



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Nuclear Waste Community Advisory Committee Minutes

21 Queen Street, Ripley

May 7, 2019

7:00 pm

Mitch Twolan, Mayor	Absent
Don Murray, Deputy Mayor	Present
Larry Allison, Committee Member	Present
Wilf Gamble, Committee Member	Present
Ricardo Gerdingh, Committee Member	Present
David Grant, Committee Member	Present
Dianne Heinisch, Committee Member	Present
Carl Sloetjes, Committee Member (Alternate)	Present
Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer	Absent
Emily Dance, Clerk	Present
Elyse Dewar, Project Coordinator	Present

Others Present:

NWMO staff Becky Smith, Caitlin Burley and Greg Plain;

Township of Huron-Kinloss Councillors Lillian Abbott and Jeff Elliott;

Others present as per the sign in sheet : James Stanley, Al Edwards, John Spears, Grant Murray, Dennis Goudy, Dorothy Bauman, Bob Geddes, Robert Ledingham, John Kaminiski.

(6 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 April 2, 2019 Meeting Minutes

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Nuclear Waste Community Advisory Committee hereby adopts the April 2, 2019 NWCAC minutes as written.

- [NWCAC April 2, 2019 Meeting Minutes](#)

Motion No: 26

Moved by: Wilf Gamble Seconded by: Ricardo Gerdingh

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Nuclear Waste Community Advisory Committee hereby adopts the April 2, 2019 NWCAC Minutes as written.

Carried

3. Delegations

3.1 Nuclear Waste Management Organization Presentation

Nuclear Waste Management Organization's (NWMO) Manager of Transportation Engagement Caitlin Burley, provided an update on the NWMO's plan for the safe transportation of Canada's used nuclear fuel.

Ms. Burley has a B.Sc. in Biology from the University of Ottawa, a Masters of Applied Science and Environmental Management from Ryerson University, and accreditation from the International Association for Public Participation on consultation and dialogue.

Ms. Burley explained that work is underway at the NWMO to ensure the transportation plan will meet two major objectives - it will be technically safe and secure, and it will reflect public priorities and concerns.

- [NWMO Transportation Presentation](#)

Ms. Burley clarified the NWMO isn't expecting to move any used nuclear fuel for at least 25 years, which gives them plenty of time to engage in the communities and find out what is important to citizens about the safe transportation of used nuclear fuel. Transportation is the key component for the long-term management of Canada's used nuclear fuel. The framework is the guide for NWMO's decision making on transportation in the future.

Used nuclear fuel has been transported for 50 years and follows strict regulatory rules to move the fuel. The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) sets the regulations for the NWMO to meet safety standards. Ms. Burley explained there are strict rules and regulations to moving used nuclear fuel and NWMO wants to not only satisfy regulators but citizens as well. The primary consideration is safety, to protect people and the environment during all aspects of used nuclear fuel handling, transport and delivery to the repository.

The Used Fuel Transportation Package meets proven Canadian regulations and International Standards for design and safety. It is designed and tested to withstand severe accident conditions.

The NMWO has released the draft Transportation Planning Framework and is welcoming feedback from the public.

Committee members Questions and Comments

- Questioned if the NWMO will return to a NWCAC meeting when the framework is complete?
Ms. Burley confirmed they would return with updates.
- Questioned from Pickering, Darlington and Quebec, there are a lot of communities between us on the transportation route that will have these truck loads going through them, are they being engaged? .
Ms. Burley stated, they hope to begin dialog and will connect with the respected communities along the route, should Huron-Kinloss be the host community for the DGR.
- Questioned if transporting the used nuclear fuel by air or water is being considered
Ms. Burley explained that air and water was not considered.

Questions and Comments from the Public

- Questioned how many times a week would the trucks carrying used nuclear fuel storage containers be travelling through the communities? *Ms. Burley responded the frequency would be 2-3 truckloads a day by road (or 15 trucks a week) or 2-3 loads a week by rail.*
- Questioned if the NWMO has printed out a map and marked where the nuclear power plants are and then drew the route through the communities in which these trucks would be travelling through 2-3 times a day and is the NWMO preparing people for that.
Ms. Burley said no decisions have been made yet in regards to routes, but NWMO is working at getting the information out the through community engagement.

4. Correspondence

4.1 Letter Received from Bluewater District School Board

The Township of Huron-Kinloss received a thank you letter from the Bluewater District School Board for the support and commitment to students by providing funding for the Mobile Learning Lab.

