



Press Release

Township of Ignace/Wabigoon Lake Area Being Recognized Globally

Deep Geological Repository Project Announcement Attracts Positive Global Attention for Ignace and Area

Ignace ON December 12, 2024 – The Township of Ignace, Ontario Canada and the Wabigoon Lake area is now officially being recognized and admired by global interests for the courage it has illustrated and the steps it has taken to be announced by the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) as the location of Canada’s first ever deep geological repository site to store used nuclear fuel.

“Over the course of the past two weeks, this community and area has been catapulted to the forefront of positive media and press coverage across the world with respect to the NWMO decision to site Canada’s first ever deep geological repository (DGR) in the Ignace/Wabigoon Lake area. The media and press coverage, both traditional and digital within the nuclear industry and abroad that has taken place and continues to unravel, has placed these communities in an envious marketing capability position,” stated Jake Pastore – Outreach/Communication Lead for the Township of Ignace.

Over the course of the past few months, the Township of Ignace and area has been represented twice in Vienna Austria at the (IAEA) International Atomic Energy Agency’s industry-wide conferences, has been visited on a learn-more tour by the Nuclear Waste Management Group from the United Kingdom, acknowledged for its courage in signing of an historic agreement and then becoming the first ever willing host community to host a deep geological repository in Canada. Furthermore, the advancement of the community and area in its quest to become the first ever site to host a DGR is now being recognized by a Japanese Science Documentary “Galileo X”, produced by WAC Inc., who are visiting and filming the community’s efforts and progress towards this historic decision by the Nuclear Waste Management Organization made in November of 2024.

“We are thrilled to have come and visited, reported as well as filmed and learned how the Township of Ignace/Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation have made so much significant progress on being selected to move forward as Canada’s first ever site to host a deep geological repository”, stated Hiroaki Ota-Director/Producer WAC Inc. from Tokyo, Japan.

The Japanese film crew attended, filmed and reported on their findings through the documentary that is being produced for their marketplace and will air sometime in late February 2025 in Japan.

“We continue to be both amazed and overwhelmed with the interest that is being illustrated by so many other communities, agencies and media from across the world on this project. These positive advancements and marketing capabilities/opportunities for the community and our entire area around Ignace are just the beginning of what we can expect to see over the course of the next decade”, stated Mayor Kim Baigrie. “As we have stated before, this is truly the beginning of our future for our community”.

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A series of interviews took place in Ignace during the month of December 2024.

