



NUCLEAR WASTE
MANAGEMENT
ORGANIZATION

SOCIÉTÉ DE GESTION
DES DÉCHETS
NUCLÉAIRES

Triennial Report:

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES 2020-22



MARCH 2023

A) Introduction

Engagement is a key component of Canada's plan for the safe, long-term management of used nuclear fuel. For over 10 years, the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) has engaged with potential host communities and the public to share Canada's plan. In what is known as the Adaptive Phased Management (APM) project, collaboration is a core value of the NWMO, and we are committed to ensuring that all interested and potentially affected individuals and organizations have their questions and concerns addressed, and their views heard and taken into account as the project moves forward.

The COVID-19 pandemic had a significant impact on the NWMO's activities over the past three years, creating unprecedented challenges to engagement. There were periods of time when public health measures required most staff to work from home, limited or prevented meetings and gatherings altogether, and closed our offices in Toronto – and for some time, our offices in the potential host communities. However, the NWMO ensured we remained present, virtually when necessary, as we adapted alongside the communities working to select a site for Canada's plan.

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, working in collaboration with siting area communities and following local health guidelines, we advanced the preliminary assessment phase of the site selection process over the past three years. This included NWMO staff and contractors meeting with municipal representatives, First Nation and Métis leaders, organizations and communities, key opinion leaders, community liaison committees and citizens to better understand the thoughts and concerns of people who wished to be engaged.

This document provides a non-exhaustive summary of the various engagement activities such as meetings, briefings, conferences and other events attended by the NWMO between 2020 and 2022. It describes the resources made available to communities, groups and organizations to ensure they are not out-of-pocket for participating in the dialogue. Also, it itemizes the many communication materials published to support engagement.

B) Working with First Nation and Métis peoples in the site selection process

During the last three years (2020-22), the NWMO continued to build sustainable relationships with First Nation and Métis peoples in and near the potential siting areas, while maintaining ongoing engagement with national, provincial and treaty Indigenous organizations. These engagement activities included over 24 separate groups or communities across Ontario and New Brunswick.

The NWMO also held a range of online activities with the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) during the pandemic, including environmental workshops, transportation engagement sessions and in-depth dialogue on the importance of water. In collaboration with MNO staff, the NWMO mapped out water sampling locations for a monitoring program conducted by the Métis, for the Métis, in the South Bruce area. The First Nation and Métis communities participating between 2020 and 2022 include:

- Aamjiwnaang First Nation (Ont.)
- Aboriginal People of Wabigoon (Ont.)
- Assembly of First Nations
- Congress of Aboriginal Peoples
- Dryden Native Friendship Centre
- Eagle Lake First Nation (Ont.)
- Grand Council Treaty 3 (Ont.)
- Historic Saugeen Métis
- Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation (Ont.)
- Lac Seul First Nation (Ont.)
- Ontario Coalition of Indigenous Peoples
- MAWIW Council (N.B.)
- Métis Nation of Ontario – Georgian Bay Traditional Territory Métis Community (Ont.)
- Métis Nation of Ontario – Northwestern Ontario Métis Community (Ont.)
- Métis Nation of Ontario Secretariat, including 30 Chartered Councils (Ont.)
- Mi'gmawé'l Tplu'taqnn Inc.
- Naotkamegwaning First Nation (Whitefish Bay) (Ont.)
- Nigigoonsiminikaaning (Red Gut) First Nation (Ont.)
- Ojibway Nation of Saugeen (Ont.)
- Saugeen Ojibway Nation (Ont.) (Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation and Chippewas of Saugeen First Nation)
- Seine River First Nation (Ont.)
- New Brunswick Indigenous Career College (formerly Union of New Brunswick Indians Training Institute)
- Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation
- Wabuaskang First Nation

Congress of Aboriginal Peoples – Presentations

- Feb. 22, 2020 – Fredericton (in person)
- Nov. 6, 2021 – CAP Assembly (virtual)

OCIP presentations

- Feb. 2, 2020 – Pembroke
- June 30, 2020 – Online presentation
- Oct. 17, 2020 – Barrie (virtual)
- Oct. 3, 2021 – Renfrew (virtual)
- June 11, 2022 – London
- July 23, 2022 – London
- Sept. 26, 2022 – AGA presentation

Council of Knowledge Holders (formerly Council of Elders and Youth)

The Council of Knowledge Holders is an advisory body to NWMO management. It provides counsel on the application of Indigenous Knowledge in the implementation of the APM project. In addition, the Council of Knowledge Holders provides advice on issues that could enhance the development and maintenance of good relations with Indigenous communities.

The Council of Knowledge Holders met 27 times between 2020 and 2022:

- June 5, 2020 – Virtual
- July 10, 2020 – Virtual
- Aug. 7, 2020 – Virtual
- Sept. 4, 2020 – Virtual
- Oct. 9, 2020 – Virtual
- Nov. 13, 2020 – Virtual
- Dec. 11, 2020 – Virtual
- Jan. 15, 2021 – Virtual
- Feb. 12, 2021 – Virtual
- March 12, 2021 – Virtual
- April 9, 2021 – Virtual
- May 14, 2021 – Virtual
- June 18, 2021 – Virtual
- July 9, 2021 – Virtual
- Aug. 13, 2021 – Virtual
- Sept. 10, 2021 – Virtual
- Oct. 15, 2021 – Virtual
- Dec. 3, 2021 – Virtual
- Nov. 12, 2021 – Virtual
- Jan. 14, 2022 – Virtual
- Feb. 11, 2022 – Virtual
- March 11, 2022 – Virtual
- April 8, 2022 – Virtual
- May 6, 2022 – Virtual
- May 17-20, 2022 – Kingbridge Conference Centre, King City, Ont.
- Aug. 23-26, 2022 – Casino Rama, Orillia, Ont.
- Nov. 17-18, 2022 – Sheraton Toronto Airport Hotel & Conference Centre, Mississauga, Ont.

Conferences, trade shows and annual general assemblies

Métis Nation of Ontario Annual General Assembly

- Nov. 7, 2020 – Virtual
- Sept. 18-19, 2021 – Virtual
- Aug. 18-21, 2022 – Toronto

Congress of Aboriginal Peoples Annual Conference and Trade Show

- Ontario Coalition of Indigenous People – Annual General Meeting
- Missanabie Cree First Nation Annual Gathering

LIST OF NWMO TOURS TO ONTARIO POWER GENERATION (OPG) WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES AND TO THE NWMO DISCOVERY AND DEMONSTRATION CENTRE

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

NWMO Discovery and Demonstration Centre tours

2022

- Oct. 18, 2022 – Aboriginal People of Wabigoon
- Aug. 16, 2022 – Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation with Chief and Council
- Oct. 17, 2022 – Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation
- Nov. 23, 2022 – Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation

McMaster reactor tour

2022

- Aug. 16, 2022 – Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation with Chief and Council
- Oct. 17, 2022 – Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation
- Nov. 23, 2022 – Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation McMaster reactor tour

NWMO head office

2022

- Oct. 18, 2022 – Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation NWMO head office
- Nov. 22, 2022 – Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation NWMO head office surface facility design and fuel repackaging

OPG tours – Tours of waste management facilities include the Western Waste Management Facility (WWMF) (Bruce Power), Darlington Waste Management Facility (DWMF) and Pickering Waste Management Facility (PWMF)

2022

- Oct. 19, 2022 – Aboriginal People of Wabigoon, PWMF

Youth outreach summary

During 2020 and 2021, activities with communities, and in particular, youth of those communities, were halted due to pandemic restrictions. With only online meetings taking place, we were unable to reach out to the youth and plan activities.

2022

- March 16, 2022 – Seine River First Nation Youth Essay and Colouring Contest
- April 1, 2022 – Aboriginal People of Wabigoon youth meeting
- April 2, 2022 – Aboriginal People of Wabigoon youth meeting
- July 5-6, 2022 – Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation Youth Summit
- July 18, 2022 – Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation Bat Night with the Toronto Zoo
- Aug. 9, 2022 – Aboriginal People of Wabigoon youth meeting

Engagement with Indigenous communities in northwestern Ontario

As noted, during 2020 and 2021, activities with communities were halted due to pandemic restrictions, and engagement was mostly online. As pandemic restrictions were lifted in 2022, NWMO staff visited each community on a regular basis, including regular meetings with locally hired community liaisons. The following represents meetings with communities in the northwest.

- Seine River First Nation
 - o April 11, 2022
 - o June 13, 2022
 - o July 7, 2022
 - o July 12, 2022
 - o Sept. 9, 2022
 - o Sept. 27, 2022
- Lac Seul First Nation
 - o June 22, 2022
- Waubuskang First Nation
 - o Nov. 24, 2021
 - o March 7, 2022 – Chief and Council update
 - o May 24, 2022 – Open house
- Naotkamegwaning First Nation
 - o March 17, 2022
 - o Sept. 12, 2022
- Dryden Native Friendship Centre (DNFC)
 - o May 9, 2022
 - o May 10, 2022
 - o May 11, 2022
 - o May 12, 2022
 - o May 13, 2022
 - o June 1, 2022
 - o June 21, 2022
 - o Aug. 4, 2022 – Elders gathering in Winnipeg area
 - o Aug. 29, 2022
 - o Sept. 15, 2022
 - o Sept. 16-17, 2022 – All DNFC staff meeting in Winnipeg area
- Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation (WLON)
 - o April 27, 2022 – Meeting with WLON and NWMO Board of Directors
 - o May 4, 2022 – Off-reserve meeting in Thunder Bay
 - o June 13, 2022 – Off-reserve meeting in Atikokan
 - o June 14, 2022 – Off-reserve meeting in Fort Frances
 - o July 20-21, 2022 – Learning and sharing gathering, WLON
 - o Aug. 29, 2022 – Off-reserve meeting in Sioux Lookout
 - o Aug. 30, 2022 – Off-reserve meeting in Kenora
 - o Sept. 14, 2022 – Surface facilities presentation
 - o Sept. 20, 2022 – Off-reserve meeting in Thunder Bay
 - o Sept. 26, 2022 – Core selection meeting with WLON
 - o Sept. 27, 2022 – Borehole visit and Ceremony by WLON

Engagement with Indigenous communities in southern Ontario

In 2020, following the OPG deep geologic repository decision in 2019, the Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON) was prepared to focus on more engagement with the NWMO. Discussions on engagement commenced between NWMO staff and SON Environment Office staff, but before any engagement started in the SON communities, the pandemic hit. While on travel restrictions, NWMO Indigenous Engagement staff and SON Environment Office staff held virtual meetings to discuss the NWMO's field activities and to develop a community engagement plan once travel resumed. The original information sharing agreement ended, and a new Protocol Agreement was put in place in August 2020. Staff from the SON Environment Office toured the first borehole site in October, and a ceremony was performed in November at the second borehole site.

