a procurement strategy for the Project that gives preference to the selection of suppliers who can demonstrate economic benefit to South Bruce and surrounding communities.
23. The NWMO will enter into an agreement with the Municipality providing for community benefit payments to the Municipality.

Capacity Building

24. The NWMO will cover the costs incurred by the Municipality in assessing community well-being and willingness to host the Project.
25. The NWMO will fund the engagement of subject matter experts by the Municipality to undertake peer reviews of Project reports and independent assessments of the Project's potential impacts on and benefits for the community as determined necessary by the Municipality.
26. The NWMO agrees to cover the costs of the Municipality's preparation for and participation in the Project's regulatory approval processes, including the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission's licencing process and the assessment of the Project under the *Impact Assessment Act* (or other similar legislation), that are not otherwise covered by available participant funding.
27. The NWMO will fund the Municipality's preparation of a housing plan to ensure that the residents of South Bruce have access to a sufficient supply of safe, secure, affordable and well-maintained homes.

Services and Infrastructure

28. The NWMO will prepare a review of the existing emergency services in South Bruce and provide appropriate funding for any additional emergency services required to host the Project in South Bruce.
29. The NWMO will prepare an infrastructure strategy that addresses any municipal infrastructure requirements for the Project and will commit to providing appropriate funding for any required upgrades to municipal infrastructure required to host the Project in South Bruce.
30. The NWMO will prepare a review of the existing and projected capacity of South Bruce's road network and will commit to providing appropriate funding for any required upgrades to the road network.
31. The NWMO will enter into a road use agreement with the Municipality that identifies approved transportation routes during construction and operation of the Project and ensures proper funding for maintenance and repair of municipal roads and bridges used for the Project.
32. The NWMO, in consultation with the Municipality and other local and regional partners, will prepare a strategy to ensure there are sufficient community services and amenities, including health, child-care, educational and recreational facilities, to accommodate the expected population growth associated with hosting the Project in South Bruce.
33. The NWMO will comply with the Municipal Official Plan and zoning by-law and seek amendments to the Official Plan and zoning by-law as necessary to implement the Project.

Governance and Community Engagement

34. The NWMO will provide the Municipality with an ongoing and active role in the governance of the Project during the construction and operation phases of the Project.
35. The NWMO will continue to engage with community members and key stakeholders to gather input on community vision, expectations and principles, including concerns, related to the Project.

Regional Benefits

36. The NWMO must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Municipality that the Project will benefit the broader region outside of the community of South Bruce, including local Indigenous communities.