



**ROMA Delegation
Ministry of Energy and Mines**

Representative: Hon. Rudy Cuzzetto, Parliamentary Assistant

Date: Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Time: 12:55 PM – 1:10 PM

Location: Hilton Hotel Simcoe West Room (lobby level)

Attending: Saugeen Shores Delegates

Summary Ask

That the Ministry:

- **Support Saugeen Shores' request for both short and long-term municipal capacity funding as a Bruce Power host community to advance new energy infrastructure for the Bruce C Project. We appreciate the Province's commitment to this support and seek an accelerated and sustained funding approach to meet urgent growth needs.**

- **Initiate provincial coordination in the Federal Impact Assessment process to ensure municipalities have the resources and support required to proactively address the anticipated impacts on health, social, and economic conditions.**

Summary Issue

Growth Readiness to Support New Nuclear

Saugeen Shores is the fastest-growing community in Bruce County, home to more than 30% of Bruce Power's 4,000+ permanent workers and host to 18 nuclear suppliers. As the municipality most directly supporting the expanding nuclear workforce, Saugeen Shores is experiencing significant pressures on infrastructure, housing, transportation, and community services.

Municipal capacity funding is critical to ensure local readiness for the growth associated with the Bruce C Project. While we appreciate the Province's commitment to support host municipalities, funding is required sooner and must be sustained over the long term to ensure municipalities can keep pace with planning, infrastructure upgrades, and service demands.



Supporting Background

The Town of Saugeen Shores, as a host community to Bruce Power, must strategically position itself for growth, expanded infrastructure investment, and increased service demands as the Bruce C Nuclear Project advances. The Town will need to make significant investments to support Bruce Power, its suppliers—serving as key employers—and their workforce, as well as the broader community.

Gaining a comprehensive understanding of the impacts on local infrastructure and services, including those related to the potential expansion of isotope production, is essential for Saugeen Shores to ensure the Bruce C Project delivers positive socio-economic outcomes. To achieve this, the Town must be adequately resourced to identify, participate in, comment on, and develop projected service impact studies that consider both traditional energy needs and emerging opportunities such as medical nuclear isotope production.

Understanding the impact on infrastructure and demand for services tied to a potential Bruce C Project is critical for Saugeen Shores to ensure the Project has a positive socio-economic impact. To achieve this understanding, the Town must be resourced to identify, participate in, comment on and develop projected service impact studies.

Funding for these impact studies is not simply about municipal readiness; it is a strategic investment in the overall success of this important energy infrastructure initiative. By supporting Saugeen Shores with this effort now, all stakeholders will benefit from improved coordination, more efficient planning, and a lasting partnership that advances Ontario's energy future—including its leadership in clean energy and isotope production for medical applications.

Municipal Capacity Funding Outcomes:

1. Support well-informed growth management, ensuring appropriate population allocation and sufficient residential, commercial and industrial land supply.
2. Identify infrastructure gaps—including those affecting new sectors such as isotope production—before they become barriers to progress.
3. Develop service delivery models that accommodate increased demands.



Saugeen Shores – Investing in the Future

Innovation Park

This **\$4-million Town investment** in the development of an Innovation Park is designed to support and advance the clean energy sector in Saugeen Shores. Innovation Park is founded on the principle that close collaboration among innovators fosters knowledge sharing and cross-disciplinary thinking, driving achievement and innovation. Surrounded by trails, heritage sites, and natural landscapes, the Innovation Park is positioned to become the future location for some of the region's leading innovative companies.

Strategically located at 300 Concession 6 in Port Elgin, the Innovation Park provides **17 lots across 23 acres of fully serviced employment land**. These lots are competitively priced, with incentives available to qualified businesses and convenient access to Highway 21. Proximity to Bruce Power, being only 25 kilometers away, further enhances the Park's suitability for enterprises within the clean energy sector, including medical nuclear isotopes.

Housing

The Town of Saugeen Shores Mayor and Council are committed to increasing attainable and affordable housing. Recognizing that a broader mix of homes will boost supply—particularly for energy sector workers—the Town has taken several steps:

- Introduced Residential Intensification Guidelines to guide residents and staff in developing housing options.
- Identifying and utilizing Town-owned lands for possible sale or housing development.
- Collaborating with Bruce County on a Municipal Housing Allowance to improve local housing access.
- Creating a Housing-Driven Community Planning Permitting and Housing Opportunities System (CPPS). The Town of Saugeen Shores is introducing a CPPS to speed up approvals by combining zoning, site plan, and variance processes, reducing timelines from 90 to 45 days. Backed by Housing Accelerator Funding, this system allows greater flexibility to address local housing needs. A Nodes and Corridors Study will identify key areas for more density and mixed uses.
- Made amendments to the Official Plan and Zoning By-Law to now allow triplexes/fourplexes in most zones, Permitting Additional Residential Units (ARUs) in duplexes/triplexes, lowering parking to one stall per unit with ARU, removing maximum ARU floor area, allowing two detached ARUs on lots over 450 m², in order to further expand affordable housing options.
- Launched Standardized ARU Toolkits and Missing Middle Housing Program – to create toolkits and share architectural plans to simplify and reduce costs for ARUs and missing middle housing. Supported by Bruce Power Seed Funding.