In 2021, engagement consisted of virtual meetings between NWMO engagement staff and SON Environment Office staff. The SON Water Walkers performed a ceremony on-site in April. Once travel restrictions lifted, NWMO engagement staff started to hold weekly drop-in engagement sessions in each of the SON communities (Nawash First Nation and Saugeen First Nation). We participated in SON Proponents Day along with other proponents working in the SON territory and hosted the NWMO's Mobile Learn More Centre (MLMC) in each community in fall 2021. A SON monitor worked at the borehole site during the entire duration of drilling. We also provided the communities with masks and hand sanitizer to deal with the pandemic. We also held two or three virtual meetings with SON Nuclear Advisory Team and conducted three borehole site tours.

In 2022, we continued weekly community engagement sessions, and virtual home visits were initiated, holding approximately 12 visits in 2022. There were three visits in the community by the MLMC, and the NWMO participated in two SON proponents days. We also hosted one visit to the NWMO Discovery and Demonstration Centre in Oakville, Ont., and we also presented a project update at the SON Joint Council session in November. Other engagement activities included two movie screenings and a community bingo.

- Historic Saugeen Métis – Presentations
- Feb. 22, 2020 – SON online presentation
- Aug. 10, 2020 – SON online presentation
- Oct. 20, 2020 – SON online presentation
- October 2020 – SON leadership tour of the South Bruce borehole site
- November 2020 – SON ceremony at borehole site
- Dec. 15, 2021 – SON online presentation
- May 27, 2022 – SON in-person presentation

C) Working with interested communities in the site selection process

By January 2020, the NWMO had narrowed siting activities to two communities: Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation (WLON)-Ignace area in northwestern Ontario, and Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON)-South Bruce area in southern Ontario. Throughout 2020 to 2022, the NWMO remained focused on moving towards partnership with municipal and Indigenous communities in these two remaining potential siting areas. NWMO staff were constantly engaging residents in Ignace, WLON, South Bruce, SON and surrounding communities through a collaboratively planned engagement program that included both virtual and in-person opportunities:

- Several open houses, open office events and drop-ins held in potential siting communities and their regional neighbours;
- Regular attendance and presentations at the community liaison committee (CLC) meetings;
- Formal and informal interviews with a cross-section of local residents;
- Assistance to CLCs in supporting events and newsletters;
- Preparation of written materials and informational videos;
- Participation at local and surrounding area community events, fairs, conferences and trade shows;
- Meetings with nearby First Nation and Métis organizations, and other communities;
- Attendance and presentations to local, area, regional and civil society organizations; and
- Learn More tours and presentations for residents of local communities and their regional neighbours.

In each of the communities, conversations begun at community meetings or open houses evolved into broader efforts to work with communities to involve a cross-section of community members, community groups, and local institutions and businesses. Discussions in each of the communities were held with:

- Leadership and senior staff at local, surrounding and regional communities;
- Members of the CLCs;
- Local business owners/operators;
- Local service providers (e.g., health, safety and emergency services, social services, and education);
- Local community and service groups (e.g., clubs, associations and organizations);
- Residents;
- Economic development agencies;
- Environmental and conservation organizations;
- Business and livelihood organizations (e.g., agriculture and chambers of commerce); and
- Local businesses, including tourist camps and others.

The topics of the conversations held in the 2020-22 period explored the confidence in safety of the project, the nature of field studies in the area, potential economic effects of the project, community studies, willingness and the community's long-term vision for the area. Additional details on the commonly discussed topics can be found in the NWMO's annual "What we heard" [reports](#).

D) Municipal engagement

South Bruce area

Over the last three years, the South Bruce engagement team has continued to build relationships in the community and worked to showcase Canada's plan to contain and isolate used nuclear fuel in a deep geological repository. Engagement in the community aimed to explain the technical aspects of the project and share important socio-economic benefits. This proactive presence in the community provided the opportunity to support local events, ensure community members had an avenue to be heard and put people passionate about the safe, long-term management of used nuclear fuel out in front of the project and in the community.

Our team went to many community events, including fall fairs, festivals and sporting events. We sponsored community-driven projects and initiatives and worked closely with community leaders to understand related needs and interests. We invited the community into the newly renovated Teeswater office space and led tours of the South Bruce borehole sites.

NWMO staff attended and presented at numerous community liaison committee (CLC) and Municipality of South Bruce council meetings. We distributed newsletters and postcards, and published articles and advertisements in local media.

Our experts and scientists met local residents in person, for example, by attending coffee chats at local businesses, and were also available by phone. This work gave direct access to technical experts to answer questions in a detailed and unscripted way.

The South Bruce engagement team also strengthened local partnerships, especially with the Municipality of South Bruce. We listened to the community's needs as outlined in the 36 guiding principles and worked to address each one. For example, a Property Value Protection program was developed. The NWMO's response to the principles formed the basis of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the NWMO and the municipality, signed in 2022. This MOU provides a starting point to develop a hosting agreement.

In collaboration with the municipality, a number of socio-economic studies were undertaken. These studies provide a strong basis for understanding the potential impacts of the project should it come to South Bruce.

In June 2022, the NWMO brought our Mobile Learn More Centre (MLMC) to a Touch-a-truck event in Mildmay. This event gave the opportunity for families to learn about the project and ask questions directly to our scientists and experts. The event also provided the opportunity to promote near-term investment funding for a new pumper truck and trash compactor.

In October 2022, the South Bruce team hosted several events to provide the community the opportunity to review the updated renderings of the Centre of Expertise, speak with NWMO staff and provide feedback through a survey.

Outside the municipal boundaries, the team spoke to regional councils and communities. In August 2022, the team invited staff from Bruce County to an afternoon event to provide them with a presentation of the project and borehole samples, and the opportunity to speak directly to many NWMO experts.

Ignace area

Despite adversities such as the pandemic, forest fires, inclement weather and flooding, engagement activities and opportunities were carried out in northwestern Ontario. The team collaboratively worked to develop new engagement strategies such as the Get to know the NWMO campaign and increased use of community spaces around the region. Dialogues were held with key stakeholders about potential hosting agreement benefits, and a digital campaign to communicate potential project benefits was also launched.

Milestones achieved over the last three years were increased visibility and education efforts within the region, from Kenora to the Thunder Bay area. The NWMO hosted public Get to know the NWMO sessions with support from our subject matter experts who delivered detailed presentations, acted as guest speakers for the Dryden Monthly Learning Series, and participated in forums, symposiums and new regional events (Central Canada Resource Expo, Canadian Lakehead Exhibition). Additional educational efforts included the Mobile Learn More Centre (MLMC) touring the region, attendance at engagement events and staff supporting the Dryden satellite office. NWMO staff also engaged residents at open office and community events. Engagement also included fostering relationships with critical voices throughout the region.

The Township of Ignace received support from the NWMO to help complete its community studies and start the Centre of Expertise visioning exercises, which produced initial facility renderings.

Over the last three years, many important projects were completed despite the challenges. Youth engagement was increased through the development of day camps, held throughout the summer. The culminating youth activity event – The Youth Gathering – was a collaborative effort with the township, the Mary Berglund Community Health Centre and the NWMO in September 2022. This event featured speakers, community members and university graduate students from the Ontario Research Fund Project.

With provincial restrictions being lifted, the Ignace Learn More Centre re-opened its doors to continue providing learning opportunities to the public while also serving as facility open to use by the community. To further support sharing information about Canada's plan and answer questions from the public, a regional satellite office was opened in Dryden in October 2021.

Regional engagement and building and strengthening relationships were dedicated to the communities close to Ignace and the proposed deep geological repository site. Communities such as Wabigoon, Dymont, Long Lake, Dryden, Sioux Lookout, Vermilion Bay, Atikokan, Upsala and Thunder Bay had Get to know the NWMO events or the MLMC to enhance learning.

The NWMO continued to support the community not only to learn about the project, but also through contributing to community well-being. Through in-kind donations, we supported local initiatives, including the Christmas Cheer, the food bank and Teens in Motion. The NWMO also sponsored activities, including the Minor Ball Game and free public skating days. Through the sponsorships and donations program, local organizations received funding to contribute to activities and events such as our contributions to local and regional businesses to make hand sanitizer and distribute it across the region during the pandemic.

Partnership

The NWMO continues to work with siting and regional communities to build towards sustainable and resilient partnerships to support the future implementation of the project. Over the course of 2020 to 2022, the NWMO advanced our partnership road map through the establishment of several agreements, working groups and protocols with both host and regional communities. These initiatives were not only aligned to community values and principles, but also guided by key NWMO values of safety, community well-being and long-term sustainability. The establishment of these initial agreements, working groups and protocols were key steps in advancing dialogue on partnership.

Ignace – Partnership working group meetings

- Jan. 6, 2020
- Feb. 7, 2020
- March 8, 2020
- April 9, 2020
- May 10, 2020
- June 11, 2020
- July 12, 2020
- Aug. 13, 2020
- Sept. 14, 2020
- Oct. 15, 2020
- Nov. 16, 2020
- Dec. 17, 2020
- Jan. 18, 2021
- Feb. 19, 2021
- March 20, 2021
- April 21, 2021
- May 22, 2021
- June 23, 2021
- July 8, 2021
- July 21, 2021
- Aug. 12, 2021
- Sept. 2, 2021
- Oct. 7, 2021
- Nov. 4, 2021
- Dec. 2, 2021
- Jan. 13, 2022
- Feb. 3, 2022
- March 3, 2022
- April 7, 2022
- May 12, 2022
- June 2, 2022
- July 12, 2022
- Aug. 4, 2022
- Sept. 8, 2022
- Oct. 6, 2022

Dryden – Significant neighbouring community partnership working group

- Nov. 3, 2021
- Dec. 1, 2021
- Jan. 12, 2022
- Feb. 15, 2022
- March 9, 2022
- April 6, 2022
- June 14, 2022

South Bruce – Partnership working group meetings

- Jan. 28, 2020
- Feb. 10, 2020
- March 10, 2020
- April 6, 2020
- May 6, 2020
- June 16, 2020
- Nov. 17, 2020
- Dec. 10, 2020
- Jan. 13, 2021
- Feb. 10, 2021
- March 10, 2021
- April 14, 2021
- May 13, 2021
- Dec. 9, 2021
- Jan. 12, 2022
- Feb. 9, 2022
- March 9, 2022
- April 14, 2022
- April 26, 2022
- May 11, 2022
- May 13, 2022
- June 1, 2022
- June 14, 2022
- June 15, 2022
- July 13, 2022
- July 26, 2022
- Oct. 12, 2022
- Oct. 26, 2022
- Dec. 21, 2022

Huron-Kinloss/NWMO working group meetings

- Jan. 20, 2020
- Jan. 15, 2021
- Feb. 12, 2021
- March 25, 2021
- April 16, 2021
- June 4, 2021
- Aug. 13, 2021
- Nov. 23, 2021
- Jan. 14, 2022
- Feb. 11, 2022
- March 11, 2022
- April 8, 2022
- June 10, 2022
- Sept. 9, 2022

Borehole drilling

Borehole drilling, coring and testing is a major part of the geoscience work carried out in both the Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation (WLON)-Ignace area and the Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON)-South Bruce area. This work is part of the NWMO's broader site investigations to enhance our knowledge about the potential siting areas.

