



## Committee Report

**To:** Warden Chris Peabody, Chair, and  
Members of the Executive Committee

**From:** Claire Dodds, Commissioner of Community Development

**Date:** October 19, 2023

**Re:** Clean Energy Frontier Program - Memorandum of Understanding

### Staff Recommendation:

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That Council authorize the Warden and CAO to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Bruce Power and the Nuclear Innovation Institute related to staffing and structure for the Clean Energy Frontier Program; and,

That the necessary By-law be forwarded to County Council for adoption; and,

That By-law 2021-048 be repealed.

### Background:

Bruce Power and Bruce County launched the Nuclear Economic Development Innovation Initiative in 2016. This was a jointly funded activity designed to leverage economic opportunities in the nuclear sector in communities across Bruce, Grey and Huron Counties. The initiative was focused on supporting the expansion and integration of businesses in the nuclear industry supply chain. Since that time over 60 suppliers have expanded their presence in the region.

Since that time, there have been several adjustments and changes to this agreement, including the addition of the Ontario Canadian Nuclear Industries (OCNI) in 2019, and the eventual transition of the staff position being held by the Nuclear Innovation Institute (NII).

In September of 2020 the program was rebranded as the Clean Energy Frontier. The program continues to focus on the regional nuclear industry opportunities and economic growth. It has also developed a broader branding and marketing campaign for the region.

The proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will replace the existing agreement from 2021. The current Memorandum of Understanding is set to expire on December 31, 2023.

The proposed new Memorandum of Understanding (attached) builds on the previous agreement and looks to build on the existing partnership between Bruce Power, Bruce County and NII. The programs' goal is to promote the region as a leader in clean energy, support economic development and investment attraction and to increase awareness of clean energy initiatives. This MOU shall become effective on January 1, 2024 and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2026.

This agreement is very similar to the previous agreement with a few minor changes. The bulk of the changes relate to the creation of a management committee made up of the Bruce County CAO and a representative of Bruce Power that will approve and oversee the workplans for the Clean Energy Frontier program.

**Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:**

The County's contribution would to the program is \$55,000 and is subject to budget approval each year. This is the same contribution that was provided during the last three years of the agreement.

**Interdepartmental Consultation:**

None

**Link to Strategic Goals and Elements:**

**Goal 4:** Promote Responsible Growth  
**Objective:** Promote economic growth and prosperity across all three economic pillars (agriculture, energy, tourism)

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