Pryde Aquatic and Wellness Centre

This **\$50-million** construction project features a modern facility with an 8-lane, 25-metre pool, leisure pool, walking track, fitness centre, gymnasium, multipurpose rooms, and common areas including change rooms and washrooms. The building also houses municipal offices and Council Chambers. As a regional initiative, it aims to help attract and retain the clean energy workforce to the area.

Lamont Sports Park

The **\$5.7-million-dollar** project received funding from both the Town and the community, with \$2.5 million contributed through local fundraising activities. The Lamont Sports Park is a municipal multi-field recreational facility. This project was initiated in response to population growth within the Town and the need for additional recreational spaces, including ball diamonds that connect to a community trail system.

Municipal Roads and Infrastructure

The Town consistently creates and develops work plans to ensure wise and sustainable investment in infrastructure and development for the long term. Capital projects are a consistent priority to ensure assets are in good condition, are maintained in a safe manner and added to / replaced as needed. This foresight results in a community that is the location of choice for the clean energy workforce and next generation employers. We look forward to working alongside the Province to achieve this goal of a new build at Bruce Power while supporting the Town of Saugeen Shores in adjusting its strategies to accommodate this new growth.



Provincial Alignment

The Town of Saugeen Shores is proud to support Ontario's Integrated Energy Plan that aims to build a more affordable, secure, reliable and clean electricity system, particularly through the development of new large-scale nuclear energy such as the proposed Bruce C Project. As home to more Bruce Power employees than any other municipality, the Town is uniquely placed to support both today and tomorrow's generation of clean energy workers.

- Facilitating attainable and affordable housing options directly supports the Province's mandate to grow and sustain a skilled energy workforce, ensuring sufficient accommodation for employees working at Bruce Power and within the broader clean energy sector.
- Investments in municipal infrastructure and residential growth align with the Province's objectives for modernizing communities to attract and retain energy sector talent, contributing to long-term economic stability and energy innovation.
- By optimizing Town-owned lands and developing strategic housing initiatives, Saugeen Shores is poised to accommodate anticipated population increases driven by energy projects, thus advancing the Province's clean energy and workforce development goals.
- As a host community to 18 nuclear suppliers and over 30 per cent of Bruce Power's 4,000 plus permanent workforce, the Town is uniquely positioned to assist the Province in meeting their goal of doubling medical nuclear isotope production by 2030.



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Saugeen Shores: A Growing Rural Community and Host to Bruce Power

The Town of Saugeen Shores is a host community to Bruce Power housing upwards of 30% of their labour force. Saugeen Shores stands out as a community defined by its unique blend of urban advantages and rural character. As one of Ontario's fastest-growing municipalities, the Town has seen a **16%** increase in population since the last census—nearly three times the provincial average. This momentum, sustained through consecutive census years, illustrates a place where modern conveniences and rural tranquility coexist. The community is attracting families with children under 15 (**27.8%**) and adults aged 25 to 44 (**29.4%**), reflecting the appeal of a setting that offers both the dynamism of a growing town and the welcoming nature of a rural environment.

Economic opportunity in Saugeen Shores is anchored by Bruce Power, Canada's largest nuclear generation station, which supports a balanced, forward-thinking local economy. The Life-Extension Program at Bruce Power has sustained thousands of jobs, drawing talent and expertise from a wide area.

Tourism continues to play a vital role in Saugeen Shores, with seasonal visitors often returning to become part of the community. The population of residents aged 65 and older has grown by **36.2%** since the last census, highlighting the Town's appeal to those seeking a balanced lifestyle post-retirement. Here, newcomers and long-time residents alike find opportunities to enjoy local amenities, outdoor spaces, and a pace of life that complements personal and professional aspirations.

Saugeen Shores' diversity adds further depth to its character. Over **11%** of residents are newcomers to Canada, and nearly **8%** identify as racialized. Close collaboration with Saugeen First Nation, through shared facilities and ongoing projects, reflects a commitment to inclusivity and partnership. Across backgrounds and stages of life, people are drawn to the Town for its balanced mix of opportunities, services, and community spirit.

Today, Saugeen Shores continues to evolve as a regional hub where the richness of urban amenities meets the warmth of rural tradition. This balance—carefully cultivated and naturally present—offers residents and newcomers alike the space to thrive, connect, and enjoy a lifestyle that truly offers the best of both worlds.