

## PLANE CRASH AT IGNACE AIRPORT



On August 11, 2021 at approximately 7:54 p.m. members of the Ignace Ontario Provincial Police, Ignace Volunteer Fire Department and the Ignace Ambulance attended the Ignace Airport to tend to a crashed airplane. The plane, a Cessna 172 was located at the northeast side of the Ignace Municipal Airport grounds and the lone occupant had already exited the plane. The individual was transported to hospital by EMS with minor injuries.

## Public Works Says Farewell to Ralph



The Township of Ignace said farewell to Public Works Manager; Ralph Cox. Ralph proved to be an invaluable asset at public works and his dedication both day and night will be missed. The entire Township wishes Ralph all the best in his future endeavors in the Yukon.



## Ignace Community – Save the Dates

**Food Bank Days** – Every second Thursday – September 2, 16, & 30 from 1:00 -3:00 pm

**Meals on Wheels** – Tuesday & Thursday

**Residential/Commercial Garbage** – Monday & Thursday

**Waste Disposal Site** – Monday, Wednesday & Saturday 1:00 to 5:00 pm

**Ignace Public Library** – Wednesday 3:00 to 7:00 pm, Thursday & Friday 2:00 – 5:00 pm

**Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) Panel Discussion** – 02 September 2021, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

**Ignace Community Nuclear Liaison Committee** – Wednesday - September 8 at 6:00 pm

**Ignace Area Youth Gathering** – September 25<sup>th</sup> – All day event. Stay tuned for more details.

**Nuclear 101** – October 14<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for more details.

**Ignace will be hosting its first ever Powwow – Thanksgiving Weekend, October 8 – 10, 2021. Stay tuned for more information.**



# Ignace Asks the NWMO

Ignace will be hosting the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) in a discussion panel on Thursday, September 2, 2021 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. We are asking some of the tough questions that need answering and NWMO is going to answer. Stay tuned for the links on Facebook as well as on the Township of Ignace website ([www.ignace.ca](http://www.ignace.ca)).



**Lise Morton** is the Voce-President of Site Selection at the NWMO. She is an accomplished leader with 31 years of experience in operations, maintenance, and engineering roles. Ms. Morton has led teams in managing complex issues involving regulators, governmental agencies and Indigenous groups. She has broad international experience having participated in World Association of Nuclear Operators member support missions, and several International Atomic Energy Agency joint conventions and technical consultancies.



**Joe Heil** is the Director of Indigenous Engagement for Northwestern Ontario at the NWMO. He has more than 40 years of experience in the nuclear industry related to nuclear operations and Indigenous Relations. While at Ontario Power Generation (OPG), he spent 20 years as a Nuclear Operator. In 2002, Joe took on the role of managing issues and relationships between OPG and over 50 First nation (FN) and Metis communities in Ontario, as the Director of Aboriginal Relations for OPF. He settled numerous historical post grievances with flooded FN communities, established partnerships on new Hydro developments, and supported the approval for the LLIL DGR. Joe has his Masters in Economics (UWO), Hon. BSc in Science (Trent) and BA in Native Studies (Trent).



**Sarah Hirschorn** is the Director of Geoscience at the NWMO. Her technical background is in geochemistry, and she has worked in the research and development and site evaluation programs associated with Adaptive Phased Management (APM), Canada's approach for long-term management of used nuclear fuel for over 13 years. In her current role, Sarah is responsible for the NWMO's geoscientific site investigation activities, as the NWMO continues to assess the suitability of potential sites for hosting a deep geological repository.



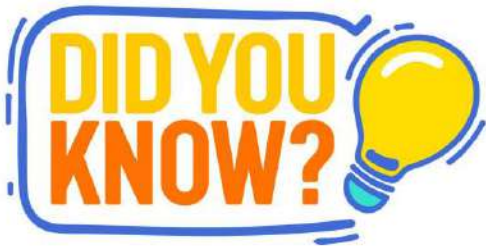
**Allen Webster** is the Director of Regulatory Affairs and Environmental Assessment at the NWMO. Before joining the NWMO in 2017, Allan worked for more than 20 years for Ontario Power Generation in the field of nuclear regulatory affairs and environment assessment. He has a Master of Laws in Environmental and Natural Resources Law and been a key team member on several environmental assessments and nuclear facility licensing projects. Allan brings a participatory approach and enjoys working with communities and the regulatory authorities on these important planning and decision processes.