Borehole tours

Borehole tours were an important step towards facilitating the public's understanding of the project and the NWMO's high commitment to safety through in-person experiences.

Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation-Ignace area

After four years, our borehole drilling activity in the WLON-Ignace area was completed. A total of six one-kilometre-long boreholes were drilled in the Revell Batholith rock formation, located south of Highway 17, about 35 kilometres west of Ignace, between Ignace and WLON.

Community monitors from WLON were on-site during the borehole drilling, and they were an important part of the team. They provided input on-site, and they also went back and shared information and insights with WLON to have a better understanding of the work happening at the borehole sites.

Borehole site tours that took place included students, residents and people from the region. Participants travelled with NWMO staff to the borehole site to learn more about the borehole work being conducted and also visited the seismic and meteorological station.

- Sept. 29, 2021 – Community
- Oct. 2, 2021 – Community
- Oct. 30, 2021 – Rotary Club of Dryden
- Nov. 3, 2021 – Community
- Nov. 10, 2021 – Community
- Nov. 17, 2021 – Community
- Nov. 24, 2021 – Community
- Nov. 25, 2021 – Ignace School Grade 9 geography class
- Nov. 25, 2021 – Ignace School Grades 11 and 12 biology classes
- Nov. 26, 2021 – City of Dryden staff
- Dec. 3, 2021 – Community
- Dec. 8, 2021 – Sunset Country Spirit Alliance
- Dec. 9, 2021 – Ignace School Grade 10 science class
- Dec. 9, 2021 – Media

Saugeen Ojibway Nation-South Bruce area

Two deep boreholes were drilled just north of Teeswater to better understand the local geology.

The samples coming out of the boreholes at the SON-South Bruce site provided a visual for residents to see and feel. The tours addressed misconceptions and provided insight into the degree of planning and detailed work going into geoscientific studies.

2021

- Aug. 25, 2021 – Community
- Sept. 1, 2021 – Community
- Sept. 8, 2021 – Community
- Sept. 15, 2021 – Community
- Sept. 22, 2021 – Community
- Sept. 29, 2021 – Community

- Oct. 6, 2021 – Community
- Oct. 13, 2021 – Community
- Oct. 27, 2021 – Media
- Nov. 2, 2021 – Community
- Nov. 12, 2021 – Community
- Nov. 24, 2021 – Community
- Dec. 1, 2021 – Community
- Dec. 15, 2021 – Community
- Dec. 22, 2021 – Community

2022

- Feb. 14, 2022 – Bruce County Library Board
- Feb. 23, 2022 – Teeswater Medical Centre Development Committee
- March 2, 2022 – South Bruce Municipality
- March 5, 2022 – South Bruce #NextGenNetwork
- March 9, 2022 – Community
- March 16, 2022 – Township of Huron-Kinloss/Bruce Power staff
- April 13, 2022 – Community
- April 20, 2022 – Community
- April 27, 2022 – Community
- May 5, 2022 – Community/NWMO summer students
- May 11, 2022 – Community
- May 18, 2022 – Community
- May 25, 2022 – Community
- June 15, 2022 – Community
- June 22, 2022 – Community
- July 6, 2022 – Community
- July 26, 2022 – Academia
- July 28, 2022 – Canadians for Nuclear Energy
- Aug. 3, 2022 – Bruce Power Visitors' Centre Staff and summer students

Land access program

Bruce area

In 2019, the NWMO launched an open and transparent land access process in Huron-Kinloss and South Bruce in order to access sufficient land for a potential repository site and to continue our technical site evaluations. Related land access outreach from 2020 to 2022 were as follows:

- March 5, 2020 – NWMO information session, Mildmay Arena
- March 5, 2020 – South Bruce CLC, Mildmay Arena
- June 11, 2020 – NWMO and South Bruce landowner webinar
- June 25, 2020 – South Bruce virtual information session

List of NWMO open houses and community workshops in siting communities and surrounding areas

Between 2020 and 2022, the NWMO hosted open houses and community workshops to support ongoing learning and engagement. Several open house and open office events were held, as well as events held in neighbouring communities. Planned with local CLCs, these events have attracted local residents, First Nation and Métis peoples from neighbouring communities, and community members.

Ignace

- July 28, 2020 – Project visioning workshop at Ignace Learn More Centre
- Aug. 18, 2020 – Ignace youth project visioning virtual workshop
- Aug. 18-26, 2020 – Ignace project visioning workshop
- Sept. 21, 2020 – Ignace open house project visioning drop-in session
- Sept. 22-24, 2020 – Ignace draft transportation planning framework workshop
- Sept. 28, 2020 – Ignace draft transportation planning framework virtual workshop
- Oct. 28, 2020 – Draft transportation planning siting community workshop
- Oct. 29, 2020 – Draft transportation planning siting community workshop
- July 28, 2021 – Ignace Learn More Centre relaunch and community barbecue with MLMC
- Aug. 30, 2021 – Meet and greet with President and CEO and Vice-President of Site Selection
- Oct. 14, 2021 – Township of Ignace satellite office grand opening
- March 23, 2022 – Get to know the NWMO Ignace open office event
- April 27, 2022 – Open office event at Ignace Learn More Centre
- June 14, 2022 – Environmental open house at Ignace Learn More Centre
- July 8, 2022 – Open house and community barbecue at Ignace Learn More Centre
- Aug. 23, 2022 – Get to know the NWMO geoscience (Red Lake)
- Sept. 23, 2022 – Smile cookie campaign at Ignace office drop-in event
- Oct. 3, 2022 – Centre of Expertise open office visioning presentation at Ignace Learn More Centre and Ignace Silver Tops
- Oct. 26, 2022 – Centre of Expertise visioning at Ignace open office event
- Oct. 31, 2022 – Greet and Treat at Ignace open office event

Ignace and area community studies

Following Ignace's community project visioning activities, the township and the NWMO collaborated to undertake a series of Ignace and area community studies. The results of these studies will inform options and strategies for the Township of Ignace and surrounding area to optimize potential benefits and minimize impacts should the project be sited in the area. Below are community studies-related engagement.

- Jan. 4-March 7, 2022 – 37 community studies interviews completed – Baseline
- Jan. 12, 2022 – City of Dryden draft report presentation of community capacity study
- Jan. 19, 2022 – City of Dryden learning series – Community studies
- Jan. 25, 2022 – Community studies health workshop
- March 1, 2022 – Youth economic, community and culture community studies workshop
- June 22, 2022 – Labour baseline study webinar
- June 22, 2022 – Workforce development study webinar
- July 14, 2022 – Housing and Ignace municipal infrastructure study webinar
- July 28, 2022 – Economic development study webinar
- Sept. 15, 2022 – Social health and recreation studies webinar
- Sept. 29, 2022 – Ignace area tourism study webinar
- Nov. 10, 2022 – Roads, traffic and emergency services study webinar

South Bruce and area community studies

- May 5, 2022 – South Bruce Community Liaison Committee meeting presentation – Baseline conditions and community growth targets
- May 19, 2022 – Special South Bruce Community Liaison Committee meeting presentation – Project workforce development
- June 2, 2022 – South Bruce Community Liaison Committee meeting presentation – Urban growth
- June 16, 2022 – Special South Bruce Community Liaison Committee meeting presentation – Deep geological repository conceptual design
- July 7, 2022 – South Bruce Community Liaison Committee meeting presentation – Community and project infrastructure needs

- July 21, 2022 – Special South Bruce Community Liaison Committee meeting – Roads and traffic study
- Aug. 4, 2022 – South Bruce Community Liaison Committee meeting presentation – South Bruce economic development project effects and strategy, agriculture business impacts study, and tourism industry effects study
- Aug. 18, 2022 – Special South Bruce Community Liaison Committee meeting presentation – Local and regional education study, effects on recreational resources study, economic development study on youth
- Aug. 12, 2022 – Bruce County lunch and learn
- Sept. 1, 2022 – South Bruce Community Liaison Committee meeting presentation – *Confidence in Safety* report
- Nov. 3, 2022 – South Bruce Community Liaison Committee meeting presentation – Emergency services study, social programs and vulnerable populations study, and the regional economic development study

Centre of Expertise visioning

In May 2022, the NWMO along with Colliers International and Zeidler Architecture began our first phase of visioning work related to the future Centre of Expertise. This visioning took place in Ignace and South Bruce and resulted in general conceptual designs and preliminary discussions of key elements of the Centre of Expertise, as well as a public feedback process. The designs, potential programming and key elements of the Centre of Expertise provided unique considerations for each siting region.

The process included planned visioning sessions with Ignace and South Bruce.

Ignace

- May 3, 2022 – Ignace NWMO Centre of Expertise visioning kickoff
- June 16, 2022 – Ignace NWMO Centre of Expertise visioning, Part 1
- June 28, 2022 – Ignace NWMO Centre of Expertise visioning, Part 2
- July 27, 2022 – Ignace NWMO Centre of Expertise visioning, Part 3
- Aug. 23, 2022 – Ignace NWMO Centre of Expertise visioning, Part 4

South Bruce

- July 18, 2022 – South Bruce NWMO Centre of Expertise visioning session
- July 18, 2022 – South Bruce NWMO Centre of Expertise visioning session
- Aug. 3, 2022 – South Bruce NWMO Centre of Expertise visioning session
- Aug. 3, 2022 – South Bruce NWMO Centre of Expertise visioning session
- Sept. 6, 2022 – South Bruce NWMO Centre of Expertise visioning session

Following the completion of the planned visioning sessions with Ignace and South Bruce, the conceptual designs for the Centre of Expertise were presented to the public and NWMO staff in a series of events and initiatives as set out below.

