

Staff Report to Council

Title: Request for International Travel Support to IAEA Event

Report Number: Nuclear Strategy-2025-03

Director: Chief Administrative Officer

Manager: Manager.

Meeting Date:
Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Date to be considered by Council:
Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Recommendation:

That, as per Policy G.G. 1.4, Council supports the international travel for Mayor Kenneth Craig to attend the Nuclear Communities and Mayors in Focus event hosted by the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna, Austria, on May 27, 2025.

Executive Summary:

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is hosting an event entitled “Nuclear Communities and Mayors in Focus” during the IAEA International Conference on Stakeholder Engagement for Nuclear Power Programmes on May 27, 2025, in Vienna, Austria <https://www.iaea.org/events/seconf2025/nuclear-communities-and-mayors-in-focus>. It is recommended that Mayor Kenneth Craig attend this event to represent the Municipality of Kincardine. International travel for members of council or staff requires council support through resolution.

Strategic Priorities:

A.1-Work with the nuclear sector (clean energy) to leverage current and future opportunities

Financial Considerations:

The estimated costs to attend the event are approximately \$6000.

Policy:

G.G. 1.4 Conferences and Conventions - Expenses

Context and Background Information:

The Canadian Association of Nuclear Host Communities (CANHC) recently circulated information about a new event that is being held at the annual general conference:

AEA Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi has invited mayors and representatives of communities hosting nuclear facilities from around the world to join the event “Nuclear Communities and Mayors in Focus”, which will take place during the first-ever [IAEA International Conference on Stakeholder Engagement for Nuclear Power Programmes](#), to be held from 26 to 30 May 2025 in Vienna, Austria.

It was recommended at the recent CANHC Meeting in Cobourg, Ontario that this new opportunity provides space for mayors of nuclear host communities to be involved in dialogue and information sharing at an international event. The Municipality of Kincardine is the host community for the Bruce Nuclear Generating Site, the largest nuclear generating station in North America. The event will also include a panel discussion with the IAEA Director General.

Consultation Overview:

Staff and the Mayor have discussed the benefits of participating in sharing the experiences for the Municipality of Kincardine in an event that is focused on hearing the voice of Mayors of nuclear host communities on an international stage. The IAEA is supportive of stakeholder engagement to enhance public awareness, understanding and confidence in nuclear energy generation and nuclear sciences. This new opportunity is expected to help raise the profile of the Municipality of Kincardine and the partnerships with Bruce Power, Ontario Power Generation, and other nuclear suppliers within our community.

Origin:

New event circulated through CANHC hosted at the IAEA General Conference specifically related to Mayors of Nuclear Host Communities.

Risk Analysis:

The event is planned to provide a platform for open dialogue and the exchange of ideas among municipal leaders from around the world. Mayors will have the opportunity to deliver statements related to their experience as well as the benefits and challenges of hosting nuclear facilities. This is a unique event which can help to raise the profile of our community's experiences. A lack of participation will mean that the voice of the Municipality of Kincardine is not being heard on this important international stage.

Attachments: G.G. 1.4

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