**Caitlin Burley** is the Manager, Transportation Engagement, with the NWMO. She is responsible for the development and implementation of a transportation planning process that includes community input and reflective of public priorities and concerns. Prior to the NWMO, she worked with the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines and was responsible for overseeing community wellbeing programs in remote communities in Northern Ontario. She has a Bachelor of Science and a Masters of Applied Science in Environmental Management, and accreditation from the International Association for Public Participation on consultation and dialogue.



**Dr. Peter Keech**, is the Manager, Engineered Barrier Science since 2016, having previously been the Senior Coating and Corrosion Scientist with NWMO from 2011. His work on the NWMO program goes back to 2006 and his postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Western Ontario where he conducted research to support the safety of the deep geological repository. He has BSc and MSc degrees from Guelph and a Ph.D. from Calgary and is an accomplished technical author. He is the Canadian representative of the “International Scientific Committee (ISC) on Long-Term Prediction of Corrosion Damage in Nuclear Waste Systems”, an executive member of the International Steering Committee for the Grimsel Test Site in Switzerland and represents the NWMO for numerous international collaborations.



**DID YOU KNOW...** Bylaws protect the interests and benefits of those who reside within the community and are meant to regulate, improve, beautify and to enhance the lives for all residents.

Speaking of Bylaws, ‘DID YOU KNOW’ ... the Township of Ignace various Bylaws clearly provides the Purpose, Definitions of a particular Bylaw and states the Applicability, Penalties and Enforcement. Bylaw 38.21 for example, specifically regulates the ‘Keeping of Animals’ and outlines in the Bylaw the related Fees and Charges, that may be imposed or levied.

Section 8, of 38.21 states that it is an offence to harbour more than (4) Four Animals, inside each unit on the premises of a Single-detached Dwelling/ only (2) Two Animals, in each Multi-unit Dwelling, and is not ‘per person’. Those found in contravention may be subjected to a \$250.00 Set Fine, as shown in Schedule ‘A’ of Bylaw 38.21.

If you own a dog(s) the Township of Ignace requires you to Register and obtain Dog Tags for your dog(s) every year.

Section 12 of 38.21- DOG REGISTRATION AND IDENTIFICATION; states, every person Temporarily or Permanent, residing with the limits of the Township of Ignace ‘Shall’ procure a New and/or Renew Dog Identification/ Registration Annually.

Schedule ‘B’ of Bylaw 38.21 List the animals that are ‘Prohibited’ within the Township of Ignace.

You are encouraged to contact the Township of Ignace Municipal Law Enforcement Officer (MLEO) for any bylaw needs and also to familiarize yourself with the various Township of Ignace Bylaws. They are easily accessible and may be found on the Township of Ignace, Civic Web; <https://ignace.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/347>

#### **Did You Also Know that Ignace has an Aerodrome Committee and an Economic Development Committee?**

**Aerodrome Committee members** – Kelly Cross, Brad Greaves and Evan Stewart

**Economic Development Committee members** – Paul Dufault, Janet Lett, Gerald Gannon, Liz Russell, Jade St. Amand & Bill Laidlaw.

**Ignace Citizen Advisory Committee** – Looking for members. Contact the Township of Ignace for more information.

**Ignace Recreation Committee** – Looking for members. Contact the Township of Ignace for more information.



# Who are the Garden Gnomes?



From left to right: Elizabeth Russell, Linda McIntosh, Sheila Hintz, Don McIntosh, Debbie Hart, Chicki Pesola, Nelda Harrison, and Kim Gilbert. Missing from the photo are Sandy Twardowsky and Heather Norhaugen. We also cannot forget about the infamous anonymous Garden Gnome who generously takes care of a planter and ensures that it is cared for all summer. Previous years helpers include Teri Andrews, Lynn Clark, Jeanne Bryan and Sherry Graver & family.

Council heard a very convincing deputation from Elizabeth Russell of the Garden Gnomes. This is the last year that the Gnomes will beautify the Township of Ignace. The work required is a time consuming and a huge commitment from the volunteers. The Gnomes want to make sure that the Council knows how important it is to beautify the main Ignace locations and ensure that there is regular maintenance and care by the Township Staff and/or hired services to create and execute a structured gardening service plan with a budget. The Township currently has 55 planters, an arena flower bed as well as other arena landscaping, several flower beds at the Township office as well as the library, the east and west town entry rocks need flowers, two water ponds that need tending (Township office and Plaza Plane) and last but not least the little park at the dam on Lakeshore Drive. There is a lot of planning that goes into beautifying the community and it begins in October when the order is placed for the flowers. Let's hope we can continue this community beautification through the Township of Ignace.

