

## Hornepayne students celebrate robotics

More than 130 elementary and high school students from Hornepayne and Manitouwadge recently gathered at Manitouwadge High School to celebrate at the Robotics Learning Fair.

“This was a great leadership opportunity for students in Hornepayne to come together with our neighbours,” said Jeremy Schryer, Hornepayne elementary and secondary school teacher. “This collaboration and learning environment provided an amazing partnership for both our communities.”

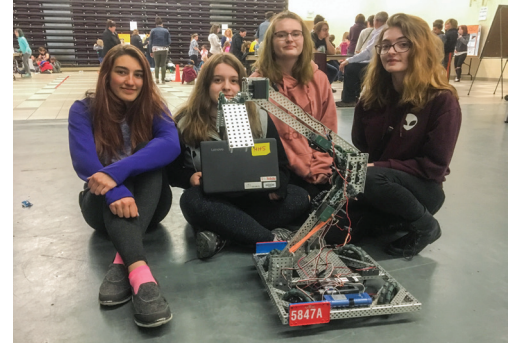
Students spent the day at different coding centres before showing each other what they can do with their robotics kits supplied through a community liaison committee initiative supported by the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO).

“We would like to thank the local community liaison committees in both Hornepayne and

Manitouwadge for making this day possible through their input into the Early Investments in Education and Skills program,” said Norman Sandberg, NWMO Relationship Manager. “Congratulations to everyone from both communities. It was a huge success, and we were thrilled to be part of it.”

Each school received a variety of robotics programs to support continued learning in STEM fields. Part of the initiative featured a voluntary after-school program for students interested in exploring the ever-expanding world of coding and robotics. The NWMO’s support aligns with continued efforts by the schools to provide learning opportunities in robotics and coding.

Students worked with Vex kits, Lego and Cubelets. When the equipment arrived earlier in the school year, members of the coding clubs were responsible for logging



Hornepayne students share their can-do spirit at the Robotics Learning Fair.

and organizing the pieces, and subsequently learning how to build and code their robotic creations.

Participating schools from Hornepayne included Hornepayne Public School, Holy Name of Jesus Catholic School, École Saint Nom de Jésus, and Hornepayne High School.

## Hornepayne welcomes new community liaison manager

Carol Barnes has joined the NWMO. As the Hornepayne Community Liaison Manager, Carol will be focused on engagement activities in Hornepayne and the region. She will be working with Relationship Manager Norman Sandberg.

Carol was born in Elliot Lake and has spent most of her life in northern Ontario. She has also spent time living abroad in mining communities in Honduras and Zaire. Carol has been married for 20 years and has two children. She is also a graduate

of the Georgian College Law and Security program in Barrie.

“Northern Ontario is home. It is where I feel welcomed and comforted. I am looking forward to working with the community. Thank you to the Hornepayne residents who have already welcomed me so warmly. I am truly excited to learn more with area residents as we proceed together.”

Carol started her professional career as a correctional officer. She has also been employed as an outreach worker for a

women’s shelter for 17 years and as an OPP guard for 18 years, and has managed a hardware store.

In addition, Carol has been a school trustee for the Superior North Catholic District School Board since 2008. She has also volunteered on numerous committees and boards in Manitouwadge.

Carol will be working at the Hornepayne Learn More Centre with the rest of the NWMO team. Drop by for a cup of coffee and get to know Carol.



Carol Barnes is looking forward to welcoming visitors to the Learn More Centre.

## Next phase of technical studies

The next phase of study would involve initial borehole drilling at or near a potential repository site to further explore potential suitability to safely host a deep geological repository for used nuclear fuel. Earlier studies and engagement activities helped to identify areas that have potential to be geologically and socially suitable. Drop by the community office or visit the NWMO website to view the map showing the sites being considered for borehole drilling.

The Hornepayne area is one of five in Ontario currently involved in the site selection process. Ultimately, the project will require the involvement of surrounding communities, including First Nation and Métis communities, working in partnership to advance the project.

## Hornepayne receives \$300,000 through the NWMO’s Exploring Partnerships and Community Well-Being program

In March 2018, the NWMO introduced a program of investments for communities in advanced stages of work through the Exploring Partnerships and Community Well-Being program. The Township of Hornepayne received \$300,000 to support sustainability and well-being in the community as the township continues to explore the project and advance the site selection process. This funding complements existing Learn More programs made available by the NWMO.

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