

The NWMO's new Mobile Learn More Centre launches with a visit to Manitouwadge

The Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) has rolled out a new Mobile Learn More Centre as another way to engage people about Canada's plan for the safe, long-term management of used nuclear fuel, and the first stop was northern Ontario.

The Mobile Learn More Centre is bilingual, accessible and includes 3D models, interactive technology, hands-on learning opportunities, videos, and photos. It invites visitors to learn how a deep geological repository will safely contain and isolate used nuclear fuel in a way that protects people and the environment for generations to come.

Community members in Manitouwadge were the first to tour the Mobile Learn More Centre on July 21. Residents learned more about the multiple-barrier system, site selection process, radiation, Reconciliation, Indigenous Knowledge, and transportation.

Members of the community were excited to see the exhibit and learn more about Canada's plan. "It's phenomenal," said Kent MacNeill, a resident of Manitouwadge who works in Sudbury.

"Everything was laid out nicely. Open concept with small informative boards," said Kevin Gauthier, a community member.

Norman Sandberg, NWMO Relationship Manager, and Karen Robinson, NWMO Community Liaison Manager for Manitouwadge, were on hand to answer questions.

From Manitouwadge, the Mobile Learn More Centre travelled to Hearst and stopped at the Nord-Aski Regional Economic Development Corporation event on July 22. Additional stops were made in Constance Lake First Nation for an open house on July 23, and at a Hornepayne community barbecue on July 24.

"Overall, it was a very successful debut for the Mobile Learn More Centre. Many thanks to our communities for their support. It is a great tool to engage people about our project in an informal setting and interesting way," said Mr. Sandberg.



From left to right: Owen Cranney, Fire Chief for the Township of Manitouwadge, Karen Robinson, NWMO Community Liaison Manager, Kent MacNeill and Kevin MacNeill, community members, and Norman Sandberg, NWMO Relationship Manager.

The Mobile Learn More Centre will continue to travel across Ontario – from conferences to community, industry and corporate events – to better share the details of Canada's plan.

Summer engagement activities



Kids in Manitouwadge participating in the week-long Science North Camp. Campers looking at the bones from an Owl Pellet.

Future leaders learn about STEM

For one special week this summer, 21 campers aged 4-11 participated in a unique science camp opportunity provided through Science North in Manitouwadge.



ATV Jamboree in Manitouwadge.

Another Successful year for the ATV Jamboree



The 5th Annual (all-terrain vehicle) ATV Jamboree in Manitouwadge, which the NWMO supported, was once again a huge summer success. There were about 120 participants, many of whom travelled to Manitouwadge for a weekend of fun, including the Meet and Greet Golf Shoot Out at the Municipal Golf Course.