

# Nuclear Waste Management Organization

## Hornepayne Community Survey Report

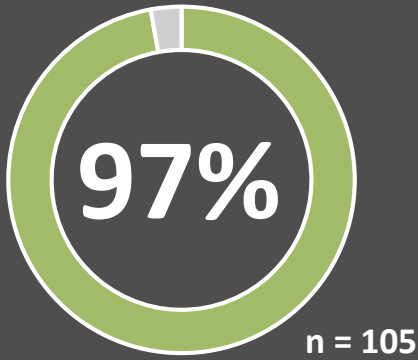
In September 2019, a survey was sent through Canada Post neighborhood mail to 450 Hornepayne community households. The purpose of the survey was to help understand awareness around the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) and the site selection process in the community, as well as to gather information about how to best communicate with the community. The survey was available in paper, telephone, and online formats, and responses were collected through October 30, 2019. A total of 105 residents completed the survey through one of these methods.

**Thank you to all who participated!**

The number of responses received to a question or within a comment theme are included throughout this report denoted by “n”.

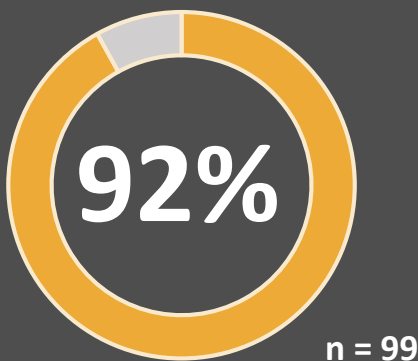
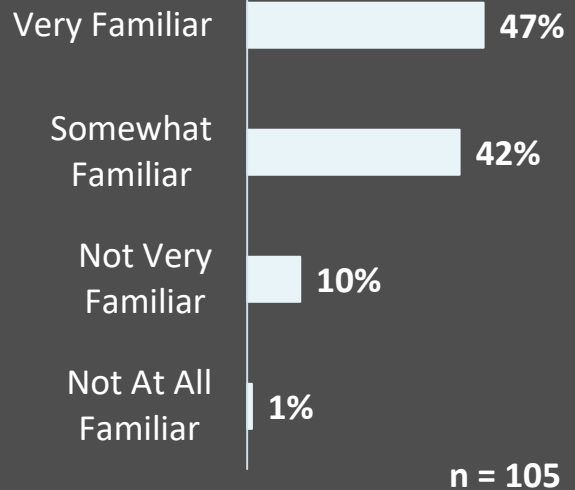
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## AWARENESS, FAMILIARITY, & KNOWLEDGE



Almost all survey respondents (97%) indicated that they had heard of the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) prior to receiving the survey.

The large majority of respondents (89%) were very familiar or somewhat familiar with the involvement of Hornepayne in the site selection process for a deep geological repository for the long-term management of Canada's used nuclear fuel.



The large majority of responding Hornepayne residents (92%) indicated that, prior to receiving the survey, they were aware that the project will only be implemented with the involvement of an informed and willing host community.

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## TOP QUESTIONS TO ADDRESS

Thematic Areas of Submitted Questions	
Community involvement in the decision making process (e.g., How do I give my opinion?)	16%
Safety and Security (e.g., What are the long terms safety risks? What are the plans for the long term monitoring of the site?)	12%
Timelines and Planning (e.g., Why is it taking so long?)	12%
People and Community (e.g., How will this affect my family/community?)	12%
Economic (e.g., How many/what type of jobs would this create?)	10%
Keeping Residents Informed (e.g., How do we acquire more information?)	6%
Transportation and Infrastructure (e.g., What is the transportation method/route to the repository?)	4%
Environmental Protection (non water) (e.g., What is the long term environmental impact of the project?)	2%
Environmental Protection (water) (e.g., What effect may there be on nearby water supplies/sources?)	2%

