

Dear South Bruce residents:

I am interested in helping our community look at all opportunities to improve our municipality and provide increased job and living opportunities for our kids and grandkids.

I grew up on a mixed farm in Bruce County, near Kinloss. We milked cows and raised pork and beef. I was fortunate to have an opportunity to join Ontario Hydro and continued my employment with Ontario Power Generation. I moved to the Teeswater area where Diane and I raised three boys. Now we are blessed to spend time with eight grandkids.

As many of you know, I am an active member of the Teeswater Medical Centre Development Steering Committee. We are thankful for support from the community for the new medical clinic including donations from various organizations for our capital fundraising campaign. It is great to see local companies playing a positive role in the community – whether volunteering for local causes, being active in social or environmental initiatives or providing financial contributions or sponsorships – **because a vibrant and healthy community is good for everyone.**

I am also pleased that South Bruce is benefitting from our participation in the DGR site-selection process. These financial investments recognize our contribution to help Canada find a location for the long-term management of used nuclear fuel. We



Artist concept of Teeswater Medical Centre

are not being bribed nor will we be so reliant on the funding that we won't advocate for our community. While economic factors are important, our willingness will be based on whether a DGR can be safely built and operated here, how it might be integrated into our community, and if it will add value and improve our quality of life... and the lives of future generations.

Important studies are being discussed at the South Bruce Community Liaison Committee meetings this summer. We are beginning to get a clearer picture for how South Bruce may look in the future – with or without the DGR project.

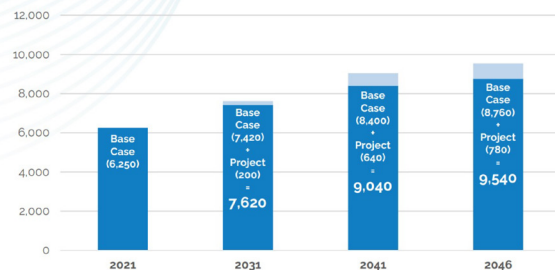
Larry Hayes, Teeswater

South Bruce baseline data and future growth

A number of studies and reports have been released about the changes that the DGR project may bring to South Bruce and the surrounding area. The studies start with forecasts for how the community will evolve without the proposed DGR. For example, the population of the core area (Morris-Turnberry, North Huron, Huron Kinloss, Brockton and South Bruce) is expected to grow from 33,330 to 46,390 people by 2046. That's an increase of 13,000 people.

If we look at the change in population that the proposed DGR project would bring to the core area, it's an additional 1,800 people to a total of 48,190 people. If we just look at South Bruce, this municipality is expected to grow by an additional 780 people by 2046 as a result of the project.

South Bruce Population – Base Case + Project



Projected population growth in South Bruce with and without the DGR project. (Source: South Bruce)

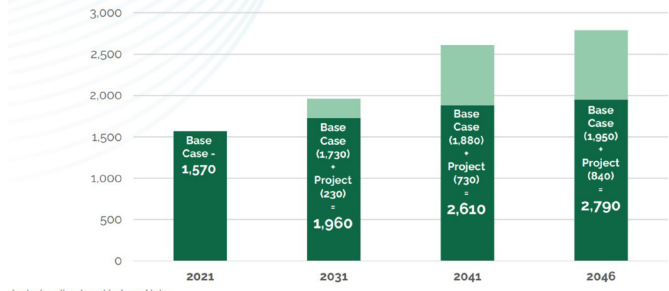
We should consider all options to keep our community resilient and robust. We may debate how much growth is needed to sustain rural communities, but we can all agree that some growth is necessary for our community to prosper and thrive.

We value our rural lifestyle but we also know there can be challenges. We hear about insufficient and unaffordable housing. Parents speak of their children moving away for higher education and jobs. At one time we could buy what we needed in our local town but now we may need to drive to a larger commercial centre.

The additional growth in South Bruce's population and employment from the proposed DGR is only expected to be 4% in population and 9% in employment. What is attractive about the proposed DGR project is that it would be a **community-driven development, where we could decide how it is integrated into our community.** The community investment from the project would give us opportunities to support programs and infrastructure to improve our municipality and our quality of life. To make South Bruce an even better version of itself.



Employment in South Bruce – Base Case + Project



Includes direct and induced jobs

Projected employment in South Bruce with and without the DGR project. (Source: South Bruce)

“Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past and present are certain to miss the future.” John F. Kennedy

Memorandum of Understanding

A non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed by the Municipality of South Bruce and the NWMO on June 14, 2022. Each of the 36 Principles that were identified through the community consultation process are addressed in the Appendix. You can find the MOU on the South Bruce website under **Municipal Government > Agendas and Minutes** as part of the June 14 council meeting agenda package. We encourage everyone to read this MOU as it will form the basis for negotiating a future Draft Hosting Agreement.

Keeping our ear to the ground 🗣️

One of the reasons we created Willing to Listen is because we are proud of South Bruce and want our kids and grandkids to be able to live in and enjoy this beautiful community. We owe it to future generations to seriously consider the proposed DGR project; to evaluate the pros and cons based on facts not fear.

The studies that are being presented at the South Bruce CLC meetings are meant to help us understand the changes that the project may bring and how to address them if necessary. Our community has evolved, and will continue to do so, with or without the DGR project. We find ourselves thinking about what a future South Bruce might look like.

“What is important to you?”

Please go to our Willing to Listen website (willingtolisten.ca/feedback) to identify the items that are important to you when thinking about the future:

- Health care and schooling available in our community.
- Sufficient and affordable housing.
- Vibrant downtowns with shops, cafes, restaurants.
- Groceries and household supplies available where I live or within a short drive.
- Recreation and cultural facilities and activities close to where I live.
- Infrastructure, including roads and bridges, is built/improved/maintained.
- Natural environment is valued and protected.
- Other _____

You will also have an opportunity to enter comments.

If you have any questions or comments for us at Willing to Listen, please reach out via the Facebook page or email willingtolistensouthbruce@gmail.com

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