

Q4 2025 Progress Report

Presented to Saugeen Shores Town Council



Report to: Mayor and members of Council, Town of Saugeen Shores

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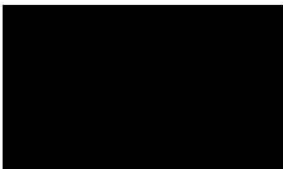
Executive Summary:

As part of the lease agreement signed on November 13, 2023, NII committed to a series of deliverables over the next several years. Below is a summary of recent work to fulfill those commitments. We look forward to our continued partnership with The Corporation of the Town of Saugeen Shores.

NII continues to meet the following deliverables for Q4 2025 in sections:

- 3.1.4 - Provide brand recognition for the Town similar to that of other Founding Members at NII
- 3.1.5 - The Town's Board representative will be invited to all Board activities and events
- 3.1.6 A & B - Social Media Posts and Invitations for town staff and council to NII events
- 3.1.6 C - Pass inquiries about local investment opportunities to the Saugeen Shores Economic Development Officer

Respectfully,



Jessica Linthorne
President and CEO, Nuclear Innovation Institute

**Nuclear Innovation Institute Deliverables and Report on
Schedule A on the Active Lease Agreement with The Corporation of the Town of Saugeen Shores**

Year	2025	Quarter	Q4	Status	On Track					
Item	Deliverable Description	Status				Actions and KPIs	Next Steps			
		Complete	On Going	In Progress	To be Started					
3.1.1	Maintain its head office in the Town for the Term of the Lease	X				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NII's main office continues to be in Saugeen Shores at 620 Tomlinson Drive 	Item Completed 2024			
3.1.2	Make space available to the Town for Council and Committee meetings and other meeting needs upon request according to the conditions set out in section 3. (c) of the Lease.	X				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NII's Facility Team has provided Council with the space for all Council, Committee of Whole and Planning Committee meetings from April 2024 –February 2025 Town staff will have conducted 31 council Meetings at NII's main space by March 31 2025. New Council Chambers were complete on Feb 5th. The last Town Council meeting at the NII was on Jan 27. All Town meeting tech stored at NII was removed by February 10th. 	Item Completed Q1 2025			
3.1.3	NII Board shall appoint a representative from the Council for the Town to fill a member- at-large seat on the NII Board of Directors within the parameters of its by-laws.	X				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council recommended Mayor Luke Charbonneau Mayor Luke Charbonneau appointed to NII's Board of Directors on November 22 2023 	Item Completed 2024			

	(Conditional on Council for the Town providing a recommendation to NII's Board for the appointment)						
3.1.4	The Town will receive brand recognition, similar to, that of other Founding Members at NII events and in NII's publications and on NII's website.		X			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town logo listed on Founding Member Page on NII website • Logo on Founders Wall at Advance Campus • 3 media mentions in Q4 2025 • Town logo listed on all Clean Energy Frontier Conference sponsorship materials, including NII's website, email marketing, presentation materials, nametags, Founding Member social media posts, etc. 	<p>Next opportunities for brand recognition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2026 Confluence Forum by the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative in Toronto, where NII will be presenting on the Clean Energy Frontier Region, and all founding members will receive brand recognition within the presentation. - SMR Canada Summit where NII will be presenting on rural clean energy ecosystem development.
3.1.5	The Town's Board representative will be invited to all Board activities and events such as meeting with visiting delegations, participating in NII special events, wherever they occur, and joining NII-led policy and advocacy initiatives		X			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town representative is included on the Founding Member email list and sent all Board related invitations • Event invitations include: Board Meetings, special Board sessions, and committees as appropriate • Mayor Luke Charbonneau (as Warden of Bruce County) serves as a Co-Chair of the 	

						Clean Energy Frontier Regional Steering Committee – 2025 meetings were held in Q1 and Q3.	The next biannual Regional Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for March 10 th , 2026.
3.1.6 A	Share clean energy advocacy content including social media posts with the Town’s communications department.		X			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NII mentioned Saugeen Shores 8 times across social media in Q4 2025 • LinkedIn metrics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8,400+ impressions (number of times posts are displayed for users) – this is 40% greater than the number of impressions in Q2 & Q3 combined; - 12.25% average engagement rate (percentage of viewers who interacted with posts, e.g., likes, comments, clicks, shares) 	
3.1.6 B	Include Town elected officials and staff in relevant NII public and industry events, including meetups and workshops.		X			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town of Saugeen Shores Mayor and select staff were invited to attend the Community Readiness Project partner workshop on November 7, 2025. Heather Hyde and Alex Thompson attended. 	Next opportunity: At ROMA, NII and Bruce Power are cohosting a reception with the Western Ontario Wardens’ Caucus and Saugeen Shores delegates will be invited to attend.
3.1.6 C	Pass any inquiries about local investment opportunities to the Saugeen Shores Economic Development Officer.		X			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the December 2, 2025 NII Board of Directors’ meeting, the Board received a presentation from Saugeen Shores staff regarding the 	

						Saugeen Shores Innovation Park. The Board discussed potential sector needs for industrial land and opportunities for collaboration at the site.	
3.1.6 D	Connect the Town to external innovation entities that could be of value to the Town.	X				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Opportunity presented through the Project Committee Invitations</i> 	<i>Item Completed 2024</i>
3.1.7	Provide the Town with the same opportunity as Founding Members to bring innovation project ideas forward to NII to evaluate and execute. <i>Jill Roote has been appointed as Town of Saugeen Shores representative to NII Project Committee, as per direction of Mayor Charbonneau and CAO Van Myall</i>	X				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>NII Board of Directors has approved appointment of Jill Roote to NII Project Committee, representing Town of Saugeen Shores</i> 	<i>Item Completed 2024</i>