## Looking Back Through the Years

### Bonheur Tower now in Ignace

Ignace Driftwood, October 2, 1991



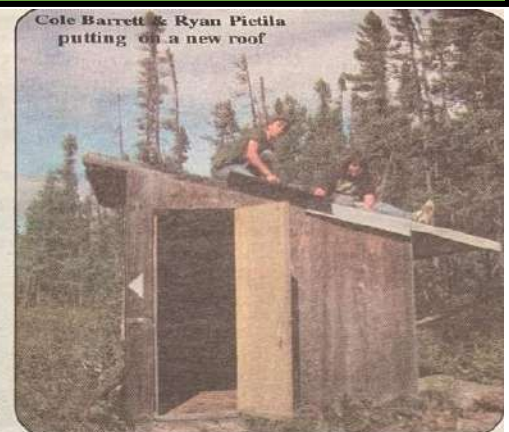
The Bonheur Tower came down a couple of weeks ago, and was moved into Ignace. Re-erection will begin soon behind the new Tourist Centre/Library complex. Here, the roof of the cupola was removed for possible future use.

### Ignace Otters Snowmobile Club getting ready for Old Man Winter



Lunch time at Ripple Lake

Over the last several weeks the Ignace Otters Snowmobile Club has been working real hard at getting the trails and warm-up shelters ready for this 2011/2012 snow season. With the help of Argo Adventures' Dave Doucett and students from Ignace School - Ryan Petila, Brandon Leveque and Cole Barrett - getting their community hours, we should be ready. The Campus warm-up shelter has received a new roof, wood stove and pipes. The A trail to Sioux Lookout has a busy beaver(s) damming up the trail, so with all the volunteers' help and one mighty Argo the dam has been partial broken. This warm-up shelter at Ripple Lake will also be receiving a new wood stove. If you want to come out and have some fun and volunteer



Cole Barrett & Ryan Petila putting on a new roof



Ryan Petila breaking a small dam



Brandon Levesque hard at work

some hours, just give Sue Bond a call 934-2851. During this week, grade 12 students from Ignace School - Jordan Tilley, Zach Melander, Nathan Taddeo and Brandon Rousseau - will be putting up metal signs around town and the highway corridor. A big Thank You goes to Argo Adventures and the hard-working students.



STARTING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH



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MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

10AM @ SILVER TOPS

FREE ENTRY AND MASKS ARE PROVIDED



CONTACT YVONNE ROMAS AT 934-2290



## Learn to Play Pickleball

Tennis Court beside the Arena

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
10:00 a.m. Starting Sept. 7  
Free. No need to register.  
Just drop in and give us a try.  
You might just get hooked!

For more information  
Call Yvonne Romas,  
Health Promoter  
934-2290

Mary Berglund  
Community Health Centre Hub  
Centre de santé communautaire  
CPS & L'PP & L'P  
Your Centre for Health and Wellbeing

Come and learn how to play Pickleball. This extremely popular game is fun and easy to play. After 4 sessions you will know all the rules and will be playing like a pro. Open to all abilities!

You are invited to listen in on the next meeting of the

## ICNLC

*Ignace Community Nuclear Liaison Committee*

Please join us as we continue to learn about Canada's plan for our high level used nuclear fuel.

This month's meeting will feature a presentation from NWMO on the current Borehole Studies

September 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82840401966?pwd=SkFXL2xhc1Yyc0FnOHVuVmpKMek5Zz09>



Please join us for the

## Ignace & Area Youth Gathering

**Who:** Youth Grades 7-12

from Ignace, Wabigoon Lake Ojibway  
Nation, Wabigoon, and Upsala

**When:** Sat, September 25<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am – 6:30 pm

**Where:** Ignace Recreation Centre – Curling Hall



Scan the QR code or visit  
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/ignace-area-youth-gathering-tickets-168984917437>  
to register!

- ◆ Exhibitor Trade Show
- ◆ PLUNKO
- ◆ Prizes
- ◆ Orange Shirt Day Presentation & Design
- ◆ Life Skills Workshops
- ◆ Motivational Speakers
- ◆ Continental Breakfast
- ◆ Catered Lunch
- ◆ End of Event BBQ





On August 26, 2020, Mayor Penny Lucas, Jeff Lederer and Petrina Taylor-Hertz attended Resolute Forest Products celebration of 500,000 injury free hours in the workplace. A big thank you goes out to Roxanne, Sonya and Jeremy for facilitating the tour of the Ignace Sawmill. It was great to see the operations up close. Resolute Forest Products also made generous donations of \$5000 to each of the following organizations: Mary Berglund Community Health Centre – Food Bank, Northern Critters in Need and Blessings in a Backpack; three very deserving non-profit organizations.



