



May 15, 2016

The Inverhuron Committee

Dear Inverhuron Residents:

As the summer season begins, The Inverhuron Committee wishes to update you on the status of Ontario Power Generation's proposed project to bury nuclear waste in a repository on the Bruce Nuclear site.

In our last Newsletter of February 20, 2016, we explained that The Honourable Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, Catherine McKenna, has asked Ontario Power Generation to study three specific issues related to their project and to send back a response to her as to the timeline for this information to be forthcoming.

In summary, the three specific questions were:

1. To study technically and economically feasible actual alternate locations for this project and to indicate the costs and risks for additional off-site transportation of the waste.
2. To give an analysis of the updated cumulative environmental effects of the project in light of the plan to seek a second repository for high level waste with three potential host communities falling within the territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation.
3. To update the mitigation commitments for each adverse effect already identified.

The date to respond was April 18, 2016.

Ontario Power Generation responded on April 15, 2016 that they would provide the information required by December 31, 2016 but specified the following:

1. Ontario Power Generation would assess two technically and economically feasible geologic regions in Ontario. One will be in a sedimentary rock formation in southern Ontario and the other one would be located in a granite rock formation in central to northern Ontario. Ontario Power Generation indicated that they will include the incremental costs and risks for repackaging as well as off-site transportation. Neither location will be named.
2. Ontario Power Generation will assess the cumulative effects of a hypothetical used fuel repository within the boundaries of the possible host communities of the Saugeen Ojibway Nations traditional territory (Huron-Kinloss and South Bruce).
3. Ontario Power Generation will review its mitigation commitments and mitigating actions.

Not in the Great Lakes Basin

The Inverhuron Committee is in the process of writing to the Honourable Minister to indicate that the

inclusion of a study site in southern Ontario, as one of only two alternate locations, will put the project within the Great Lakes Basin which has been the concern of more than 93,600 citizens (Stop the Great Lakes Nuclear Dump petition) and the subject of 184 resolutions by cities, towns and counties in the US and in Canada.

The above timeline would put the final decision on this project in 2017.

We are pleased that the new Minister of the Environment is taking her responsibility seriously and is responding to the concerns that she has received from citizens across Canada and the United States.

We hope that she will decide to set aside this project due to potential risk and that solutions will be sought that will include advancements in technology and research as well as the ability to retrieve the waste long term.

Fundraising

In 2012 when we first formed The Inverhuron Committee to oppose the proposed DGR, little did we know that we would still be at it in 2016, or that it will continue into 2017.

When we first heard about the proposed DGR we felt that its approval was automatic. We knew that we had an uphill battle to oppose the proposed DGR and to bring attention to what was happening in our backyard. Now, after three years, with participation in two Joint Panel Hearings, five submissions, one news conference, meetings and letters to politicians, participation in conferences, 21 newsletters and countless hours, we have a chance to overturn the proposal. It is imperative that we continue our opposition at this critical juncture.

In 2013 we reached our fundraising goal of \$10,000 with your support. That money has funded our mission for the last three years. Detailed financial statements are available upon request.

With the decision on the DGR continuing into 2017 and beyond, we need to again go back to our community for financial support. We are hoping if individuals donate \$50 or families \$100 (or more), we can reach our fundraising goal of \$5000. Please donate by mailing a cheque to The Inverhuron Committee, c/o Marti McFadzean, 261 Victoria Street, R.R.2, Inverhuron, N0G 2T0. You can also donate by credit card at www.inverhuroncommittee.ca or by electronic transfer to **theinverhuroncommittee2016@gmail.com**. The security question for the transfer is sandcastle.

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