

Staff Report

Presented By: Alex Thompson, Strategic Initiatives Officer
Meeting Date: November 10, 2025
Subject: Bruce C Project Municipal MOU
Attachment(s): Bruce C Project - Municipal Memorandum of Understanding

Recommendation

That Council endorse the Bruce C Nuclear Project – Municipal Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Saugeen Shores, Municipality of Kincardine, and the County of Bruce.

Report Summary

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlines the framework for cooperation between the Town of Saugeen Shores, the Municipality of Kincardine, and the County of Bruce to support the municipal participation in the federal Integrated Impact Assessment (IA) for the Bruce C Nuclear Project (the Project).

Background/Analysis

Bruce Power is proposing to add 4800 MW of generating capacity, Bruce C project, to their existing site. The Project will have significant long-term impacts on our communities, including the services and infrastructure operated by local municipalities and the County. The Impact Assessment (IA) process, led by the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC), will assess environmental, socio-economic, and health impacts of the proposed Bruce C Project. The IA process was initiated by Bruce Power in August 2024 and currently is in the Impact Statement phase. More information about the IA process and the status of the project is available at [Engage Bruce Power](#) and the [IAAC Public Registry](#).

Through the IA process, the Municipalities of Kincardine and the Town of Saugeen Shores, were identified as the local impact area, with Bruce County identified as within the regional impact area. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been developed between these municipal organizations to outline how the organizations will work together through the IA process and enter into capacity funding and community benefit agreements related to the Bruce C Project to support community readiness.

The MOU promotes shared engagement, coordinated advocacy, studies, and planning between the Municipality of Kincardine, the Town of Saugeen Shores, and the County of Bruce. Key components of the MOU include:

- **Collaboration:** Municipalities will work jointly and independently on assessments and planning, guided by principles of transparency, equity, and efficiency.
- **Roles and Responsibilities:** While each community is impacted differently, each contributes unique knowledge to support the IA and to prepare for infrastructure and service delivery impacts.
- **Capacity Funding:** Funding, provided by the project proponent-Bruce Power-or other levels of government, will be sought based on demonstrated need and will not necessarily be distributed equal among all parties.
- **Community Benefit Agreements (CBAs):** Each party will independently negotiate CBAs with Bruce Power, to address their specific needs and impacts, while sharing information and respecting local autonomy.
- **Advocacy:** Each party will play a key role in addressing project impacts, including population growth and service demands. Advocacy for funding and investment will be coordinated among parties when engaging other levels of government.
- **Term:** The MOU remains in effect throughout the IA process and until a CBA is signed with each party. It will be reviewed annually and at major IA milestones.

Next Steps

Assuming all parties sign on to the MOU, the County will initiate a Regional Municipal Working Group, which would include engaging other municipalities within Bruce County to provide input into the development of regional data and to increase the understanding of project impacts. Town staff will continue to advance conversations with Bruce Power on capacity funding and community benefit agreements will be on-going through the Impact Assessment process.

Linkages

- Strategic Plan Alignment: Pillar 1: Meeting the Needs of a Growing Community
- Business Plan Alignment: CAO Major Initiative

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding

No costs or revenue is associated with this report.

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