## Ignace Fire Department Receives Recognition from OPP



Pictured above is Staff Sergeant Ed Chwastyk presenting newly appointed Ignace Fire Chief; Darryl Tucker with the Certificate of Recognition for the Ignace Fire Department.

On Saturday June 12, 2021 at approximately 07:17 hours, Ignace OPP were dispatched to a personal injury motor vehicle collision on Highway 17 near mile marker 318. At the time of dispatch, OPP officers were quite a distance away. Ignace Fire Department was dispatched immediately due to reports of multiple injuries at the scene. Approximately 20 minutes later, Ignace Fire Department, which is a volunteer-based service, arrived on scene and began triaging the injured parties. Less than 10 minutes later, responding officers had received an update from Ignace Fire Department of injury status and that Ornge was enroute. At approximately 07:48 hours, PC Gadd arrived on the scene and spoke to Ignace Fire Chief Robert BERUBE, who immediately provided officers with an update on injuries and offered to assist. Ignace Fire Department assisted by shutting down Highway 17 and triage of the injured parties so officers could focus on investigation. Ignace Fire Department remained on scene for the duration of the investigation working alongside PC Gadd, DaSilva and McGrayne. Ignace is blessed to have such a dedicated volunteer team.

# Transportation safety gets the spotlight in presentation to Ignace Community Nuclear Liaison Committee

NWMO transportation specialists recently gave a presentation at the Ignace Community Nuclear Liaison Committee (ICNLC) meeting on transportation planning and addressed topics from community members and others to demonstrate that used nuclear fuel can be transported safely and securely in Canada.

Transportation of used nuclear fuel from interim storage facilities to a deep geological repository is part of Canada's plan for the safe, long-term management of used nuclear fuel. It is set to begin in the 2040s, once the deep geological repository is operational.

The NWMO's main objective in implementing Canada's plan is protecting people and the environment for generations to come. There is a strong international track record for transporting used nuclear fuel. In over 50 years, there have been more than 20,000 shipments worldwide of used nuclear fuel, and none have caused harm to people or the environment as a result of the release of radioactive materials. This is because of strong regulatory requirements that must be met before transportation begins.

Caitlin Burley, Transportation Engagement Manager at the NWMO, said that the NWMO is working with people to address their questions and concerns about radiation exposure during transportation and the impacts of potential accidents.

"A rigorous multi-year work program on transportation safety of used nuclear fuel is being planned. The program looks at both regulatory requirements and the concerns that people are identifying as we engage on this topic. It is very natural for people to have these concerns, and we are working to address them both at this early planning stage and over our 20-year planning time frame."

Ms. Burley provided three case study examples of transportation accidents involving radioactive materials to acknowledge that accidents can happen, but the programs, requirements and controls around those accidents are effective at protecting people and the environment.

Darren Howe, Strategic Advisor of Waste Management at the NWMO, said that the NWMO's transportation program takes a defence-in-depth approach – which means multiple and overlapping layers of safety measures that work together. The fundamental and first layer of protection during transportation is the transportation package. Transportation packages for used nuclear fuel are designed and tested to ensure protection of people and the environment in both normal operations and accident conditions.

In addition to the packaging design and safety requirements, there is a set of operational requirements, rigorous quality programs and best practices, including but not limited to driver training programs, vehicle and package inspections, information decision-making prior to shipments, and monitoring of conditions prior to transport.

Yang Sui, Used Nuclear Fuel Transportation Package Design Engineer at the NWMO, spoke about the NWMO's ability to manage the harmful impacts of radiation.

"The container that holds the used nuclear fuel weighs over 30 tons and has undergone extreme testing to simulate the most severe accident. The container has never been breached in testing."

Those tests include dropping the container from nine metres to a solid surface, then dropping it onto a sharp object, and then placing it in a fully engulfed fire of 800 degrees Celsius for 30 minutes. The package also undergoes a water emersion test at two different depths. These tests are designed to simulate the stresses from severe accident conditions. Videos are available on demonstration trials and testing for safety.

The focus today, approximately two decades before transportation is expected to begin, is to ensure that we can be confident that whichever site is elected to host the repository, that location will have a socially acceptable and technically sound plan. We recognize that over the 20-year planning time frame, there are many questions and concerns about transportation that will still need to be addressed.

