

## Report to Council

**Report Title:** Bruce County Federation of Agriculture- Study on NWMO Project

**Prepared By:** Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer

**Department:** Administration

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**Report Number:** CAO2022-28 **File Number:** C11AD

**Attachments:** Letters from Bruce County Federation of Agriculture

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### Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CAO2022-28 - Bruce County Federation of Agriculture - Study on NWMO Project, prepared by Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer for information purposes.

### Report:

#### Background:

In March 2022, Bruce County Federation of Agriculture reached out to meet and discuss financial support to assist in conducting the unbiased research into design and development of a repository for nuclear waste produced during nuclear facility electricity production.

#### Analysis:

In 2002 Canada directed the NWMO to study possible long-term used nuclear fuel management. NWMO settled on a multi-decade project to develop a Deep Geological Repository (DGR) to hold Canada's waste.

Prior to Covid 19 a delegation of OFA members presented concerns to the BCFA board of directors about the potential development of a DGR in Bruce County. As a follow up to this delegation, BCFA decided to gather information to help our membership make an informed decision regarding this extensive project.

BCFA moved forward and engaged consultants to research potential impacts of a repository. The quote received for this study was substantial, so BCFA felt it necessary to returned to the membership to gauge their support. After surveying their membership, they found that the vast majority did not believe another survey would help them make an informed decision and furthermore they didn't see the value in BCFA spending a significant amount of membership money to conduct a study. In conclusion BCFA has decided to cancel the research project and no longer requires any funding.

For further information Council should be aware that the South Bruce Community Liaison Committee met on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and considered reports outlining the finding on the “South Bruce Economy” which included studies on the following:

- South Bruce Economic Development Project Effects and Strategy
- Agriculture Business Impact Study
- Tourism Industry Effects Study

The meeting package is provided here: <https://southbruce.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/3582/>

Full studies and peer reviewed documents by South Bruce are posted here:  
<https://www.southbruce.ca/en/municipal-government/studies-and-reports.aspx>

We bring this to Council’s attention for information purposes.

**Strategic Action Plan Checklist:**

What aspect of the Brockton Strategic Action Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?	
• Recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision	N/A
• Recommendations contribute to achieving Heritage, Culture, and Community	N/A
• Recommendations contribute to achieving Quality of Life	Yes
• Recommendations contribute to achieving Land Use Planning and the Natural Environment	N/A
• Recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Development	Yes
• Recommendations contribute to achieving Municipal Governance	N/A

**Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:**

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective?  
N/A

**Reviewed By:**



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

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**Respectfully Submitted by:**



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer