

Staff Report to Council

Title: Impact Assessment Agency of Canada Presentation to Municipality of Kincardine

Report Number: CAO General-2024-28

Director: Chief Administrative Officer

Manager: Manager.

Meeting Date:
Wednesday, October 9, 2024

Date to be considered by Council:
Wednesday, October 9, 2024

Recommendation:

That Council receive the presentation regarding the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission and the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada for information with respect to the Bruce C Project.

Executive Summary:

The Bruce C Project is currently in the planning phase of the Impact Assessment Act (IAA) process. The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) has invited the public and Indigenous peoples to provide information and contribute to the planning the assessment. During the pre-planning phase, the project proponent, Bruce Power, undertook public engagement, including outreach and sessions with municipal council and staff. Municipal staff were also engaged by IAAC during the pre-planning phase and determined that it would be beneficial for IAAC to present to the Municipality of Kincardine Council.

Strategic Priorities:

N/A – for information

Financial Considerations:

Existing staff resources have been supporting various requests for engagement on the Bruce C Project.

Policy:

N/A

Context and Background Information:

Bruce Power has proposed the site preparation, construction, operation and decommissioning of a new nuclear generating station at the existing Bruce Power nuclear power site, located in the Municipality of Kincardine. The Bruce C Nuclear Project proposes to provide up to 4,800 megawatt-electric of new nuclear generating capacity in Ontario and operate for 60 to 100 years. Bruce Power has indicated that several nuclear reactor technologies will be considered for the project. The project assessment is being conducted in collaboration with the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commissionⁱ.

The IAAC evaluates impacts of proposed major projects, including impacts on such areas as health, jobs, environment, Indigenous Rights, and land and recreational areas.

For the purposes of the federal IAA process, municipal governments are considered the public.

Through the planning phase, IAAC determines what needs to be assessed and how people want to participate, and they review positive and negative impacts and determine if the project requires an assessment.

The Bruce C Project Initial Project Description (IPD) launched the start of the planning phase.

In response to the IPD, a submission from the Municipality of Kincardine was provided to IAAC on September 11, 2024.

To allow for additional engagement opportunities the planning phase for the Bruce C Project Impact Assessment has been suspended at the request of the proponentⁱⁱ. Once IAAC receives an update on engagement from the proponent it will post notice and the 180-day time limit for the planning phase will resume.

The presentation to Council will provide important information about the various stages of the IAA process as well as provide an overview of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission role.

Consultation Overview:

There are a variety of points in the first three phases of the process which allow for public participation.

Information sessions were held by IAAC in the spring and earlier this summer. For questions or information, the public can contact IAAC regarding the Bruce C Project through the following means:

Bruce C Nuclear Project Impact Assessment Agency of Canada
160 Elgin Street, 22nd floor
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H3
Telephone: 613-222-3507
Email: Bruce@iaac-aeic.gc.ca

Participant funding is available to individuals, incorporated not-for-profits, and Indigenous groups.

Future engagement with IAAC may require municipal resources for participation. General community engagement may also be supported/coordinated with IAAC and the municipality.

Origin:

Municipal staff discussions with IAAC staff.

Implementation Considerations:

N/A

Risk Analysis:

As the host community for the Bruce Site, it is important to be aware of the impacts associated with new nuclear projects. Not being aware of the opportunities for engagement may result in lack of participation in a major infrastructure project within the Municipality.

Attachments: CNSC/IAAC Presentation to Municipality of Kincardine Council

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ⁱ <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/88771>

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