

Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton

Report to Council

Report Title: NWMO Learn More Program for 2021-2024 Funding Agreement

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Coordinator

Department: Administration

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Report Number: CAO2024-13 File Number: C11

Attachments: Learn More Program Agreement

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CAO2024-13 –NWMO Learn More Program for 2021-2024 Funding Agreement, prepared by Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer and Rachel Bryan, Municipal Executive Coordinator and in doing so authorizes a By-Law coming forward to enter into an agreement with the Nuclear Waste Management Organization.

Report:

Background:

The Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) is a not-for profit organization with a focus on creating a safe, long-term management of Canada's used nuclear fuel in deep geological repository. Canada has created a long-term plan for used nuclear fuel which is referred to as Adaptative Phased Management (APM). The goal of the APM project is to ultimately, safely contain and isolate the used nuclear fuel in a single deep geological repository, constructed in a suitable rock formation. Since 2010, the Nuclear Waste Management Organization has been conducting a process to identify a willing community to host facilities for the long-term management of Canada's used nuclear fuel.

The Municipality of Brockton has been actively participating in the Learn More program that the Nuclear Waste Management Organization offers. The Learn More program educates individuals, organizations and communities interested in learning more about the long-term management of used nuclear fuel in Canada through the Adaptive Phased Management (APM) Site Selection Process. Through the Learn More Program, the NWMO offers resources and funding to the community upon request to help inform and educate individuals by way of participating in meetings, studies and programs funded by the organization.

Analysis:

The Municipality of Brockton is pleased to inform Council that staff has received notification that we have received funding in the amount of \$65,000.00 from the NWMO Learning More program. The funding that was received has been allocated to help retroactively supplement Municipal staff time spent on studies, attending meetings, administration of the municipal Early Investment in Skills and Education (EIES) programs along with funds for the 2024 year related to study review/administration. This agreement covers a period of October 1, 2021, with an end period of December 31, 2024.

The funding amount approved has been allocated as follows:

Administrative Expenses	
Municipal Staff Studies Review Group (incurred to date)	\$40,000.00
Administration to Municipality Programs and Studies	\$15,000.00
Additional Staff Wages for Study Review/Administration	\$10,000.00
Total	\$65,000.00

Staff recommends that Council accept the funding agreement which covers actual costs and authorizes staff to execute the 2021-2024 Learn More Program Agreement with the Nuclear Waste Management Organization.

Should the upcoming referendum in October 2024 and a decision from Saugeen Ojibway Nation and NWMO result in site selection in South Bruce we will be actively involved in working with the NWMO on a further agreement.

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	Yes
•	Recommendations contribute to achieving Heritage, Culture, and Community	Yes
•	Recommendations contribute to achieving Quality of Life	Yes
•	Recommendations contribute to achieving Land Use Planning and the Natural Environment	Yes
•	Recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Development	Yes
•	Recommendations contribute to achieving Municipal Governance	Yes

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective? Yes

This \$60,000 will offset the 2024 general operating budget.

Reviewed By:



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