

The IPP Research Scientist candidates are now finishing their tours. I think by the end of the day today 21 of the 23 RS visits will have happened. Council will meet on Friday, the 22nd of April, to discuss the candidates and make the final selection (all visits will have happened by then). I'd like to request feedback from the wider community on their impressions of the different candidates and their suitability as potential research scientists. I will share comments emailed to me with council (on a password protected webpage). If you prefer you can contact me or any member of council and share your impressions verbally. We look forward to input from as wide a cross-section of the community as possible.

At the Council meeting next Friday we will also discuss two other important matters that have been on the back-burner while we worked through the RS search:

1) Preparations for the NSERC sponsored subAtomic physics long range plan. Names of potential members of the long range planning committee have been requested of us. We will also discuss holding a town hall meeting in conjunction with the IPP-AGM (either during the AGM time slot—Sunday afternoon, June 5th, or for a full day on Saturday, June 4th);

2) An IPP response to the request for comments on the Prime Minister's Science Advisor's "Major Science Investment" discussion document. Feedback is requested by mid-May. We will prepare a draft response for community comment by the end of this month.

Your thoughts on either of these issues would be most welcome. Input prior to the Council meeting would be even better!

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