



**February 10, 2014**

## The Inverhuron Committee

Dear Inverhuron Resident:

Happy New Year to all of our Inverhuron residents. Those of you in snow-covered locations must be looking forward to summer at the Lake.

The Inverhuron Committee continues to push ahead in its effort to stop the Ontario Power Generation's project to bury low and intermediate level nuclear waste next to Lake Huron at the Bruce Nuclear site. We would like to update you on the modified timeline for a decision on this project as well as upcoming activities.

### Extension of the timeline for a decision

As you may be aware, a Hearing on the low and intermediate level deep geologic repository (DGR) was held in Kincardine in September and October 2013, to allow Ontario Power Generation (OPG) to present their case for the nuclear repository. The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, the licensing department of the Federal government for nuclear projects, was in attendance.

The three-member Joint Review Panel presided over the Hearing and heard over 200 intervenors who presented, in some cases, their support, and in many cases, concerns and questions about the project. At the end of the Hearing, the Joint Review Panel indicated that they had insufficient information to make recommendations on this proposal. Therefore, they asked OPG to further study the geoscience of the project, give alternate options for burial of the waste, and alternate sites for the project, with at least one of them being in granite away from the Great Lakes Basin. This was good news to those of us who are opposed to the project. OPG indicated that they would be ready to respond to all information requested by the beginning of April.

Once OPG has deposited the responses to those information requests, the registered Hearing participants will be given time to respond to the content of the information provided. If the Panel is satisfied with the information furnished, then a notice for the submission of written closing remarks will be extended to registered Hearing intervenors. There is a 20-day timeline for this activity. At that point, it is the responsibility of the Joint

Review Panel to prepare a report for the Minister of the Environment, The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq. The Minister has four months to review the report and submit a decision on this project to Cabinet, whereupon a final announcement will be made.

As you can see from the process outlined above, we will need to continue our opposition to this project well into fall 2014. We hope that we can count on your ongoing support and participation.

## Resolutions from cities around the Great Lakes

The **Stop The Great Lakes Nuclear Dump** group has done an amazing job of encouraging cities in the Great Lakes Basin, in both Canada and the United States, to pass resolutions opposing the DGR proposal. The communities that have passed resolutions represent a population of 9.2 million people. Major cities that have passed resolutions include Toronto, Windsor, Oakville, Mississauga, Kingston and St. Catharines. You can see the entire list of cities in Ontario, Michigan, Illinois and Ohio that have passed resolutions by going to the following website:

[www.stopthegreatlakesnucleardump.com](http://www.stopthegreatlakesnucleardump.com)

Your help is needed. Contact your mayor and council. We want as many cities as possible to pass resolutions against siting the DGR in the Great Lakes Basin. For help with letters and strategy, contact Doug Hunter who is coordinating The Inverhuron Committee's government relations effort. You can also find excellent resources at:

[www.stopthegreatlakesnucleardump.com](http://www.stopthegreatlakesnucleardump.com)

## Upcoming Ottawa News Conference

Brian Masse, NDP MP Windsor West is the Official Opposition Critic for Great Lakes and Canada-US Border. Mr. Masse has expressed concern over the proposed DGR project and will draft an NDP policy opposing the permanent storage of nuclear waste within the Great Lakes Basin. To that end, Mr. Masse and his office are working with The Inverhuron Committee and will be announcing a policy that would prohibit underground storage of nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin at a News Conference on Parliament Hill, March 4th, 2014. The goal of the news conference is to increase media attention and awareness by the citizens of Canada. We will certainly provide follow up to this event.

Special thanks to Doug Hunter from the sand beach, for his work on this initiative.

## Letters to Politicians

We encourage all those who oppose this project to write to their local politicians as well as their Federal Members of Parliament and their Provincial members of the legislature. We have had over 50 residents who have taken up this challenge. The more political

pressure that can be brought to bear on this project, the better chance we have for the governments to look at other options and other locations. Please let us know if you are able to help raise awareness. We are looking for residents in key areas who are represented by the Ministers of Natural Resources, of the Environment and of Energy at both the provincial and Federal levels. Please also contact the Minister of the Environment, Honourable Leona Aglukkaq (Minister@ec.gc.ca) to encourage her to deny this project. Her address is: The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of the Environment, 10 Wellington Street, 28th Floor, Gatineau, Quebec K1A 0H3

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