

## Connecting with our communities

Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) President and CEO Laurie Swami visited Hornepayne on April 30, 2019, to meet with local leaders and community members. Ms. Swami toured schools, infrastructure projects and local areas of interest, including the Holy Name of Jesus Catholic School, the Hornepayne Community Hospital, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 194, the Ontario Water Treatment Plant, the Hornepayne Municipal Airport, the Hornepayne food bank, the Hornepayne Community Arena, and the C&D Paul Curling Club.



## Robotics program demonstrated at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic School

NWMO President and CEO Laurie Swami recently had the opportunity to witness students from the Holy Name of Jesus Catholic School in Hornepayne demonstrate their robotics skills.

The students showed off their creativity in building and programming robots. The robotics kits – that are part of the classroom thanks in part to the NWMO's support – help improve their creative problem-solving and teamwork skills.

"I enjoyed the robotics demonstration by the students, as well as seeing kids learning while having fun. Such experiences can inspire young people to pursue careers in technical fields, including the nuclear industry. Science and technology are important to our project," Ms. Swami noted.

In 2017, the NWMO made a \$3,400

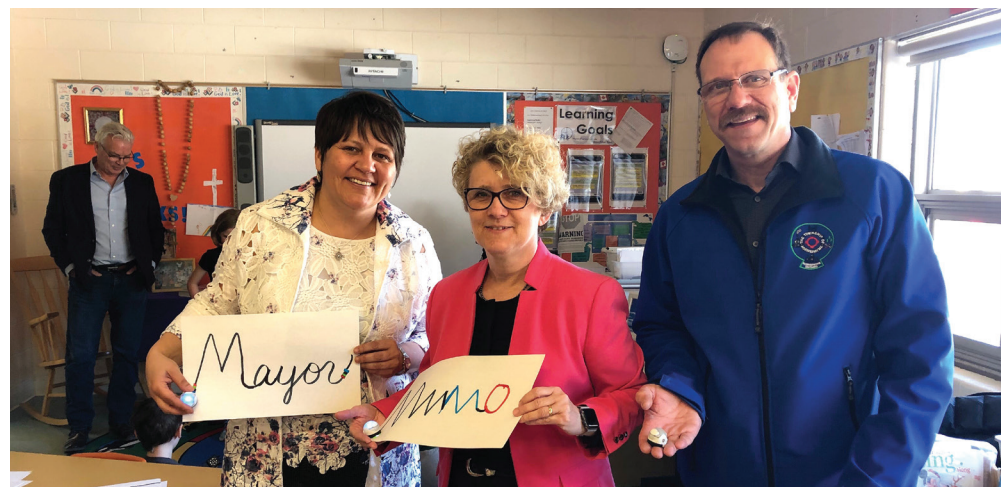
contribution to start the robotics program at the Holy Name of Jesus Catholic School in Hornepayne. The school purchased robotics kits and teacher's guides for VEX Robotics.

"It is truly amazing to watch the students learn about coding and computer programming. These students have the potential to be our future engineers or machine operators as their learning is starting at such a young age," noted Laurie MacEachern, Principal, Holy Name of Jesus Catholic School.

In 2018, more than 130 elementary and high-school students from Hornepayne and Manitowadge gathered for a Robotics Learning Fair in Manitowadge. The NWMO supported 75 students from Hornepayne to participate in the fair by providing \$3,500 to the school.

*Left:* NWMO President and CEO Laurie Swami watches a student from the Holy Name of Jesus Catholic School in Hornepayne share what she has learned from working with a robotics kit.

*Below:* Cheryl Fort, Mayor of Hornepayne, Laurie Swami, NWMO President and CEO, and Jon Peroff, Chair of the Hornepayne Nuclear Waste Community Liaison Committee, show off the work of students at the Holy Name of Jesus Catholic School.



## The Legion is the heart and soul of the community

NWMO President and CEO Laurie Swami stopped by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 194 in Hornepayne on a recent visit.

The NWMO is proud of our ongoing support and investments in the Hornepayne Legion. Over the past two years, the NWMO has contributed to the construction of a new accessible ramp and entrance at the Legion, and supported the purchase of an energy-efficient furnace, which has helped reduce heating costs by half. The investments were made possible through the NWMO's Community Well-Being Fund, with direction from the Township of Hornepayne. The Legion has also hosted a number of community

events, which included a community appreciation night and the spring trade show.

"The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 194 would not be open today without the partnership and financial assistance of the NWMO. We still have a long way to go to upgrade the building, and we look forward to working with the NWMO in the near future," said Albena Liebigt, President of the Legion.

The Legion plays a vital role in the community, hosting events such as weddings, dinners, funerals, and the meetings of the Hornepayne Nuclear Waste Community Liaison Committee.



## » Community open houses

The NWMO recently held a series of community open houses in Hornepayne and Manitowadge. The open houses offered updates on ongoing work in the area, including site evaluation work, environmental monitoring and potential borehole drilling.

"Community open houses are also a great opportunity to gather local knowledge, which will help guide us in the next phase of our work in the area," said Norman Sandberg, NWMO Relationship Manager for the area. "We would like to thank everyone who came and all those involved in organizing the community open houses, which were a huge success."