Appendix F Phone and Email Correspondence

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Phone Correspondence

Date of Phone Call	none Comment Received	
2021-06-10	Discussed preference for referendum	
2021-06-14	Move your nuclear place somewhere else	
2021-06-17	Referendum is the only way	
	Transparent means open and honest	
	• This process is not transparent because we won't be any further at the end of this process with council who aren't here to represent the community but only for themselves	
2021-08-04	• Would like to see a referendum. Farmer, educated, worked in nuclear. Does not trust the NWMO, Council, or the municipality. This process is bigger than the Municipality and should have involvement from the Federal Government.	
2021-08-06	Referendum. Doesn't understand why there needs to be workshops on willingness.	
	 Discussed the challenges with the last municipal election and how the questions around the project were mishandled and went unanswered. Doesn't need any more information and is bothered by how much money is being spent on this projects. There must be another more beneficial way through reuse. 	
2021-08-13	 don't have time to submit a workbook before tomorrow, but they prefer a referendum and feel it's the only fair way to everyone the chance to speak 	
2021-08-15	Both prefer a referendum; people should have the right to vote and all people should have an opportunity	
	Feels well informed right now to make a decision	
	 Has participated and learned about the project through NoDGR group and feels well informed, not interested in participating in other ways 	
2021-08-16	Prefer a referendum, it's the only fair option	
	 Feels well informed right now to make a decision, doesn't need to know anything more or participate in any more workshops, etc. 	
	This issue has divided the community, no one trusts anyone	

Do not want the CLC to make a decision, they are mostly rich people, not representative of the community
NOT against nuclear energy
Other municipalities in Bruce County did not want the Nuclear Waste and I do not either.
Another comment the CLC is supposed to be a (liaison) and not take sides - I do not think this is happening

Email Correspondence

	Comment Received	How Comment was Considered
1	In hearing your report provided to the CLC you were asked a question regarding the Seaborn Panel and their recommendations made regarding public consultation and how a referendum is ultimately the only fair and democratic way to determine whether we are a willing host. You appeared to have been unfamiliar with the findings of the panel so I have provided some links to their reports. In a nutshell the panel was the only government appointed body that did cross country hearings on the dgr concept (1995-98). Their conclusions were that the dgr concept on a scientific basis was acceptable but not on a social basis. (As you will no doubt hear in the coming months.) I have studied the panels reports since I was a councilor in 2012 when South Bruce entered the fray of learning along with 21 other municipalities. In that time I was also in correspondence with panel member Lois Wilson and read her book on the panel's proceedings. Nuclear Waste: The Ethical Dilemma (Hard to find online but I have a copy if you're interested. I have to say I fully agree with the panel's recommendation regarding the ultimate decision should be done by a community referendum. However, I do agree with your methodology to seek a broad spectrum of input from our community.	Thank you for your email forwarded through the Municipality below as well as your email submitted on April 13, 2021. This email is to let you know that it has been received and that we are in the process of drafting you a response. We are also in the process of responding to all comments submitted during the CLC meeting on May 6, 2021.
	However I adamantly disagree with your assertion that his council has the ultimate decision to make. I do not trust this council to make such a decision. Over the years of lobbying by the NWMO I have yet to hear any real critical analysis or comments made by them on the record. No one on council ran in the 2018 election on a platform to decide on our behalf whether we would enter a formal commitment to this proposal. I	

	believe because of the amount of money pouring into municipal coffers	
	from the NWMO that his council cannot provide an objective view on	
	the issue. As the old adage goes: They do not want to look a gift horse	
	in the mouth.	
	But I am only one voice in the matter. A rather loud and somewhat	
	offensive voice to some who have read my letters on this in our local	
	weeklies. However even as one voice and as a ratepayer for over 30	
	years I still should have a vote in the matter.	
	I also include the NWMO's response in which they dismiss the panel's	
	recommendation regarding how to determine a willing host. Which I	
	read to be somewhat arrogant and dismissive of the community's ability	
	to do so on their own.	
2	Your flyer states (on page one) that one of the ways we can 'make your	Thank you for your email and questions.
—	voice heard' is to complete an online survey. However (unless I missed	
	it) that's the last mention of a survey, and there is no link to one.	You are correct, the survey is forthcoming and will be available on
	Is there a survey, or perhaps a forthcoming survey?	beginning on June 16 at the following link:
	to alore a curvey, or perhaps a total conting curvey.	https://southbruceswitchboard.ca/south-bruce-willingness-study
	Secondly, the language in your 'Key Questions' section (page three)	https://southbruceswitchboard.oa/south-bruce-wininghess-study
	suggests to me that your project is a simply a maneuver on the part of	To answer your question no opinions carry more weight than others in
	South Bruce Council to sidestep the democratic process, viz. a binding	deciding willingness. the Municipality of South Bruce has retained
	referendum. It seems to imply that some opinions may carry more	GHD, as an independent and neutral community engagement
	weight than others in deciding willingness, and more weight than an	consultant, to consult residents on how they would like willingness to
	unwilling majority. Perhaps you could clarify your answers.	be determined. A referendum is one of the ways willingness could be
		determined. Through this consultation process, residents will have the
		opportunity provide feedback on how willingness should be
		determined rather than having a particular method imposed on them.
		Other ways to determine willingness can include but is not limited to
		opinion polls, surveys, community engagement activities, community
		advisory committees, community panels or even a combination of
		these options listed.
		If your preference is for a referendum, we're interested in hearing that
		feedback and understanding why that's your preference. Happy to
		chat further but would also encourage you to complete the survey or
		attend one of our upcoming workshops. The details including the
		dates, times, and registration details can be found here:
		https://southbruceswitchboard.ca/south-bruce-willingness-study
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	a couple of questions from [Name Redacted]. I live and farm at [Location Redacted].	Thank you for your email, your input is greatly appreciated.
	1. How much in property tax will they pay each year?	GHD has been retained by the Municipality of South Bruce to consult
	2. Would there be any research and development center created in South Bruce and if so how many jobs would it create?	residents on how they would like willingness to be determined. As such, I don't have an answer to your question of how much NWMO would pay in property tax each year. I understand that a Centre of Excellence is included as part of the Project, however I don't know the
	You can put me in the group of people who's vote can be bought.	specific number of jobs it would create. I will pass your questions onto South Bruce staff and see if they can provide more specific answers.
		Since we are gathering input related to willingness, would you say these aspects of the Project (property taxes, a research and development centre, and number of jobs) are important to you in determining willingness.
		We are also having a series of workshops and would encourage you to participate in one. The details including the dates, times, and registration information can be found here: https://southbruceswitchboard.ca/south-bruce-willingness-study
3	My name is [Name Redacted] and I live in [Location Redacted] with my husband and 4 children.	GHD phoned the individual and discussed their comments
	Although I am not completely on board on burying	
	nuclear waste. I am willing to listen and explore the possibility, at this point.	
	You may reach me at [phone number redacted] or by responding to my [email redacted].	
4	Is there not, natural underwater caves with uranium in them for hundreds of years and do they cause a problem?	Comment noted
5	I will call you tomorrow to discuss with you some of my concerns about the approach be undertaken by the NWMO and our Municipality.	Comment noted

