

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

October 2023

It's hard to believe that summer has come and gone! I hope that you all had the opportunity to rest and enjoy time with friends and family over the summer months. Now into Fall, as pumpkin spice pops up seemingly everywhere, we're hard at work ensuring that we continue to advance important initiatives through the Clean Energy Frontier program.



It has also dawned on me that this is the first time that I am addressing you (in this format) as the Director responsible for the Clean Energy Frontier program. As such, I'd like to thank my talented colleague, Jessica Linthorne, for the incredible work that she has done to advance the program. The program has undoubtedly benefited immensely from Jess' leadership. Thankfully, Jessica is not going far. She is staying with the Nuclear Innovation Institute as Chief Operating Officer and will continue to be a resource for the program moving forward (thank goodness—no one loves census data more than Jess!).



The program will now be overseen by NII's division of Policy and Partnerships which includes myself and Jordan Durrer (Program Specialist, Policy and Partnerships) who is incredibly talented and an excellent resource for the program. Both Jordan and I have enjoyed the work we've done to date, including being active at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference in August, supporting local municipalities with advocacy work and engaging directly with local councils on the Nuclear Sector Sustainability and Growth Study.

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The Clean Energy Frontier created a **Plain Language Toolkit** for local elected officials. The toolkit contains quick facts about:

- The Clean Energy Frontier program hosted at the Nuclear Innovation Institute.
- Lifesaving medical isotopes created right here in our region.
- How the industry accounts for all its waste.
- The role of energy storage in a clean energy Ontario.



Furthermore, late last month we were pleased to welcome the Regional Steering Committee to NII for a very insightful meeting and discussion. As mentioned during the meeting, one of the significant strengths of the program is that it draws on an excellent cross-section of local expertise. We very much value your insights and have already been hard at work implementing your vision for program activities in the months ahead. Stay tuned for more updates!

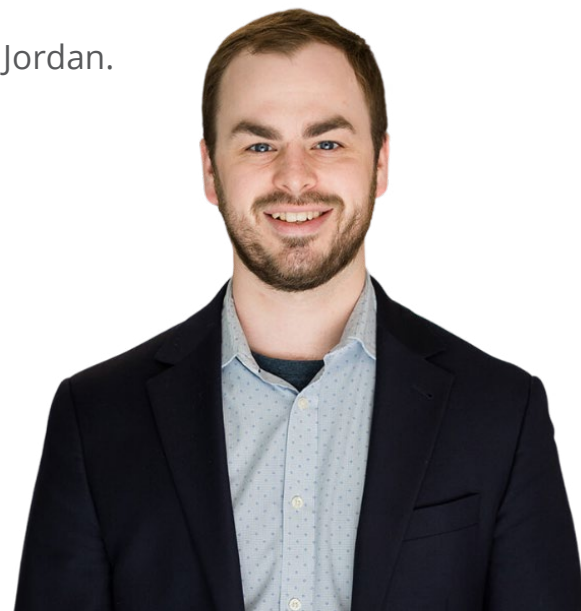
As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or Jordan. We're always happy to engage and support you.

Wishing you a very happy (and pumpkin spice-filled) fall season!

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OVER THE PAST MONTH

- SEPT 7** Bruce County Delegation
- SEPT 20** Huron County Delegation
- SEPT 22** Regional Steering Committee Meeting
- SEPT 28** Grey County Planning and Economic Development Committee Delegation
- OCT 3** Energy Storage Canada Conference

UPCOMING DATES

- OCT 26** NWMO Bus Tour
- JAN 2024** Clean Energy Frontier Summit

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