



Press Release

Ignace Mayor Baigrie and Dryden Mayor Harrison Meet with Ministers in Toronto to Advance Local Initiatives for Northwestern Ontario

Ignace ON May 14, 2024 – This week, Mayor Baigrie, accompanied by Mayor Harrison of Dryden, were able to attend important face-to-face update meetings with both Minister Greg Rickford – Minister of Indigenous Affairs/Minister of Northern Development and Minister Todd Smith – Minister of Energy in their Toronto offices.

The meetings were established to have each municipality bring forward local priorities for the Provincial Government as well as update each Minister on the status of the Deep Geological Repository and willingness process being undertaken by the Township of Ignace.

“They were very productive meetings, and it was important for the Township to continue to meet face-to-face with some of the Provincial Cabinet’s most influential Ministers. We need champions for Northwestern Ontario, and we certainly have that in both Ministers’ Rickford and Smith. Ensuring Minister Todd Smith had a full and complete update of the process we are undertaking around willingness, was another important step in updating the Provincial government of the ongoing journey this community is on around the DGR project”, stated Mayor Kim Baigrie. “We will require both of their ongoing support and dedication to this important project, if indeed we become a potential and willing host siting community for the NWMO project”.

The meetings also acted as an important venue for advancing local infrastructure and community priorities such as healthcare access, infrastructure replacement and highway transportation for Northwestern Ontario and the Township of Ignace, to name a few.

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