6	Attention: To whom it may concern! I am a citizen of South-Bruce and joined your workshop on Determining Willingness conducted by GHD. Was totally shocked and appalled to find that NWMO employees and municipal employees sat in on the discussion. This was to be totally unbiased. How come we have this tremendous conflict of interest. This is very, very bizarre, and illegal. Please clarify for me and my lawyer. Thank you. Please respond	 Thank you for your email regarding your participation in the South Bruce Willingness Study Mini-Workshop with members of Protect our Waterways (POW) on Thursday June 24, 2021. You are correct that staff from the Municipality of South Bruce were in attendance at the workshop. There was no one present from the NWMO. The Municipality retained GHD to consult the residents and ratepayers of South Bruce on how they would like willingness to be determined. This consultation is being held to fulfill Guiding Principle #9 that states: The Municipality will, in collaboration with community members, develop and establish an open and transparent process that will allow the community to express its level of willingness to host the Project. The Municipality's role in the workshops is to welcome participants, start and end the Zoom session and document the discussion. NWMO does not participate in the workshops and is not involved in the consultation process. Please let me know if you have any further questions or comments
7	To me there is only one fair way to do this regardless of your views. Have a referendum. With the question: Are you in favor of burying Canada's nuclear radioactive waste at the Teeswater location? Yes or No This is simply and fair	Thank you for your email on the Willingness Study consultation process. Your input and feedback received below on your preference for a referendum and why have been documented and will be included in our report back to the community later this summer.
8	After living [location redacted] for five years it seems to me that the information about the DGR has been plentiful. There have been frequent mailings about meetings covering various topics that are relevant to the project. I have visited the store front location and the open house(?) that was held in Teeswater. During my working career many discussions occurred and after discussions had defined the relevant or most of the relevant factors, continued discussions tended to go off on tangents and even become personal. In my opinion this is an engineering project involving the risks inherent with may large projects. Many of the issues have been identified and the importance of each issue will vary by South Bruce resident. We are not all the same in our method of assessment and prioritizing project factors. For this reason a question to the residents must be clear and precise with a Yes or No answer. To ask each resident via a one	Thank you for providing your input on the Willingness Study and indicating your preference for a referendum and why. I will be included your input as part of the consultation process which will be reported back to the Community in late August. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

	person one vote is important and the voting to determine willing host must be seen to be fair and unbiased. The vote will need to be defined and supervised by both pro and con DGR groups. There are signs of information fatigue as the same information is repeated. This process needs to be concluded quickly. There have been enough consultations, information sessions, surveys, etc. and each interested group should make a final one page submission to the voters much like a final offer in labour negotiations.	
9	I strongly feel there should be a referendum on the burying of nuclear waste in South Bruce. It should also be a very clear question yes or no	Thank you for your input on the Willingness Study consultation process and indicating your preference for a referendum with a clear yes or no answer. Your input has been received and will be considered and will be reflected back in our What we Heard community report later in August/early September. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any further comments and or questions as they may arise.
10	I am a resident of South-Bruce and I wish to make a comment on the Willingness Study in our municipality. We the citizens of South-Bruce were on the understanding that we would have an unbiased study of what willingness is. However, when participating in the study members of the municipality staff and NWMO personnel where present. So I declined. So therefore this study is of no value whatsoever. Also, South Bruce council will not hear of anything against the proposed DGR. This council is biased, all personnel with the Community Liaison Committee have to be PRO DGR to be involve. If one asks a question they are asked to leave.	Thank you [Name redacted] for your email. These comments will be considered as part of the Willingness Study.
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