Ignace

- Sept. 14, 2022 – Presentation to the Ignace Community Nuclear Liaison Committee – Centre of Expertise visioning
- Oct. 3, 2022 – Open house event – Centre of Expertise visioning presentation
- Oct. 3, 2022 – Centre of Expertise visioning presentation at Ignace Silver Tops
- Oct. 20, 2022 – Ignace Area Business Association Centre of Expertise visioning presentation
- Oct. 26, 2022 – Centre of Expertise open office event

South Bruce

- Sept. 6, 2022 – South Bruce Community Liaison Committee meeting presentation – Centre of Expertise
- Oct. 3, 2022 – Open house at the Teeswater-Culross Community Centre

- Oct. 4, 2022 – Open house at the Mildmay-Carrick Complex
- Oct. 15, 2022 – South Bruce, Formosa Multi-Purpose Pad ribbon cutting ceremony

NWMO participation in special community events

Over the course of the three years, the NWMO has been invited to participate in many community and area events as opportunities to further share information about the project and engage people in learning and discussion.

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO – IGNACE (virtual and in person)

- March 8, 2020 – Ignace old-timers hockey project update
- March 11, 2020 – Ignace School lunch and learn
- Aug. 15, 2020 – Ignace Annual Kids Fest
- Oct. 14, 2020 – Ignace School lunch and learn
- Nov. 30, 2020 – Township of Ignace Council updates and presentations
- Feb. 16, 2021 – Township of Ignace Council updates and presentations
- April 15, 2021 – Ignace Area Business Association presentation and update
- April 19, 2021 – Township of Ignace Council presentation and update
- April 21, 2021 – Township of Ignace Explore our Possibilities Symposium
- June 9, 2021 – Township of Ignace Municipal staff learning sessions
- June 22, 2021 – Township of Ignace Municipal staff learning sessions
- June 28, 2021 – Northwestern Health Unit Vaccination Clinic willingness conversations
- July 6, 2021 – Township of Ignace Municipal staff learning sessions
- July 30, 2021 – Ignace Golf and Country Club NWMO conversations on the greens
- Aug. 13, 2021 – Ignace Nursery School scavenger hunt
- Aug. 14, 2021 – Ignace Annual Kids Fest
- Sept. 25, 2021 – Ignace and area youth gathering
- March 24, 2022 – Township of Ignace Municipal staff learning sessions
- April 23, 2022 – Ignace Area Business Association Business Excellence Awards
- June 15, 2022 – Ignace Golf and Country Club NWMO conversations on the greens
- June 30, 2022 – Ignace Family Skate Day
- June 21, 2022 – Ignace Minor Ball
- July 9, 2022 – Ignace Annual Kids Fest
- July 14, 2022 – Ignace Golf and Country Club NWMO conversations on the greens
- July 15, 2022 – Ignace summer kickoff barbecue
- Aug. 3, 2021 – Ignace Youth Advisory Council brainstorming and barbecue event
- Aug. 18, 2022 – Ignace Nursery School scavenger hunt
- Aug. 18, 2022 – Ignace Golf and Country Club NWMO conversations on the greens
- Sept. 9, 2022 – Ignace and Area youth gathering
- Oct. 20, 2022 – Ignace Area Business Association presentation and update

Ignace Community Nuclear Liaison Committee meetings (virtual and in person)

- Jan. 21, 2020
- Feb. 18, 2020
- March 17, 2020
- May 19, 2020
- June 16, 2020
- July 21, 2020
- Sept. 15, 2020
- Oct. 20, 2020
- Nov. 17, 2020
- Jan. 19, 2021
- Feb. 23, 2021

- March 16, 2021
- April 27, 2021
- May 18, 2021
- June 9, 2021
- July 14, 2021
- Sept. 8, 2021
- Oct. 13, 2021
- Nov. 10, 2021
- Jan. 12, 2022
- Feb. 9, 2022
- March 9, 2022
- April 13, 2022
- May 11, 2022
- July 13, 2022
- Sept. 14, 2022
- Oct. 12, 2022
- Nov. 9, 2022

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO – IGNACE AREA

City of Dryden learning series

- Oct. 30, 2020 – Borehole findings
- Nov. 9, 2020 – Surface facilities and project design
- Dec. 2, 2020 – Transportation
- Dec. 14, 2020 – Draft transportation planning framework
- Jan. 28, 2021 – Introduction to Canada's plan
- March 24, 2021 – Reconciliation
- April 15, 2021 – Safety case
- May 19, 2021 – Journey of water
- June 8, 2021 – Surface facilities
- Oct. 19, 2021 – Borehole experiment
- Nov. 30, 2021 – Youth engagement
- Jan. 19, 2022 – Community studies
- Feb. 23, 2022 – Regional engagement planning
- March 23, 2022 – Municipal Forum
- April 21, 2022 – Environmental baseline studies
- May 17, 2022 – Road map to partnership
- Dec. 7, 2022 – Confidence in Safety

City of Dryden Council – Presentation and update

- April 12, 2021

City of Dryden – Nuclear Symposium

- Sept. 28-29, 2022

City of Dryden panel discussion

- Dec. 7, 2021

Dryden Fall Fair

- Aug. 26-28, 2021
- Aug. 25-27, 2022

Dryden Fall Fest – Harvest Hay Day

- Oct. 17, 2020
- Oct. 2, 2021
- Oct. 1, 2022

Dryden Nuclear Education and Engagement Committee presentation

- June 21, 2022

Dryden Rotary Club

- Sept. 30, 2020

Dryden Home and Leisure Show

- May 13-14, 2022

Dryden Midnight Madness and Annual Parade

- Nov. 25, 2022

Township of Red Rock Municipal Council presentation and update

- Oct. 17, 2022

Canadian Lakehead Exhibition

- Aug. 10-14, 2022

Opportunities Northwest Job Fair

- March 31, 2022

Dymont (Melgund Local Services Board) presentation and update

- Oct. 15, 2020
- Oct. 25, 2022

International Rainy-Lake of the Woods Board Community Advisory Group

- Nov. 23, 2021
- Feb. 8, 2022
- April 26, 2022

International Rainy-Lake of the Woods Board Industry Advisory Group

- March 18, 2021

Kenora District Municipal Association Presentation

- Jan. 20, 2022

Oxdrift Local Services Board Presentation

- Nov. 22, 2022

Thunder Bay Municipal Council presentation and update

- July 18, 2022

Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce

- Feb. 12, 2020 – Chairs reception and Annual General Meeting
- Aug. 12, 2021 – Golf Classic
- May 26, 2022 – Business Excellence Awards
- July 19, 2022 – Golf Classic

Township of Atikokan presentation and update

- May 31, 2021

Upsala Annual Fall Fair

- Sept. 11, 2021
- Sept. 24, 2022

Upsala Local Services Board presentation and update

- March 9, 2020
- Nov. 3, 2022

Commee Township – Presentation to Mayor and Council

- Feb. 25, 2020

Municipality of Neebing – Presentation to Mayor and Council

- March 4, 2020

Municipality of Shuniah – Presentation to Mayor and Council

- March 10, 2020

Township of O'Connor – Presentation to Council

- Sept. 28, 2020

Central Canada Resource Expo

- Sept. 14-15, 2022

SOUTHERN ONTARIO – SOUTH BRUCE

South Bruce Community Liaison Committee

- Feb. 6, 2020
- March 5, 2020
- June 18, 2020
- July 9, 2020
- Aug. 6, 2020
- Sept. 3, 2020
- Oct. 8, 2020
- Nov. 5, 2020
- Dec. 3, 2020
- Feb. 4, 2021
- March 4, 2021
- April 1, 2021
- May 7, 2021
- June 1, 2021
- July 8, 2021
- Aug. 5, 2021
- Sept. 2, 2021
- Oct. 7, 2021
- Nov. 4, 2021
- Dec. 2, 2021
- Feb. 3, 2022
- April 7, 2022
- May 5, 2022
- May 19, 2022
- June 2, 2022

- June 6, 2022
- July 7, 2022
- July 21, 2022
- Aug. 4, 2022
- Aug. 18, 2022
- Sept. 1, 2022
- Oct. 6, 2022
- Nov. 3, 2022

SOUTHERN ONTARIO (in person)

- Feb. 17, 2022 – Community maildrop and media release
- March 3, 2022 – South Bruce Community Liaison Committee meeting presentation – Property Value Protection
- March 16, 2022 – Property Value Protection virtual open house
- April 9, 2022 – South Bruce, Belmore Maple Syrup Festival
- May 7, 2022 – South Bruce, Teeswater Kinsmen Fishing Derby
- May 28, 2022 – South Bruce, Mildmay – “Grey Bruce” Defeat Depression 5K walk/run
- July 29, 2022 – South Bruce, Formosa Homecoming Reunion
- June 24, 2022 – South Bruce, Mildmay Touch-a-truck event with MLMC
- June 8, 2019 – South Bruce, Mildmay in Motion
- Aug. 27-29, 2021 – South Bruce, Teeswater Fall Fair
- Aug. 19-22, 2022 – South Bruce, Teeswater Fall Fair
- Sept. 11, 2022 – South Bruce, Mildmay Fall Fair
- Oct. 15, 2022 – South Bruce, Formosa Multi-Purpose Pad ribbon cutting ceremony
- Nov. 18, 2022 – South Bruce, Belmore Wing Night
- Nov. 25, 2022 – South Bruce, Mildmay Hanging of the Green

SOUTHERN ONTARIO – HURON-KINLOSS AND SOUTH BRUCE AREA

- Sept. 24-26, 2021 – Huron-Kinloss, Ripley Fall Fair
- Oct. 2-3, 2021 – Saugeen Shores, Pumpkin Fest Port Elgin
- April 2, 2022 – Huron-Kinloss, Lucknow Lancers three-on-three hockey tournament
- June 18, 2022 – North Huron, Blyth Rutabaga Festival
- Sept. 23, 2022 – Huron-Kinloss, Ripley Fall Fair
- Oct. 1, 2022 – Saugeen Shores, Pumpkin Fest Port Elgin

TOURS TO THE NWMO DISCOVERY AND DEMONSTRATION CENTRE

- July 20, 2022 – Municipality of South Bruce Nuclear Exploration Team
- Aug. 17, 2022 – South Bruce NextGen Group
- Sept. 22, 2022 – South Bruce community members
- Nov. 23, 2022 – South Bruce community members

NWMO MOBILE LEARN MORE CENTRE

Throughout 2020-22, NWMO engagement was supported by our Mobile Learn More Centre – a one-stop shop for learning about Canada’s plan for the safe, long-term management of used nuclear fuel. Informative and exciting exhibits, models, diagrams and 3D displays are included throughout the exhibit to support conversations and lead discussions with community members in both areas.

