



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Nuclear Waste Community Advisory Committee Minutes

21 Queen Street, Ripley

June 4, 2019

7:00 pm

Mitch Twolan, Mayor	Absent
Don Murray, Deputy Mayor	Present
Larry Allison, Committee Member	Present
Michael Diebel, Committee Member	Present
Wilf Gamble, Committee Member	Present
David Grant, Committee Member	Present
Dianne Heinisch, Committee Member	Present
Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer	Present
Emily Dance, Clerk	Absent
Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk	Present
Elyse Dewar, Project Coordinator	Present

Others Present:

NWMO Staff Becky Smith, Paul Austin, Allan Webster, Christina Vechsler;

Township of Huron-Kinloss Councillors Lillian Abbott, Carl Sloetjes; Ed McGugan;

Others present as per the sign in sheet: Randy and Joan Norris, Dennis Goudy, Dorothy

Bauman, John Kaminski, John Weber, Barb Murray, James Stanley, Pat and Renate Schlagal; (3 additional residents)

Nuclear Waste Community Advisory Committee Meeting

1 Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Don Murray called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

2. Adoption of the Minutes

2.1 NWCAC May 7, 2019 Meeting Minutes

- [NWAC May 7, 2019 Meeting Minutes](#)

Motion No: 34

Moved by: Wilf Gamble Seconded by: Michael Diebel

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Nuclear Waste Community Advisory Committee hereby adopts the May 7, 2019 NWCAC Minutes as written.

Carried

3. Delegations

3.1 Nuclear Waste Management Organization Presentation

- Siting Update

Christina Vechsler, NWMO Strategic Advisor and Senior Counsel, provided the committee members with an update on the next steps in the Roadmap to Partnership - Project Visioning. Allan Webster, NWMO Director Regulatory Affairs and Environmental Assessment, provided an overview of the recently announced land access program and the opportunity to advance field studies in the area.

Ms. Vechsler provided the NWMO Site Selection update and a brief history on NWMO, explaining the mandate of the NWMO is to collaboratively develop and implement long-term management of Canada's used nuclear fuel. This national infrastructure project is a \$24 billion investment that will protect health, safety and the environment. The used nuclear fuel will be isolated and contained in a multi-barrier system.

There are five communities remaining in the site-selection process, including Huron-Kinloss, South Bruce, Ignace, Manitouwadge and Hornepayne. NWMO will have a site selected by 2023.

Ms. Vechsler explained the criteria for selecting a preferred site include safety, transportation, and partnership. She noted the key components being explored the potential for partnerships are Community Willingness, Draft Partnership Agreement and Community Well-Being. Shared values, ongoing programs and a look forward were also discussed.

Ms. Vechsler explained the next steps in assessing a potential site include site investigations, including a deep borehole and environmental monitoring drill set for the year 2020 on the selected site. Data will be used to further assess safety of a potential repository site.

The NWMO initiated a land access program to assemble sufficient land for site investigations and the project. This land access program is not an indication that NWMO has selected Southern Ontario for the project.

Mr. Webster explained the Land Access Process and that the NWMO is seeking to sign option agreements with landowners that will allow the NWMO to access land for site investigations on a potential repository site; purchase the land if the site is selected for the project and the community is willing to host the project.

He clarified that land owners will be able to continue what they are currently doing with the land, for example, farming and no site has been selected. This is the next step of the NWMO site selection process. The NWMO is encouraging the community to come to them and tell them where they want the DGR to be.

Committee members Questions and Comments

- What is the layering of the approval process? Is it more than the CNSC approval process?

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission does dominate the regulation process but there are other areas that CNSC doesn't have regulatory rules such as zoning, wetlands.

- Has thought been put towards tax relief for landowners? If someone has 100 acres vs someone who offers 5 acres.

We have thought about that, but we do not have a model in place yet. It will be between us and the landowner. This is not a program, but a conversation. We will work with people.

Questions and Comments from the Public

- Is this project similar to the one in Finland? Some areas are processing used nuclear fuel.

Vast majority is doing a DGR. Some are reprocessing the used nuclear fuel, but that is because they are making weapons. In Canada we do not make nuclear weapons. We are going straight to a DGR.

- Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WHIPP) in New Mexico had an explosion and the ventilation system blew out.

That was a mix of chemicals which caused the explosion.

- How many people on site (at the Centre of Expertise and the DGR) when the construction is completed.

500-600 people will be working there when it is finished.

4. Correspondence

4.1 Nothing Scheduled

5. Staff Reports

- 5.1 [Report number: NWCAC2019-06-29](#) prepared by Elyse Dewar, Project Coordinator
Community Engagement Update

Motion No: 35

Moved by: Michael Diebel Seconded by: Wilf Gamble

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Nuclear Waste Community Advisory Committee hereby receives for information Report Number NWCAC2019-06-29 prepared by Elyse Dewar, Project Coordinator.

Carried

Committee Member David Grant requested the NWMO would come to the Bruce Beach Annual General Meeting to provide an update.

- 5.2 [Report number: NWCAC2019-06-30](#) prepared by Elyse Dewar, Project Coordinator
Early Investment in Education and Skills Program Update

Motion No: 36

Moved by: Wilf Gamble Seconded by: Michael Diebel

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Nuclear Waste Management Committee hereby receives for information Report Number NWCAC2019-06-30 prepared by Elyse Dewar, Project Coordinator.

Carried

- 5.3 [Report number: NWCAC2019-06-31](#) prepared by Elyse Dewar, Project Coordinator
Huron-Kinloss Nuclear Waste Management Symposium

Motion No: 37

Moved by: Michael Diebel Seconded by: Wilf Gamble

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Nuclear Waste Community Advisory Committee hereby receives for information Report Number NWCAC2019-06-31 prepared by Elyse Dewar, Project Coordinator, AND further provide comments to the 2019 Huron-Kinloss Nuclear Waste Management Symposium.

Carried

- 5.4 [Report number: NWCAC2019-06-32](#) prepared by Elyse Dewar, Project Coordinator
NWCAC Meeting Cancellation

Motion No: 38

Moved by: David Grant Seconded by: Larry Allison

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Nuclear Waste Management Organization hereby approves Report Number NWCAC2019-06-32 prepared by Elyse Dewar, Project Coordinator and authorities staff to cancel the August 6, 2019 NWCAC Meeting due to the Huron-Kinloss Nuclear Waste Management Symposium.

Carried

- 5.5 [Report number: NWCAC2019-06-33](#) prepared by Elyse Dewar, Project Coordinator
NWMO Implementation Plan

Motion No: 39

Moved by: Larry Allison Seconded by: David Grant

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Nuclear Waste Community Advisory Committee hereby receives for information Report Number NWCAC2019-06-33 prepared by

Elyse Dewar, Project Coordinator.

Carried

- 5.6 [Report number: NWCAC2019-06-34](#) prepared by Elyse Dewar, Project Coordinator
Appointment of New NWCAC Member

The Township of Huron-Kinloss Council appointed Mike Diebel as the new NWCAC Member. Dr. Diebel has lived in Huron-Kinloss for 13 years and is retired from Bruce Power as a Project Manager. He has a strong interest in nuclear affairs said it is a privilege be involved with the NWCAC and is looking forward to the new position.

Motion No: 40

Moved by: Larry Allison Seconded by: Dianne Heinisch

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Nuclear Waste Community Advisory Committee hereby receives for information Report Number NWCAC2019-06-24 prepared by Elyse Dewar, Project Coordinator.

Carried

6 . Nuclear Waste Management Organization Reports

6.1 NWMO Update

Nuclear Waste Management Organization's Regional Communications Manager Becky Smith, provided the Committee with an update on 3-part Global News Coverage about the OPG and the NWMO projects.

7 . New Business/Council Reports

7.1 Nothing Scheduled

8. Adjournment

Motion No: 41

Moved by: Dianne Heinisch Seconded by: Larry Allison

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Nuclear Waste Community Advisory Committee hereby adjourns to meet again on Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at 7pm or at the Call of the Chair.

Carried

Original signed by Deputy Chair Don Murray

Original signed by Project Coordinator Elyse Dewar

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