

Nuclear Waste Update

Dear Inverhuron Residents:

There have been several new developments in the Ontario Power Generation (OPG) proposal to build a nuclear waste repository at the Bruce nuclear site. The Inverhuron Committee members would like to take this opportunity, early in the new year, to bring all residents up to date.

First Nation Vote Coming Soon

As you may recall, the previous Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, Catherine McKenna, chose to defer the decision about the acceptance or denial of this project to the Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON). The Honorable Minister requested that the proponent, OPG, enter into consultations with the SON and report back to her every six months on the progress of these talks. Community meetings were held on July 16, 2019, August 28, 2019, and August 29, 2019. You will see from the article below that the Saugeen Ojibway Nation has indicated that their members will be ready to take a vote on the project shortly relative to approval or denial. This vote is scheduled for the end of January 2020.

[ARTICLE](#) from London CTV NEWS from November 28, 2019



OPG offers SON \$150 million for go ahead

We have learned from the article below that OPG has been negotiating a monetary settlement with the SON. Their latest offer is \$150 million to be placed initially in a trust fund for the members of the Saugeen Nation if the vote is in favour of the project.

[ARTICLE](#) from Owen Sound Times on December 9, 2019



Michigan politicians oppose the dump

The Michigan politicians from both parties have taken a strong stance against this project. On December 6th, a letter signed by a bipartisan group of House members was sent to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, stating "We stand in strong opposition to any decision by the Canadian government to select or consider a permanent national repository for nuclear waste storage anywhere near the Great Lakes. This is a treasured natural resource each of our countries have and we urge you to stand with us to protect these waters for future generations."

[ARTICLE](#) from Powermag.com from December 9, 2019



New Minister of the Environment and Climate Change

Please note that, as a result of the recent Federal election, a new Minister of the Environment and Climate Change has been named. The new Minister is the Honorable Jonathan Wilkinson from North Vancouver (elected in 2015). Mr. Wilkinson was raised in Saskatchewan. He has held past positions with a number of companies dedicated to the development of green technologies.

It is obvious that the concern of The Inverhuron Committee is the financial handout that the

Ontario government, through OPG, has extended to the Indigenous people relative to their approval for this project.

It is a discouraging "quid pro quo" which certainly appears to be unethical and, yet, attractive to the recipients.

We will contact our resident subscribers as soon as we have further information on the SON vote.

We want to wish you all a happy and healthy new year and look forward to the arrival of a new season at Inverhuron.

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