Ignace region

- Aug. 17-20, 2020 – Ignace Learn More Centre
- Aug. 20-21, 2020 – Wabigoon
- Sept. 1-3, 2020 – Ignace Learn More Centre
- Sept. 14-17, 2020 – Dryden
- Sept. 17, 2020 – Dymont
- July 5, 2021 – Ignace Learn More Centre
- July 6, 2021 – Ignace Learn More Centre
- July 7, 2021 – Métis Nation of Ontario Atikokan Council, Recreation and Wellness Centre
- July 8, 2021 – Métis Nation of Ontario Atikokan Council, Recreation and Wellness Centre
- July 9, 2021 – Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation
- July 10, 2021 – Fort Frances Memorial Sports Centre
- July 11, 2021 – Fort Frances Memorial Sports Centre
- July 12, 2021 – Sunset Country Métis Hall – Fort Frances
- July 13, 2021 – Sioux Lookout Chamber of Commerce Tourist Information Centre
- July 14, 2021 – Sioux Lookout Chamber of Commerce Tourist Information Centre
- July 15, 2021 – Sioux Narrows – Northern Ontario Sport Fishing Centre
- July 16, 2021 – Kenora Métis Council Office
- July 17, 2021 – Kenora Recreation Centre
- July 18, 2021 – Kenora Recreation Centre
- July 19, 2021 – Agimak Beach, Ignace
- July 20, 2021 – Van Horne Landing, Dryden
- July 21, 2021 – Wabauskang First Nation
- July 22, 2021 – Township of Ear Falls Municipal Office
- July 23, 2021 – Municipality of Machin Municipal Office
- July 24, 2021 – Oxdrift Community Hall
- July 25, 2021 – Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation
- July 26, 2021 – Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation
- July 27, 2021 – Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation
- July 28, 2021 – Ignace Learn More Centre
- July 29, 2021 – Ignace Learn More Centre
- July 30, 2021 – Ignace Golf and Country Club
- July 31, 2021 – Silver Dollar Inn and Campground
- Aug. 18, 2021 – Fort Frances Marina
- Aug. 19, 2021 – Agimak Beach, Ignace
- Aug. 20, 2021 – Inwood Park and Campground, Upsala
- Aug. 21, 2021 – Inwood Park and Campground, Upsala
- Aug. 22, 2021 – Wabigoon Métis Cultural Centre
- Aug. 23, 2021 – Wabigoon Memorial Hall
- Aug. 24, 2021 – Dryden Native Friendship Centre
- Aug. 25, 2021 – Dryden Agricultural Fair Grounds
- Aug. 26, 2021 – Dryden Agricultural Fair Grounds
- Aug. 27, 2021 – Dryden Agricultural Fair Grounds
- Aug. 28, 2021 – Dryden Agricultural Fair Grounds
- Aug. 29, 2021 – Lac Seul First Nation
- Aug. 30, 2021 – Lac Seul First Nation

- Aug. 31, 2021 – Lac Seul First Nation
- Sept. 1, 2021 – Ojibway Nation of Saugeen
- Sept. 2, 2021 – Ojibway Nation of Saugeen
- Sept. 3, 2021 – Dymment Community Hall
- Sept. 27, 2021 – Lakehead University
- Sept. 28, 2021 – Lakehead University
- Sept. 29, 2021 – Lakehead University
- Oct. 2, 2021 – Shuniah Recreation Centre
- Oct. 4, 2021 – Victoria Inn and Conference Centre
- Oct. 5, 2021 – Victoria Inn and Conference Centre
- Oct. 6, 2021 – Victoria Inn and Conference Centre
- Oct. 7, 2021 – Victoria Inn and Conference Centre
- Oct. 8, 2021 – Fort William First Nation
- April 26, 2022 – Fort Frances
- May 17-18, 2022 – Atikokan
- May 19, 2022 – Dryden
- May 20, 2022 – Dryden
- May 23, 2022 – Sioux Narrows/Nestor Falls
- May 24-27, 2022 – Kenora
- July 4, 2022 – Ignace Tourist Information Centre
- July 7, 2022 – Dryden
- July 8, 2022 – Ignace Learn More Centre
- July 9, 2022 – Ignace Learn More Centre
- July 11, 2022 – Ear Falls
- July 12, 2022 – Vermilion Bay
- July 15, 2022 – Métis Cultural Centre, Wabigoon
- July 16, 2022 – Wabigoon Memorial Hall
- July 18-19, 2022 – Sioux Lookout
- July 21-22, 2022 – Intercity Shopping Centre, Thunder Bay
- Aug. 4-27, 2022 – Dryden Agricultural Fair Grounds
- Sept. 2, 2022 – Silver Dollar Inn and Campground
- Sept. 3, 2022 – Dymment Community Hall
- Sept. 6, 2022 – Little Falls Municipal Golf Course, Atikokan
- Sept. 7, 2022 – Ignace Tourist Information Centre
- Sept. 8-9, 2022 – Fire Con, Thunder Bay
- Sept. 12-13, 2022 – Lakehead University, Thunder Bay
- Sept. 14-15, 2022 – Central Canada Resource Expo, Thunder Bay
- Sept. 16, 2022 – Confederation College, Thunder Bay
- Sept. 18, 2022 – Sunset Country Métis Council
- Sept. 24, 2022 – Upsala Community Hall

South Bruce region

- Sept. 22, 2020 – Teeswater
- Sept. 23, 2020 – Teeswater
- Sept. 24, 2020 – Teeswater
- Sept. 25, 2020 – Mildmay
- Sept. 26, 2020 – Mildmay
- Sept. 28, 2020 – Belmore
- Aug. 9, 2021 – Mildmay
- Aug. 10, 2021 – Mildmay
- Aug. 11, 2021 – Belmore
- Aug. 12, 2021 – Formosa
- Aug. 13, 2021 – Teeswater

- Aug. 14, 2021 – Teeswater
- Sept. 9, 2021 – Métis Nation of Ontario Barrie South-Simcoe Métis Council
- Sept. 11, 2021 – Métis Nation of Ontario Great Lakes Métis Council
- Sept. 12, 2021 – Métis Nation of Ontario Georgian Bay Métis Council
- June 4, 2021 – Mildmay Touch-a-truck
- June 19, 2021 – Georgian Bay Métis Council
- June 28, 2021 – Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries golf tournament
- Oct. 3, 2021 – Centre of Expertise, Teeswater
- Oct. 4, 2021 – Centre of Expertise, Mildmay
- Oct. 15, 2021 – Formosa multi-pad event

YOUTH OUTREACH

Engagement with youth

During the reporting period, the NWMO conducted numerous in-depth conversations with a cross-section of community members and people in the broader area. Communities, together with the NWMO, purposefully sought to engage youth on the project in order to facilitate learning and capacity building. Youth have been engaged through open houses, school-based programs, group presentations and participation in Learn More tours. Each year, an annual youth engagement report is published on the NWMO website.

In 2020 and 2021, the NWMO co-developed with each of the Township of Ignace and the Municipality of South Bruce their own youth engagement strategies. Working groups identified youth engagement challenges, opportunities and goals. The collaborative result was youth-developed strategies that encourage positive participation, capacity building and mutual learning while fostering community opportunities for youth engagement, skills training and sharing of ideas. These strategies will continue to foster open dialogue, and working sessions will continue to prioritize youth voices and enable youth leaders to:

- Provide youth with meaningful opportunities for learning, understanding and involvement in their community;
- Provide opportunities for youth to learn about, participate in and provide feedback on the NWMO and the APM project;
- Build capacity through investments in training and education;
- Identify a network of resources that will facilitate and support youth-led voices; and
- Provide multiple engagement pathways that can sustain fun and engaging events and activities.

Youth outreach summary

Youth outreach is broad and supports overall awareness and understanding about the project. Below are activities where youth from siting areas and beyond participated in activities to learn more about the project and participate in their community.

South Bruce

- March 5, 2022 – South Bruce NextGen – Borehole tour and trivia
- April 2, 2022 – Lucknow Lancer's annual three-on-three hockey tournament
- April 9, 2022 – Belmore Maple Syrup Festival
- May 13, 2022 – Teeswater Kinsmen 29th Annual Kids Fishing Derby
- May 25, 2022 – #NextGenNetwork town-wide garbage cleanup
- May 28, 2022 – Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority community outreach and demonstration of water quality monitoring
- May 30-31, 2022 – GENESIS macrophyte sampling
- June 4, 2022 – Municipality of South Bruce touch-a-truck family event
- July 27, 2002 – Bruce Power Visitors' Centre – Summer student education presentation

- July 28, 2022 – Sponsored public swim and youth engagement
- Aug. 5, 2022 – Sponsored public swim and youth engagement, Mildmay
- Aug. 17, 2022 – South Bruce NextGen youth group – Oakville tour and tour of McMaster reactor
- Aug. 18, 2022 – Outdoor movie night, Teeswater Fall Fair
- Aug. 19, 2022 – Sponsored public swim and youth engagement, Teeswater
- Aug. 20, 2022 – Teeswater Fall Fair Baby Show
- Aug. 25, 2022 – Music in the Fields
- Sept. 23-24, 2022 – Ripley Fall Fair, Huron-Kinloss
- Sept. 24, 2022 – Blyth Rutabaga Festival
- Sept. 9, 2022 – Nuclear Innovation Institute's SWERVE Technology and Innovation Festival
- Oct. 1, 2022 – Port Elgin Pumpkin Fest
- Oct. 1, 2022 – Mildmay Stout and Kraut
- Oct. 15, 2022 – Formosa Multi-Use Pad Grand Opening (family/volunteer appreciation)
- Oct. 23, 2022 – Lake Huron Chess Club's 2022 Lake Huron ProAm Tournament
- Nov. 25, 2022 – Mildmay Hanging of the Green Christmas Festivities

