



District of Kenora Unincorporated
Area Ratepayers Association

Newsletter

Summer 2024

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DoKURA held its annual general meeting on June 20, 2024. In addition to the regular business of the board, a motion was passed to waive the requirement for an audit or review for the 2024-2025 fiscal year as permitted under the Ontario Not-for-profit Corporations Act 2021 for Public Benefit Corporations.

As per the Nominating Committee Report, the DoKURA board of directors and officers are:

Officers

President – Vacant

Vice-President – Ed Murray (to 2026)

Secretary-Treasurer – Barry Baltessen (to 2026)

Kenora District Service Board TWOMO representatives to December 31, 2026

Laurie Huffman – Oxdrift

Barry Baltessen – Lake of the Woods North

Mark Sobchuk – Lac Seul

Dennis Wallace – Lake of the Woods South

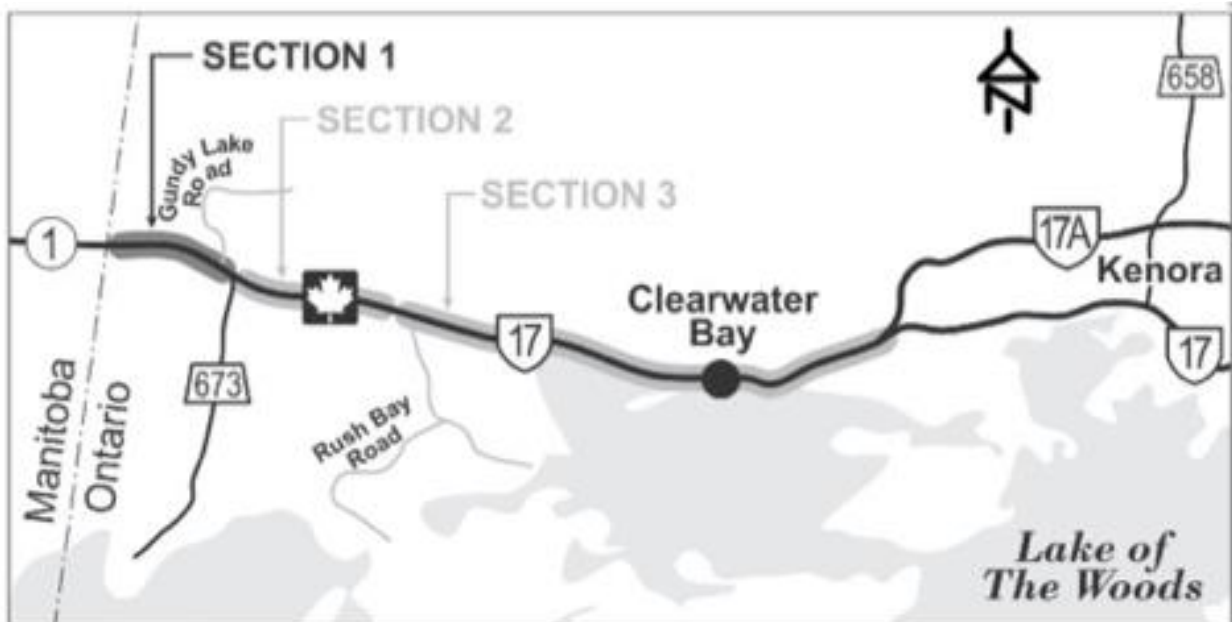
Directors at large

Bob Stewart

Ed Murray

Note: A tentative date of June 19, 2025, has been set for next year's AGM.

Highway 17 Twinning



Following a detailed route evaluation using input received through public engagement and discussions with Indigenous communities, the project team has recommended a preferred alternative to establish a four-lane divided Highway 17, within the limits for Section 2. The recommended preferred alternative focuses on minimizing impacts to Indigenous communities, stakeholders, and the environment. The PIC provided an opportunity to review and provide input and comment on the recommended preferred alternative. The materials presented at the PIC also provided an overview of the evaluation process that was undertaken, as well as the proposed project access roads.

PIC #2 was held as follows:

Date: Thursday July 4, 2024

Time: 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Location / Address: Super 8 Motel – 240 Lakeview Drive, Kenora

PIC #2 was an in-person, open house format with project team representatives from MTO and WSP available to answer questions, as well as discuss and receive comments. Interested persons were encouraged to attend to learn about the project and provide input to ensure that concerns can be addressed by the project team as the study progresses.

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News From the Municipal Property Tax Corporation (MPAC)



MPAC will soon be launching the Property Pulse Dashboard, a new tool designed to assist property owners to make informed decisions about current and future residential home ownership. The Dashboard will be available to all property owners, providing up-to-date residential sales data in an interactive data platform. The user-friendly interface will enable property owners to:

- View recent residential sales information by municipality and property type
- Compare sales information for up to five municipalities
- Filter information by sales year/month, year built and square footage

More information is expected later this year.

A new feature has been enabled in AboutMyProperty that allows users to update their own mailing address information.

The new self-serve enhancement eliminates the need for property owners to contact the Customer Care Contact Centre or submit a form via mpac.ca.

As part of a soft launch, the Customer Care Centre has started informing property owners about the new self-serve option. This phased approach aims to familiarize users with the new feature,



paving the way for a broader external rollout in September.



Ontario Expanding Seniors Active Living Centres

The Ontario Government is expanding access to services and activities for seniors through a call for proposals for new Seniors Active Living Centres. A [new regulation](#) under the *Seniors Active Living Centres Act, 2017* intends to improve access to the Seniors Active Living Centres (SALC) program for underserved communities so more older Ontarians have opportunities to stay active and engaged.

In addition to municipalities, other local community-based and non-profit organizations such as Legions, Lions Clubs, Local Services Boards and recreational clubs can apply.

The Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility is conducting

information webinars for organizations interested in submitting a call for proposal. The first information webinars were conducted on July 24, 2024.

If you would like to learn more about this new program, how to prepare and submit an application, please register for one of the remaining sessions:

- Tuesday, August 27, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. (English) [Register here.](#)
- Tuesday, August 27, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (French) [Register here.](#)



Ignace supports \$26-billion nuclear storage unit

The town of Ignace continues to show support to become the possible home of Canada's first underground nuclear storage unit. Ignace council voted to continue showing interest in the \$26-billion project during a special meeting on Wednesday. The vote came after a community "willingness survey" revealed more than 77 per cent of voters (495 of those who cast a ballot) want to move forward with the selection process.

There were 1,035 eligible voters and 660 opted into the process, with 640 logging ballots that demonstrated a fulsome participation in the study conducted.

Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation (WLON) will also have its own willingness process and their decision is also needed.

The Nuclear Waste Management Organization plans to decide later this year where Canada's nuclear waste will be stored. Ignace is one of two locations being considered for the project, with the being South Bruce.

The DoKURA board recently held a virtual meeting with Vince Ponka, Regional Communications Manager – Northern Ontario, to discuss our concerns related to the lack of input for residents living in the unincorporated area and for the risks associated with transporting nuclear waste to Revell Lake, if it is chosen as the site for the project. We are looking for input from potentially impacted unincorporated residents to inform further discussions.

Please email us at dokuraorg@gmail.com to let us know your thoughts on this process so we can incorporate your voice into the discussion.