



## **SPECIAL PUBLIC STATEMENT FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

### **TO THE RESIDENTS OF IGNACE:**

As you likely know by now, the Nuclear Waste Management Organization announced earlier today that the Ignace/Wabigoon Lake area will **INDEED** be the first site to host the Deep Geological Repository (DGR) in Canada for the storage of used nuclear fuel.

It is an historic and landmark announcement that will no doubt change and alter both the trajectory and the landscape of this community in an extremely positive way over the next few years!

As a representative Mayor and Council of this proud Township, we want to thank our residents for their resilience, courage and commitment to this extremely important project for our region. We want to thank the First Nation community, Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation for their strong mandate and support to continuing in this landmark project and to all of the volunteers, past Mayors and Councils and staff of this community who have all led us to this collectively successful announcement today by the Nuclear Waste Management Organization.

As a strong community we will now celebrate our successes and admire the democratic process that has led our collective communities to this remarkable day in our history. As we move forward in this process as the selected site for the DGR, we will all be helping to create a legacy of prosperity for our residents, our youth, those who will journey through our community and those yet unborn generations that will inherit today's decision.

This community should now stand tall and proud, alongside the Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation Chief and Members of their First Nation community. We put up our hands over a decade ago to understand, learn and educate ourselves about this DGR project and today we received the news that we have been waiting for a very long time. The news that we are at the **BEGINNING OF OUR FUTURE!**

**Mayor Kim Baigrie and Members of Township Council**