Ignace

- Aug. 18, 2020 – Youth project visioning virtual workshop
- Sept. 1, 2020 – Youth project visioning golf event
- Sept. 11, 2020 – Youth project visioning golf event
- Oct. 14, 2020 – Ignace School Grades 7 and 8 science class – Used Fuel Transportation Package presentation
- Oct. 15, 2020 – Ignace School student lunch and learn – Draft transportation planning framework
- Oct. 27, 2020 – Ignace School Grades 7 and 8 science class – Robust Packaging Drop Test Event
- Dec. 12, 2020 – Warming up to youth engagement coffee chat
- Jan. 25, 2021 – Dryden High School civics class presentation
- Jan. 25, 2021 – Dryden High School civics class presentation
- Feb. 26, 2021 – Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) Innovation Creativity and Entrepreneurship (ICE) Asynchronous Training Module Support
- March 24, 2021 – Open Roads School – Grades 6/7 class presentation
- June 1, 2021 – Ignace School Grades 1 and 2 career chat – Geologists
- July 30, 2021 – Ignace youth golf event
- Aug. 3, 2021 – Youth Advisory Council brainstorming and barbecue event
- Sept. 3, 2021 – Lakehead University field school tour
- Sept. 9, 2021 – Lakehead University field school borehole tours
- Sept. 25, 2021 – Ignace and Area youth gathering
- Oct. 14, 2021 – Dryden High School
- Nov. 25, 2021 – Borehole site tour – Ignace School Grade 9 geography class
- Nov. 25, 2021 – Borehole site tour – Ignace School Grades 11 and 12 biology class
- Dec. 9, 2021 – Borehole site tour – Ignace School Grade 10 science class
- Jan. 11, 2022 – Ignace School nuclear presentation
- Jan. 18, 2022 – Red Lake High School SHSM mining program presentation
- Feb. 11, 2022 – University of Manitoba Canadian Geotechnical Society student chapter geoscience/hydrogeology presentation
- March 1, 2022 – Youth economic, community and culture community studies workshop
- June 30, 2022 – Township of Ignace summer students safety case presentation
- July 14, 2022 – Youth Golf Day – Ignace Golf and Country Club
- July 19, 2022 – A Night With the Bats (Toronto Zoo)
- July 21, 2022 – Bats: The real stars of the night (Toronto Zoo)
- Aug. 2, 2022 – NWMO Explore and Grow Youth Day Camp – I am a Naturalist
- Aug. 3, 2022 – NWMO Explore and Grow Youth Day Camp – Winged Wonders
- Aug. 4, 2022 – NWMO Explore and Grow Youth Day Camp – Cultural Day
- Aug. 5, 2022 – NWMO Explore and Grow Youth Day Camp – Rock Your World!

- Aug. 22, 2022 – Lakehead University Field School
- Sept. 9, 2022 – Ignace Area youth gathering
- Sept. 12, 2022 – Lakehead University presentation on engineered barriers science and the Ontario Research Fund
- Sept. 13, 2022 – Lakehead University update on site characterization activities
- Sept. 16, 2022 – Mobile Learn More Centre – Confederation College Campus
- Oct. 11, 2022 – Conseil Scolaire de District Catholique des Aurores Boréales Learn More Centre presentation
- Oct. 11-14, 2022 – Conseil Scolaire de District Catholique des Aurores Boréales Learn More tour
- Oct. 26, 2022 – Ignace School Grade 6 community and culture presentation
- Oct. 26, 2022 – Ignace School Grades 7 and 8 Indigenous awareness presentation
- Nov. 24, 2022 – Dryden High School civics class presentation
- Dec. 6, 2022 – Presentation to St. Patrick High School, Thunder Bay
- Jan. 25, 2020 – Family Literacy Day Parents, Playtime and Pancakes
- June 1, 2020 – Quaranteen Bags
- Oct. 24, 2020 – Laura Howe Haunt
- Dec. 17, 2020 – Christmas Cheer Delivery
- May 7, 2021 – Northwestern Health Unit – Ignace Community COVID Vaccination Clinic
- Sept. 16, 2021 – Dryden Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Campaign
- Oct. 18-29, 2021 – NWMO Treat or Eat Event
- Nov. 13, 2021 – Ignace Community Nuclear Liaison Committee Robotics Day
- Nov. 18, 2021 – Science North Roadshow Event
- Nov. 18, 2021 – Christmas Cheer Stuff a Cruiser Event
- Nov. 22, 2021 – Medical Literacy Day Event
- Dec. 7-9, 2021 – Contact North G1 Prep Course
- Dec. 11, 2021 – Ignace Annual Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony
- Feb. 21, 2022 – Family Day Chili Cook Off Judging
- March 15, 2022 – Early Investments in Education and Skills (EIES) Mini Essential Skills – Résumé writing workshop
- March 21, 2022 – EIES Mini Essential Skills – Job interview training and job search skills
- March 22, 2022 – Ignace Community Nuclear Liaison Committee youth gaming night
- March 25, 2022 – Ignace Community Nuclear Liaison Committee family movie night
- June 15, 2022 – Ignace Annual Bike Rodeo
- Sept. 22, 2022 – Dryden Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Campaign
- Oct. 3-28, 2022 – NWMO Treat or Eat Event
- Dec. 3, 2022 – Annual Christmas Parade, hot chocolate and cookies
- Dec. 16, 2022 – Ignace Early ON Play Group with Santa
- Dec. 17, 2022 – Christmas Cheer Food Hamper Delivery support
- 2020-22 – Teens in Motion support

NWMO Discovery and Demonstration Centre tours

- November 2021 – Township of Ignace Municipal staff
- Sept. 19, 2022 – Township of Ignace Municipal staff
- Oct. 11, 2022 – Conseil Scolaire de District Catholique des Aurores Boréales

Community liaison committee (CLC) youth members

The Community liaison committee (CLC) is a group that serves as a bridge between the community and Canada's plan for used nuclear fuel. The committee is made up of volunteer members who are appointed by the municipal council. The NWMO supports all the CLC members and especially its youth members who are looking to better understand Canada's plan for used nuclear fuel and make a difference in their community.

In Ignace and South Bruce, youth members sit on the committee to provide an important perspective for ongoing conversations about the project and to ensure the next generation has access to the process.

2020

- South Bruce – Two students

2021

- Ignace – One student
- South Bruce – Two students

2022

- Ignace – One student
- South Bruce – Two students

Resources programs – The NWMO Learn More Program

In 2009, the NWMO created a Learn More Program to provide funding to those communities, organizations and individuals seeking assistance in learning more about the NWMO and APM project. The NWMO has committed to ensuring that communities have the resources they need to participate in the siting process and to not be out-of-pocket for their participation.

Throughout the site selection process, additional resources have been made available with the intent of:

- More broadly and deeply involving community members in learning;
- Building and strengthening relationships with nearby First Nation and Métis communities;
- Engaging with neighbouring communities to discuss how the project may best fit in the area, and be implemented in a way that addresses the priorities, needs and sensitivities of community members; and
- Making investments in the well-being of communities while participating in advanced studies.

For 2020-22, resources available to support interested communities' participation in the siting process include:

- **Funding for administrative expenses associated with co-ordinating community Learn More activities:** This may include costs associated with dedicated support staff, administrative expenses for a community working group, and expenses of existing staff related to the NWMO process.
- **Funding to participate in conferences, learning events and workshops:** Funding to cover participation in learning events, dialogues and workshops organized by the NWMO, as well as conferences that bring together researchers, implementers, regulators and/or other specialists to share information in this area.
- **Community youth initiatives and youth engagement:** The NWMO covers costs associated with involvement of youth in community learning and decision-making.
- **Community strategic planning activities:** Funding to develop and/or augment existing long-term strategic plans in order to support their further consideration of the project.
- **Support for visits to interim storage facility for community representatives:** The NWMO covers travel expenses for representatives in communities involved in the site selection process to visit an interim waste storage facility in Ontario or other nearby facility.
- **Funding to support future community decision-making,** including access to third-party training/skills development and advice to represent community interests in discussions with the NWMO.

- **Funding to support shared learning and shared planning initiatives in the area**, including marketing/research studies to examine the impacts of relocating trades/professionals to the community, tourism development, business expansion, and retention.
- **Community Well-Being Reserve Funds.** The NWMO makes an annual financial contribution to the Community Well-Being Reserve Funds of communities in advanced studies and their significant neighbours. Administered by the community, these funds are intended to support the community's continuing efforts to build community sustainability and well-being, to support capacity-building to participate in discussions to explore partnership with the NWMO, and to host the project in the future through the development of transferable skills. The financial contribution is made to the Community Well-Being Reserve Funds established for this purpose or to a similar mechanism. Communities provide a report to the NWMO on use of the funds on an annual basis. This reporting is accessible to community members upon request and to the municipality or First Nation community. This approach is consistent with the NWMO's commitment to ensuring transparency and good governance.
- The **Near-Term Investments in Community Social and Physical Infrastructure Projects** complements other Learn More resource programs and offers funding to communities for eligible near-term social and physical infrastructure investment projects as they move into more intensive phases of study in the site selection process. Eligible First Nation communities and municipalities that are interested in participating in this program are invited to submit a business case for near-term investment projects they want to implement. The NWMO will review individual proposals based on the following considerations: 1. Broad benefit; 2. Sustainability; 3. Benefits are clear and reasonable; 4. Project is achievable; 5. Alternative funding; and 6. Future costs are managed.
- **Early Investments in Education and Skills (EIES):** Funding is provided to support specific initiatives that build community capacity to participate in the APM project long term, as well as to develop transferable skills that may be used in other workplaces and projects. Support is provided for youth programs and community members via funding for various STEM initiatives, as well as for general skills development, training programs and education assistance.
- **Sponsorships and donations:** Funding is available to support a wide variety of local and regional initiatives in areas such as education, environment, cultural initiatives and youth sports.

Support is also available for immediately neighbouring communities for a subset of activities. For more information on available resources, please visit the [Resources to Support Participation \(Funding and Expertise\)](#) page on our website.

Community liaison committees (CLCs) and community offices as of Dec. 31, 2022

The NWMO worked with CLCs to facilitate learning in the community and worked collaboratively, where able, on preliminary assessment studies, engagement planning, and the planning and implementation of technical studies. This involved participation in monthly meetings and the agendas and minutes of which are posted on the website of the individual committee.

