

PUBLIC NOTICE RE: CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO JOIN DRYDEN'S NUCLEAR EDUCATION & ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

To better understand our community's narrative around nuclear energy and nuclear waste, Dryden Council has approved formation of the Dryden Nuclear Education & Engagement Committee (DNEEC).

The Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) is studying a potential site for their proposed Deep Geological Repository (DGR) in the rock unit of the Revell batholith located between Dryden and Ignace, in unorganized territory on Crown land. This site is located approximately 35 kilometers from the municipal boundary of Ignace, and 40 kilometers from the municipal boundary of Dryden. As such, the City of Dryden has inherited the role of a potential Significant Neighbouring Community in the NWMO's Site Selection process.

It is important that we increase our understanding of why nuclear energy is produced in Canada, which results in the need for a long-term nuclear waste management and storage solution. Although nuclear energy and waste are often discussed in isolation, it would be beneficial for us to engage in dialogue that compares other forms of energy production and other forms of waste. Residents and stakeholders deserve access to reliable information presented in ways that allow risks and benefits to be evaluated comparatively.

The Township of Ignace and Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation may express their willingness to be host communities for the NWMO's proposed DGR project. Given the possibility that this area may be identified as the preferred site in 2023, it is important that we continue learning of the potential risks, challenges and benefits to the community and the region's overall safety and environmental health.

As a Committee of Council, the DNEEC will represent the community's interests through the development of a more formal community education and engagement process. Dryden residents will have the opportunity to actively participate in the conversation as stakeholders who have a vested interest in what happens in their community.

City of Dryden electors are invited to apply to serve on Dryden's Nuclear Education & Engagement Committee (DNEEC). Anyone appointed to a City of Dryden Board or Committee must be:

- An elector of the City of Dryden
- A Canadian citizen
- At least 18 years of age

Due date for Applications will be February 18th, 2022. Please use the link below to access the application form

www.dryden.ca/volunteer