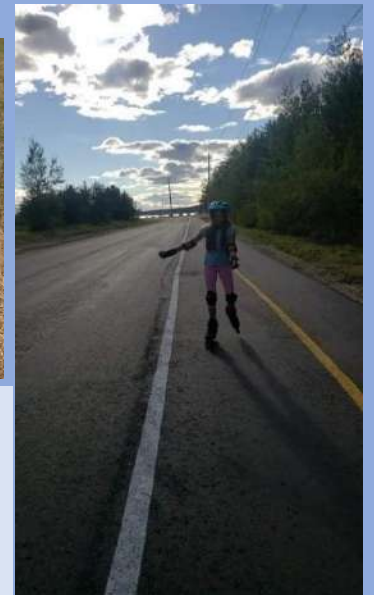
We will continue to seek Canadians' and Indigenous peoples' feedback on transportation through the development of a transportation planning framework and ongoing engagement.



# Highlights from Council Meeting – 16 August 2021

Deputation – Garden Gnomes representative, Elizabeth Russell made a presentation to Council on recommendations for the future of keeping the community in bloom for next year. I never realized how much planning went into beautifying Ignace, but if you have a chance to go in and read Mrs. Russell's report, you will see what and how much work these garden gnomes do. I was also pleasantly surprised that there is an anonymous garden gnome that tends to one of the flower planters in town who Mrs. Russell thanked in her presentation.

Mayor Lucas' Report - Mayor Lucas spoke of the paving of the Plaza parking lot, the Senior's Walking and Urban Art Trail, and the making of certain intersections for foot traffic. The Mayor thanked all of the summer students for their hard work along with Public Works crew and the Garden Gnomes. Penny also spoke of the new faces on the Fire Hydrants.



There have been so many positive changes happening in our little community over the last year. As a community, we all need to and should want to participate in the surveys we put out. We want to hear from you. Negative (respectfully) or positive, everyone needs to have a say in what goes on in our community. We might not get exactly what we wanted because everyone has different priorities, but our Mayor, Council & administration will listen to our community members.

**Jeff Lederer's Report – Planning, Development & Engagement Services** – Property transactions have been busy – reviewing and preparing 22 property compliance certificates. In addition, summer has seen 10 building reviews/permits with the Township of Ignace. The Township of Ignace is still working closely with the Kenora District Services Board, the Mary Berglund Community Health Centre & the Silver Tops Seniors Centre in developing a 20 unit living facility.

The \$300,000 grant/near-term investment received will complete the work for Stage 1 of the Plaza Development. The paving has been completed. The \$320,000 grant/near-term investment received will complete the work for the Senior Walk/Urban Art Trail. The dog park concepts have been presented to the committee for a dog park near the soccer field/Lily Pad Lake and grant funding is being explored. The Township of Ignace hopes to have a decision in the early fall about the funding they have applied for under the High-Speed Internet Grant. The Landfill Site will be getting a much-needed facelift with the infrastructure grant money received. Stay tuned for the updates.

**Clerk Lynda Colby's Report – Corporate Service Department** – The Crossroads building on Pine Street had some preventative maintenance work completed with the replacement of shingles and eaves trough. The By-Law enforcement officer will track and monitor dog tags. Don't delay getting your dog a tag; they need to be purchased on a yearly basis. There were several by-laws updated and they can be found on the Township of Ignace website.

**Ralph Cox' Report – Infrastructure and Recreation Services Manager** – The scrap metal was crushed and removed from the landfill site and the bulldozer & old loader have been repaired and returned to the landfill as well. The team has been busy with water metre installs, placing planters around town, tending to ponds and applying calcium chloride to our gravel roads. Public works staff and summer students have commenced a major brushing exercise at the Aero Drome (Ignace Airport). The take-home day camps had an increase in registrations with 50 youth ages 4 to 13 participating in weekly activities.

Council went into closed session and, upon return, advised the following: Offers on properties had been accepted. These have been updated on the surplus/available properties on the website.

Councillor Chantelle Tucker will be on a three-month leave of absence. Public Works Manager Ralph Cox put in his resignation and his last day of work is August 18, 2021. The dog pound at the public works yard will be updated with a property enclosure. Lily Pad Lake Road was paved by Thunder Contracting and in addition to the paving, there will be a new sidewalk and parking adjacent to the Lily Pad Pond.

You can see all of the Council Package on the Township of Ignace website at [www.ignace.ca](http://www.ignace.ca).