Community liaison committees

- Ignace Community Nuclear Liaison Committee
- South Bruce Community Liaison Committee

Community liaison committee websites as of Dec. 31, 2022

- [Huron-Kinloss Nuclear Waste Community Advisory Committee](#)
- [Ignace Community Nuclear Liaison Committee](#)
- [South Bruce Community Liaison Committee](#)

Planning for dialogue on transportation

As the site selection process advances, it continues to be important to engage siting communities and those with an interest in transportation. Based on feedback from Canadians and Indigenous communities, we have developed an inclusive transportation planning process. Our approach is described in a transportation planning framework, which was released in draft in 2020, revised in 2021, followed by the release of the *Preliminary transportation plan*. In 2020 and 2021, many conferences were either cancelled or occurred virtually. Transportation-specific activities between 2020 and 2022 have included the following:

Conferences, trade shows and meetings

Association of Ontario Road Supervisors Trade Show

- 2020 and 2021 (cancelled)
- 2022 Annual Trade Show (Barrie)
- Canadian Nuclear Society
- June 2022 Annual Conference (virtual), panel presentation – Incorporation of Indigenous Knowledge into transportation planning panel presentation

Municipal conferences

- 2020 (virtual), 2021 (virtual), 2022 (Ottawa) – Association of Municipalities of Ontario Annual Conference and Trade Show
- Feb. 26, 2021 (virtual) – Rural Ontario Municipal Association – Presentation on draft planning framework
- May 9, 2022 (North Bay) – Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities – Presentation at Annual Conference and Trade Show
- May 28, 2022 (Fort Frances) – Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association – Presentation at 2022 Annual Conference and Trade Show
- Emergency Response Organizations and Trade Shows
- Northwest Response Forum (postponed to 2023)
- 2020 (cancelled), 2021 (cancelled), 2022 (cancelled) – Northeastern Fire Education Conference
- 2020 (cancelled), 2021 (cancelled), Sept. 7-9, 2022 (Thunder Bay) – FireCon
- May 5-7, 2022 – Association of Ontario Fire Chiefs Annual Trade Show

Ontario Good Roads Association Conference

- Feb. 23-26, 2020 (Toronto) – Annual Conference and Trade Show
- Feb. 22, 2021 (virtual) – Annual Conference and Trade Show – Transportation framework presentation
- April 11, 2022 (Toronto) – Annual Conference and Trade Show – Transportation plan presentation

Dialogue with interested communities and organizations

2020

- Jan. 28, 2020 – Transportation update to Métis Nation of Ontario Community Consultation Committee
- Feb. 4, 2020 – Transportation update to Seine River First Nation
- Feb. 5, 2020 – Transportation update to Red Gut First Nation
- Feb. 22, 2020 – Transportation update to Congress of Aboriginal Peoples, New Brunswick
- March 10, 2020 – Transportation update to Municipality of Shuniah

- May 19, 2020 – Transportation update to Assembly of First Nations
- Aug. 7, 2020 – Draft transportation framework presentation to Council of Elders and Youth (now known as Council of Knowledge Holders)
- Aug. 17, 2020 – Draft framework released with accompanying survey seeking public input
- Aug. 20, 2020 – Mobile exhibit and transportation discussion with Wabigoon Local Services Board
- Aug. 26, 2020 – Draft transportation framework overview with MPP (Thunder Bay–Atikokan)
- Sept. 3, 2020 – Draft transportation framework presentation to Municipal Forum
- Sept. 3, 2020 – Draft transportation framework overview with MPP (Ottawa–Vanier)
- Sept. 4, 2020 – Ongoing dialogue with Council of Elders and Youth (now known as Council of Knowledge Holders)
- Sept. 8, 2020 – Mobile exhibit and transportation discussion with Treaty 3 membership
- Sept. 9, 2020 – Presentation on the NWMO's approach to transportation to Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation
- Sept. 15, 2020 – Draft transportation framework presentation to Ignace Community Nuclear Liaison Committee
- Sept. 16, 2020 – Draft transportation framework presentation to Realtor's Association of Grey Bruce Owen Sound
- Sept. 18, 2020 – Draft transportation framework presentation to Ontario Good Roads Association Board of Directors
- Sept. 22, 2020 – Draft framework workshop (Ignace and area first responders)
- Sept. 23-27, 2020 – Draft framework workshops (Ignace)
- Sept. 28-29, 2020 – Draft framework workshop (former siting communities)
- Sept. 30, 2020 – Draft framework presentation to Dryden Rotary Club
- Oct. 8, 2020 – Draft framework presentation to South Bruce Community Liaison Committee
- Oct. 13-14, 2020 – Transportation package testing presentation to Ignace teachers, students and Grade 7/8 science class
- Oct. 26, 2020 – Draft framework workshop (Métis Nation of Ontario Region 9)
- Oct. 27, 2020 – Egg-drop competition with Ignace Grade 7/8 science class (demonstrating importance of package testing)
- Oct. 27, 2020 – Draft framework presentation to Lac Seul community advisor
- Oct. 26-Nov. 6, 2020 – Transportation framework materials at South Bruce open houses
- Nov. 4, 2020 – Draft framework workshop (Métis Nation of Ontario Region 4)
- Nov. 18, 2020 – Draft framework workshop (Métis Nation of Ontario Region 5)
- Nov. 25, 2020 – Draft framework workshop (Métis Nation of Ontario Region 3)
- Nov. 26, 2020 – Draft framework presentation to Union of New Brunswick Indians
- Nov. 26, 2020 – Draft framework presentation to Ontario Small Urban Municipalities Board
- Dec. 2, 2020 – Draft framework workshop (Métis Nation of Ontario Region 8)
- Dec. 3, 2020 – Draft framework workshop with youth from Council of Elders and Youth (now known as Council of Knowledge Holders)
- Dec. 9, 2020 – Draft framework workshop (Métis Nation of Ontario Region 6)
- Dec. 15, 2020 – Draft framework workshop (Métis Nation of Ontario Region 4)
- Dec. 17, 2020 – Draft framework workshop (Métis Nation of Ontario Region 7)
- Dec. 18, 2020 – Web story about draft framework shared through Ontario Power Generation to 8,000+ nuclear workers in Clarington, Pickering and Kincardine

2021

- Jan. 6, 2021 – First responders working group meeting
- Jan. 13-14, 2021 – Draft framework workshop (Métis Nation of Ontario Region 1)
- Jan. 22, 2021 – Draft framework workshop (Ontario Good Roads Association Board of Directors)
- Jan. 26, 2021 – Draft framework presentation to Rural Ontario Municipal Association
- Feb. 8, 2021 – Article about draft framework in Ontario Good Roads Association publication (Milestones)
- Feb. 12, 2021 – Ongoing dialogue with Council of Elders and Youth (now known as Council of Knowledge Holders)

- March 22, 2021 – First responders update
- May 31, 2021 – Draft framework presentation to Atikokan Council
- June 2, 2021 – Inaugural Community-Based Transportation Working Group meeting (established to implement the framework)
- June 15, 2021 – First responders update
- June 23, 2021 – Ongoing dialogue with Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation
- July 5, 2021 – Draft framework presentation to Durham Region Nuclear Advisory Committee
- July 14, 2021 – Accident case study presentation to Ignace Community Nuclear Liaison Committee
- July 15, 2021 – Transportation framework discussions at Mobile Learn More Centre tour (Sioux Narrows)
- July 16-17, 2021 – Transportation framework discussions at Mobile Learn More Centre tour (Kenora Métis Council and Kenora)
- July 28, 2021 – Transportation booth at Ignace open house
- Oct. 6, 2021 – Draft transportation framework and conceptual transportation system presentation to the Environmental Review Group
- Oct. 12, 2021 – Second Community-Based Transportation Working Group meeting
- Nov. 26, 2021 – First responders workshop
- Nov. 30, 2021 – Transportation update to Environmental Review Group

2022

- Feb. 16, 2022 – Transportation framework presentation to Union of New Brunswick Indians Board
- Feb. 28 and March 3, 2022 – Participation in New Brunswick Power open houses
- March 9, 2022 – Transportation framework and preliminary plan presentation (Ignace Community Nuclear Liaison Committee)
- April 10-13, 2022 – Transportation framework and preliminary plan presentation (Ontario Good Roads Association)
- April 12, 2022 – Transportation framework and preliminary plan presentation (Métis Nation of Ontario Region 1)
- April 27-29, 2022 – Transportation framework and preliminary plan presentation (Northern Ontario Municipal Association)
- May 3, 2022 – Community-Based Transportation Working Group meeting
- May 5, 2022 – First responders workshop
- May 10, 2022 – Transportation framework and preliminary plan presentation (Federation of Northern Municipalities)
- May 10, 2022 – Transportation framework and preliminary plan presentation (webinar to northwestern Ontario)
- May 19, 2022 – Ongoing dialogue with Council of Elders and Youth (now known as Council of Knowledge Holders)
- May 25, 2022 – Transportation framework and preliminary plan presentation (Métis Nation of Ontario Region 7)
- June 6, 2022 – Transportation framework and preliminary plan presentation (Union of New Brunswick Indians)
- June 7, 2022 – Transportation framework and preliminary plan presentation (Bruce County Public Works)
- June 7, 2022 – Transportation framework and preliminary plan presentation (Tribal Radioactive Materials Forum in United States)
- June 8, 2022 – Participation in National Transportation Stakeholders Forum (United States)
- June 8, 2022 – Indigenous Knowledge and transportation presentation (Canadian Nuclear Society)
- June 16, 2022 – Transportation dialogue at meeting organized by Algonquins of Pikwakanagan (Ottawa)
- July 6, 2022 – Transportation dialogue at Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation Youth Forum

- July 7, 2022 – Transportation framework and preliminary plan presentation and accident case study presentation at the Get to know the NWMO event (Dryden)
- July 8, 2022 – Transportation booth at Ignace open house
- July 15, 2022 – Transportation framework and preliminary plan presentation to Iroquois Caucus
- July 29, 2022 – Continued dialogue with Iroquois Caucus Annual General Assembly
- Aug. 12, 2022 – Transportation booth at Meet the Experts Day with Bruce County senior management
- Aug. 23-26, 2022 – Continued dialogue with Council of Knowledge Holders
- Sept. 9, 2022 – Transportation framework and preliminary plan presentation (Ministry of Transportation, Thunder Bay)
- Sept. 20-26, 2022 – Community-Based Transportation Working Group meeting
- Sept. 25, 2022 – Transportation framework and preliminary plan presentation to Ontario Coalition of Indigenous Peoples
- Oct. 17, 2022 – Transportation presentation to Red Rock Mayor and Council
- Oct. 21, 2022 – Transportation framework and preliminary plan presentation (Saugeen Ojibway Nation Joint Chiefs Council)
- Oct. 24, 2021 – Transportation framework and preliminary plan presentation (Dryden Native Friendship Centre)
- Oct. 26, 2022 – Discussion about cybersecurity with individual from Mamaweswen Tribal Council
- Nov. 13, 2022 – Transportation framework and preliminary plan presentation (Métis Nation of Ontario Region 7)
- Nov. 16-18, 2022 – Ongoing dialogue with Council of Knowledge Holders
- Nov. 17, 2022 – Transportation framework and preliminary plan presentation (Métis Nation of Ontario Region 2)
- Nov. 22, 2022 – Transportation framework and preliminary plan presentation (Métis Nation of Ontario Region 5)
- Nov. 22, 2022 – Community-Based Transportation Working Group meeting

Public attitude research

- [2020 workshops \(non-Indigenous\)](#)
- [2020 workshops \(Indigenous\)](#)

E) Working with municipal associations in nuclear provinces

Throughout 2020 to 2022, the NWMO continued to involve municipal associations in the four nuclear fuel cycle provinces in learning about the implementation of Canada's plan and has sought their advice on engaging with communities.