- [Letter from BWDSB](#)

Motion No: 27

Moved by: Ricardo Gerdingh Seconded by: Wilf Gamble

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Nuclear Waste Community Advisory Committee hereby receives for information, correspondence from the Bluewater District School Board.

Carried

5 . Staff Reports

- 5.1 [Report number: NWCAC2019-05-23](#) prepared by Elyse Dewar, Project Coordinator
NWCAC Member Resignation

Committee Member Ricardo Gerdingh submitted his resignation from the NWCAC as he is moving to Ottawa.

The Committee members expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to have worked with Ricardo for the last 5 years. He attended many meetings over the years and Ricardo always brought his experience and expertise from the Nuclear Safety Commission when speaking at meetings. Members wished him luck on the next chapter in his life. Committee member David Grant noted “we have lost a veteran.”

Ricardo thanked the Committee for their kind words and the community for putting their trust in him. From his career in the nuclear safety industry, Ricardo has an excellent understanding of the safety component to this project and said he is satisfied from what he and the Committee have seen and learned from the NWMO so far in regards to safety. He wishes the Committee the very best going forward.

Motion No: 28

Moved by: Wilf Gamble Seconded by: Ricardo Gerdingh

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Nuclear Waste Community Advisory Committee hereby receives for information Report Number NWCAC2019-05-23 prepared by Elyse Dewar, Project Coordinator.

Carried

- 5.2 [Report number: NWCAC2019-05-24](#) prepared by Elyse Dewar, Project Coordinator
NWMO Documents

Motion No: 29

Moved by: Ricardo Gerdingh Seconded by: Wilf Gamble

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Nuclear Waste Community Advisory Committee hereby receives for information Report Number NWCAC2019-05-24 prepared by Elyse Dewar, Project Coordinator AND directs staff to provide comments to the NWMO regarding the 5-Year Strategic Plan AND further a report come back to the NWCAC June 2019 meeting prior to submission.

Carried

- 5.3 [Report number: NWCAC2019-05-25](#) prepared by Elyse Dewar, Project Coordinator
NWCAC Timeline Report

Motion No: 30

Moved by: Wilf Gamble Seconded by: Ricardo Gerdingh

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Nuclear Waste Community Advisory Committee hereby receives for information Report Number NWCAC2019-05-25 prepared by Elyse Dewar, Project Coordinator.

Carried

- 5.4 [Report number: NWCAC2019-05-26](#) prepared by Elyse Dewar, Project Coordinator
Huron-Kinloss Nuclear Waste Management Symposium

Motion No: 31

Moved by: Larry Allison Seconded by: David Grant

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Nuclear Waste Community Advisory Committee hereby approves Report Number NWCAC2019-05-26 prepared by Elyse Dewar, Project Coordinator AND authorizes staff to proceed with organizing and planning the 2019 Symposium.

Carried

The Committee requested Project Coordinator Elyse Dewar report back with more finalized details.

- 5.5 [Report number: NWCAC2019-05-28](#) prepared by Elyse Dewar, Project Coordinator
NWMO Invitation to the Canadian Nuclear Society Conference

Motion No: 32

Moved by: Dianne Heinisch Seconded by: Larry Allison

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Nuclear Waste Community Advisory Committee hereby receives for information Report Number NWCAC2019-05-28 prepared by Elyse Dewar, Project Coordinator.

Carried

Committee Member David Grant noted he would like to attend and Project Coordinator Elyse Dewar will register him for the CNS Conference.

6 . Nuclear Waste Management Organization Reports

6.1 Nothing Reported

7 . New Business/Council Reports

7.1 Correspondence was received from local resident John Spears on May 7 regarding the NWMO 5-year strategic plan. This Implementation Plan is a document which was included in report number NWCAC2019-05-24. Mr. Spears indicated he had submitted comments to the NWMO regarding the strategic plan for 2019-2023. Deadline for submissions to this plan is July 12, 2019. [Mr. Spears' Comments to the NWMO 5-Year Strategic Plan.](#)

Staff recommended to the Committee to provide any comments or feedback to the NWMO Strategic Plan to the project coordinator no later than May 24, 2019 to be included in a report for the June 4 NWCAC meeting.

8. Adjournment

Motion No: 33

Moved by: Ricardo Gerdingh Seconded by: Larry Allison

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Nuclear Waste Community Advisory Committee hereby adjourns to meet again on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 7pm or at the Call of the Chair.

Carried

Original signed by Deputy-Chair, Don Murray

Original signed by Secretary, Elyse Dewar, Project Coordinator

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