

* Minister halts environment assessment timeline until SON makes informed decision on DGR.



September 1, 2017

The Inverhuron Committee

Dear Inverhuron Residents:

The members of The Inverhuron Committee would like to update our residents relative to the latest information regarding Ontario Power Generation's proposed project to build a deep geologic repository at the Bruce nuclear site in order to permanently bury low and intermediate level nuclear waste.

As we arrive at the end of the summer season, and before our cottagers leave the beach, we wanted to share the next steps in the process with you.

On August 21, 2017, The Honorable Catherine McKenna, Federal Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, instructed Ontario Power Generation to "update its analysis of the potential cumulative effects of the project on the physical and cultural heritage" of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON)." [See letter](#)

These instructions were the result of a [letter](#) dated July 24th, in which the SON indicated that their community remains in the process of consulting on the project. The Indigenous community is divided as to the support or lack thereof for this project and the proponent, OPG, has committed not to move forward without the consent of the SON.

We do not have a timeline as yet as to when this new request for information will be completed and submitted to the Minister by OPG.

The Inverhuron Committee [wrote](#) to Minister McKenna, after the above instructions were given, to indicate that, although we heartily congratulate the Liberal Government for their commitment to the Indigenous population, we also would like our community to have particular consideration due to our proximity to the site of the project and also in consideration of the many generations of our families who have called Inverhuron their home. We have not, as yet, had a reply to that request.

Once OPG has completed the request from the Minister, the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency will submit their Report on the acceptability of the project, based on the Environmental Assessment, the Hearings of the Joint Review Panel (2013 and 2014), the recommendation of the SON and the public input received to date. The public will have 30

days to respond to this Report. The Minister will then make a decision on the license to prepare the site and build a repository.

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The Inverhuron Committee will remain steadfastly involved in the evolution of this project and we will provide information as it happens. The majority of our residents remain firmly opposed to this project. We have been working over five years to provide feedback to the government and to stay abreast of the situation. To that end we wish to thank our residents for their support, both on the ground and with financial donations. Over the course of the five years, we have received approximately \$10,000 in donations to fund our mission.

With the decision on the DGR continuing into the second half of 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.

Please continue to share information on the proposed nuclear dump with elected officials in your area and visit us on Facebook and on our website.

If you wish more information contact the members of The Inverhuron Committee.

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