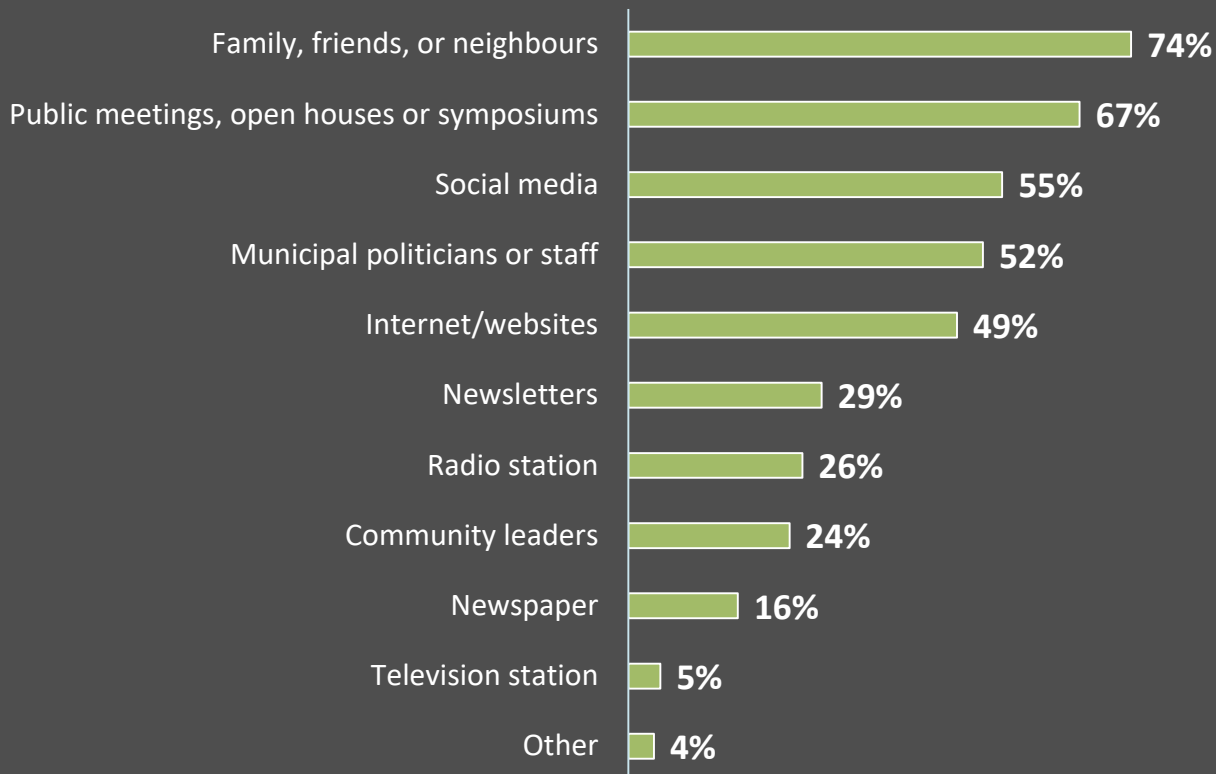
The survey asked responding Hornepayne residents what questions they have regarding this project or the studies being undertaken in their community that they would like to see addressed. Respondents could submit multiple questions. Overall, 51 respondents provided at least one comment or question, which, where possible, were grouped into one or more of the thematic areas shown in the table above.

Among those who posed a question, themes relating to the community's involvement in the decision-making process and how residents would have their say were the most commonly mentioned (11 respondents). Overall, the single most common question was "How will this affect my community?" which was asked by 6 Hornepayne respondents.

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## SOURCES OF INFORMATION USED

Hornepayne residents responding to the survey were asked to select all of the information sources they use to learn about what is happening in their community. The most commonly reported sources of information were family, friends, or neighbours (74%) and public meetings, open houses or symposiums (67%). Additionally, close to half of responding residents cited social media (55%), municipal politicians or staff (52%), and internet/websites (49%) as sources of information used to receive information about what is happening in their community.



\* Respondents were asked to select all that apply.

n = 105

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## PREFERRED METHODS OF NWMO COMMUNICATION

	Types of Communication	Like*	Most Prefer
<p>Public meetings, open houses or symposiums (58%) and brochures or newsletters (50%) were most often reported as one of the ways respondents would like to receive information from NWMO. Additionally, almost half (47%) of respondents reported that they would like to receive information from NWMO through the township website.</p> <p>When asked what communication method was <b>most</b> preferred, respondents most often indicated the township website (20%), brochures or newsletters (16%), and email communications (16%).</p>	Public meetings, open houses or symposiums	58%	14%
	Brochures or newsletters	50%	16%
	Township of Hornepayne's website	47%	20%
	Attending the Hornepayne Nuclear Waste Community Liaison Committee meetings	43%	3%
	Local social media	43%	8%
	NWMO's website (www.nwmo.ca)	36%	8%
	Email communications	32%	16%
	Other social media accounts	21%	5%
	Radio station	17%	2%
	Municipal politicians or staff	17%	1%
	Visiting the Hornepayne Learn More Community Office	17%	0%
	Newspaper	14%	2%
Other Internet/websites	6%	0%	
Other	10%	5%	

\*Respondents were asked to select all that apply.

Like  
n = 103

Most Prefer  
n = 96

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## OTHER COMMENTS

Survey respondents were also given the opportunity to provide any other comments they may have. In total, 59 (56%) of responding Hornepayne residents provided at least one comment which conveyed a variety of comments, ideas, and questions. Overall, the majority of the feedback gathered was generally supportive or positive (39) in comparison to comments of an unsupportive or critical nature (29) or of a neutral nature (18). Where a common pattern existed (at least 5 comments of a similar nature), comments were grouped into the following themes\*.

- Comments indicated support for the project in general or the idea that the project might be implemented in the community (n=19)
- Comments that indicated that the respondent thought that overall, the project would be beneficial to the community (n=8)
- Comments indicated that the respondent was generally against the project, commenting that it was a bad idea, or that they were opposed to the repository being located in their community (n=7)
- Comments that did not feel like the NWMO is doing a good job about providing information about the project, being transparent about their work, and/or the process (n=6)
- Questions, comments, or concerns related to the siting process and/or how the project would be implemented in their community (n=5)
- Comments that the NWMO is doing a good job about providing information about the project, being transparent about their work, and/or the process (n=5)
- Comments where the respondent felt they had a lack of input or say related to the process so far (n=5)

\*Comments can be included in more than one theme where more than one idea was presented.