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Dwayne Evans

Sent via email: devans@northhuron.ca

Dear Dwayne,

I hope this finds you healthy and well ahead of the holidays. As 2021 comes to a close, I wanted to reach out again with a brief update on two significant developments for the Municipality of South Bruce, in relation to our participation in the site selection process for the Nuclear Waste Management Organization Project to store Canada's used nuclear fuel.

First, I am happy to share with you for information, an Overview of Studies. This four-page, newsletter style document *(attached)* was recently shared with all ratepayers in the Municipality of South Bruce.

As the title suggests, this communication provides an overview of the study work occurring now, and over the next two years in relation to the Project. It names all the studies that are scheduled to be completed, their year of completion, and who is responsible for each – the NWMO or the Municipality of South Bruce.

If you have any further questions about this document, or the studies taking place, please reach out and our South Bruce Nuclear Exploration Project Team – the municipality's department that is dedicated to the Project.

Secondly, South Bruce Council endorsed a process to determine willingness to host the Project at their meeting last Tuesday.

In summary, Council directed staff to prepare for the submission of a question to voters by way of a by-election after a draft hosting agreement has been negotiated with the NWMO, and studies/peer-reviews have been completed and communicated. Community information sharing and engagement on the Project will continue in the interim.

A media release issued last week provides more information about Council's decision and the path forward for our community. Again, please do not hesitate to reach out if you, your staff, or Council have any questions.

We look forward to continuing an open dialogue with our neighbouring communities in the year ahead as our participation in the process to find a permanent home for Canada's nuclear waste continues.

Take good care,

Leanne Martin

CAO/Clerk, Municipality of South Bruce