Municipal Forum

In 2009, with the co-operation of 18 senior leaders from provincial and municipal associations and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the NWMO hosted the first meeting of the Municipal Forum. With their collective experience in both rural and urban municipal affairs across the nuclear fuel cycle provinces, forum members provide valuable insight into communicating and working with local municipalities. Members also facilitate an effective link to the municipal associations and their membership, which includes hundreds of municipal governments.

For most of the period 2020-22, the forum suspended in-person meetings and met virtually, and continued to act as a conduit for insight on best practices for working with local governments and acting as a link to municipal associations and their members. The forum's members helped the NWMO better understand the needs and processes of municipalities. They provided advice towards approaches to partnership, hosting agreements and engagement activities appropriate to municipalities and regions surrounding siting areas.

Meetings of the NWMO Municipal Forum were held on the following dates:

- Jan. 22, 2020
- May 7, 2020
- Sept. 3, 2020
- Jan. 28, 2021
- May 13, 2021
- Oct. 28, 2021
- March 17, 2022

Municipal associations

Through participation at annual conferences as trade show exhibitors, corporate sponsors, delegates and session speakers, the NWMO has developed strong working relationships with federal, provincial and regional municipal associations. In addition to conference participation, the NWMO has been invited to provide briefings to the boards of directors of some of the associations.

Many of the conferences the NWMO usually attends were cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic; however, the NWMO attended annual conferences as identified below, whether in person, virtually or in a hybrid arrangement. These provided opportunities for information exchange with delegates by participating as trade show exhibitors and by providing presentations and briefings as invited. The NWMO was able to enhance this program with the deployment of the Mobile Learn More Centre, 3D models of Used Fuel Container, Used Fuel Transportation Package, and fuel bundle, and the launch of virtual open houses for a municipal stakeholder audience.

Federal

Federation of Canadian Municipalities

- 2021 Conference and Trade Show (Virtual)
- 2022 Conference and Trade Show (Regina)

Provincial

New Brunswick

Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick

- 2022 Annual Conference and Trade Show (Fredericton)

Ontario

Association of Municipalities of Ontario

- 2020 Annual Conference and Trade Show (Virtual)
- 2021 Annual Conference and Trade Show (Virtual)
- 2022 Annual Conference and Trade Show (Ottawa)

Association of Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario

- 2022 Annual Conference and Trade Show (Niagara Falls)

Association of Ontario Road Supervisors

- 2022 Annual Trade Show (Barrie)

Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

- 2022 Annual Conference and Trade Show (North Bay)

Kenora District Municipal Association

- 2020 Annual General Meeting (Sioux Lookout)
- 2022 Annual General Meeting (Virtual)

Northwestern Ontario Municipalities Association

- 2021 Annual Conference and Trade Show (Virtual)
- 2022 Annual Conference and Trade Show (Fort Frances)

Northwest Response Forum

- 2022 Annual Conference and Trade Show

Ontario Good Roads Association

- 2020 Annual Conference and Trade Show (Toronto)
- 2021 Annual Conference and Trade Show (Virtual)
- 2022 Annual Conference and Trade Show (Toronto)

Rural Ontario Municipal Association

- 2020 Combined Conference and Trade Show (Toronto)
- 2021 Combined Conference and Trade Show (Virtual)
- 2022 Combined Conference and Trade Show (Virtual)

F) NWMO communications materials

2020

- Moving towards partnership – Triennial Report 2017 to 2019
- Implementing Adaptive Phased Management 2020 to 2024
- NWMO newsletters
 - NWMO News – Volume 18, Issue 1
 - NWMO News – Volume 18, Issue 2
 - NWMO News – Volume 18, Issue 3
- Backgrounders and brochures
 - What is used nuclear fuel? (2020)
 - Funding Canada's plan for the safe, long-term management of used nuclear fuel (2020)
 - Sponsorships and donations: Local and regional initiatives (March 2020)
 - Preliminary Assessment of Potential Suitability – Initial Borehole Drilling and Testing in South Bruce – Draft for Discussion With Communities (April 2020)
- Watching brief on advanced fuel cycles (2019 update)
- Code of Conduct (November 2020)
- Indigenous Knowledge Policy (July 2020)
- Transparency Policy (July 2020)
- Videos
 - #VoicesOfReconciliation: Implementing Reconciliation (January 2020)
 - NWMO Profiles: Laurie Swami (February 2020)
 - Understanding water and its role in Canada's plan (March 2020)
 - NWMO Profiles: Melissa Mayhew (May 2020)
 - Recognition of Red Dress Day (May 2020)
 - Learning from spirit and ceremony (June 2020)
 - #AskTheNWMO: What is the multiple-barrier system? (August 2020)
 - Implementing Canada's plan (August 2020)
 - Conducting a stacking trial (October 2020)
 - The NWMO is working with Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority to protect groundwater (November 2020)
 - #DidYouKnow: What other countries are doing with their used nuclear fuel? (November 2020)

2021

- Guided by science. Grounded in knowledge. Committed to partnership – Annual Report 2020
- Implementing Adaptive Phased Management 2021 to 2025
- NWMO newsletters
 - NWMO News – August 2021
 - NWMO News – November 2021
- Backgrounders and brochures
 - What is used nuclear fuel? (2021)
 - Funding Canada's plan for the safe, long-term management of used nuclear fuel (2021)
 - Who we are (2021)
- Watching brief on advanced fuel cycles and alternative waste management technology (2020 update)
- Engaging youth – A report on NWMO youth engagement activities (December 2020)
- What we heard: Implementing Canada's plan in 2020 (December 2021)
- What we heard about the draft transportation planning framework (2020-21) (December 2021)
- Moving forward together: Planning framework for the transportation of used nuclear fuel (December 2021)
- Preliminary transportation plan (December 2021)
- Code of Conduct (November 2021)

- Videos
 - o #AskTheNWMO: Transporting Canada's used nuclear fuel (January 2021)
 - o Transportation Packages: Demonstration Trials (March 2021)
 - o Transportation Packages: Testing for Safety (March 2021)
 - o Borehole drilling in South Bruce (March 2021)
 - o NWMO's Oakville proof test facility (November 2021)

2022

- Guided by science. Grounded in knowledge. Committed to partnership – Annual Report 2021
- Implementing Adaptive Phased Management 2022 to 2026
- NWMO newsletters
 - o NWMO News – March 2022
 - o NWMO News – June 2022
 - o NWMO News – November 2022
- NWMO Ignace newsletters
 - o NWMO News – NWMO Ignace fall 2022 update
- NWMO South Bruce newsletters
 - o NWMO News – NWMO South Bruce spring 2022 update
 - o NWMO News – NWMO South Bruce summer 2022 update
 - o NWMO News – NWMO South Bruce fall 2022 update
- Backgrounders and brochures
 - o What is used nuclear fuel? (2022)
 - o Funding Canada's plan for the safe, long-term management of used nuclear fuel (2022)
 - o Programs around the world for managing used nuclear fuel (April 2022)
 - o Who we are (2022)
 - o Safety is everything (2022)
- Watching brief on advanced fuel cycles and alternative waste management technology (2021 update)
- Engaging youth – A report on NWMO youth engagement activities (December 2021)
- What we heard: Implementing Canada's plan in 2021 (April 2022)
- Code of Conduct (November 2022)
- Northwest Community Studies - Workforce Development Study (June 2022)
- Northwest Community Studies - Growing the Population and Opportunities (June 2022)
- Ignace Area Community Studies: Economics and Finance - Labour Baseline (June 2022)
- Ignace Area Community Studies: Economics and Finance - Economic Development Study (July 2022)
- Ignace Area Community Studies: Economics and Finance - Housing Study (July 2022)
- Northwest Community Studies - Ignace and Area Health Services (August 2022)
- Ignace Area Infrastructure: Municipal Infrastructure Study (September 2022)
- Ignace Area Infrastructure - Community Recreation Facilities Study (September 2022)
- Ignace Area Infrastructure: Transportation and Emergency Response Study (October 2022)
- Ignace Area Community Studies - Community and Culture Study (October 2022)
- Ignace Area Infrastructure: Social Services Facilities Study (October 2022)
- Ignace Area Tourism Study (November 2022)
- Aggregate Resources Study Report - Southwestern Ontario Community Study (May 2022)
- Housing Needs & Demand Analysis Study Report - Southwestern Ontario Community (May 2022)
- Labour Baseline Study Report - Southwestern Ontario Community Study (May 2022)
- Workforce Development Study Report - Southwestern Ontario Community Study (May 2022)
- Land Use Study Report - Southwestern Ontario Community Study (May 2022)
- Infrastructure Baseline and Feasibility Study Report - Southwestern Ontario Community Study (June 2022)
- Local/Regional Education Study Report - Southwestern Ontario Community Study (July 2022)
- Local Traffic Study Report - Southwestern Ontario Community Study (July 2022)
- Road Conditions Study Report – Southwestern Ontario Community Study (July 2022)

- Vulnerable Populations and Social Programs Studies Report – Southwestern Ontario Community Study (September 2022)
- Regional Economic Development Study Report – Southwestern Ontario Community Study (October 2022)
- Emergency Services Study Report - Southwestern Ontario Community Study (October 2022)
- Videos
 - o Full-scale emplacement trial (April 2022)
 - o Protecting water together: Joanne Jacyk (October 2022)
 - o #DidYouKnow: What is radiation? (November 2022)
 - o #DidYouKnow: What is used nuclear fuel? (November 2022)
 - o #DidYouKnow: How is used nuclear fuel stored today in Canada? (November 2022)
 - o #DidYouKnow: How much used nuclear fuel is there? (November 2022)
 - o #DidYouKnow: What is Canada's plan for used nuclear fuel? (November 2022)
 - o #DidYouKnow: What is a deep geological repository? (November 2022)
 - o #DidYouKnow: How a multiple-barrier system works to contain used nuclear fuel? (November 2022)
 - o #DidYouKnow: How are we planning to safely transport used nuclear fuel in Canada? (November 2022)