

NUCLEAR WASTE COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

March 26th, 2013 at 7:00pm

68 Sixth Ave., Legion Hall

Hornepayne, Ontario

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January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 7:00pm

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Committee Members Present:

Carlo Bin (Acting Chair)      Cheryl Browne      Cindy Craig

Jon Peroff      Edith Villeneuve

Committee Members Absent

Willy Liebigt      Morley Forster (with regrets)      Erica Dawson

Kaylyn Edens      Ginger Latoski      Braeden Swereda      (without regrets)

Resources in Attendance

Stacey Rendell –Hornepayne project manager

Heather Berube- Township Council Member standing in for Morley Forster

Resources/Guest in Attendance

**Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission staff:**

Julie Mecke, Senior Project Officer, Wastes and Decommissioning Division (WDD),  
Directorate of Nuclear Cycle and Facilities Regulation (DNCFR)

Julie Brown, Geoscience Assessment Officer, Environmental Risk Assessment Division  
(ERAD), Directorate of Environmental and Radiation Protection and Assessment

Lenora Makin, Project Officer, WDD, DNCFR

Don Howard , Director, WDD,DNCER

Raymond Alanguilan, Co-op student, WDD, DNCFR (observer)

Members of Community:

Bev Allen

Ken Fraser

Sandra Fraser

Kara Henry

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Agenda reviewed and approved no amendments.
3. Minutes January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013 were accepted as distributed and signed
4. Review meeting notes for February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013.
5. Announcements- None
6. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof- None
7. Presentation by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC)

Topic: CNSC's Early Regulatory Role in the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) Adaptive Phased Management (APM) Project

**Discussion:**

CNSC staff met for the first time with members of the Hornepayne CLC and made a presentation about how it regulates the nuclear sector and on its early role in the NWMO APM project. This provided an opportunity for meeting participants to ask questions and clarify issues of concern. The CNSC was also interested in hearing about the most effective ways to involve community members, and how to best provide information to those who want to know more about the CNSC, its role in the APM project, and other relevant matters within the scope of CNSC's mandate.

The presentation covered the following key points:

-The CNSC is Canada's independent nuclear regulator, and the organization has a neutral stance towards the promotion of nuclear energy.

-The CNSC is mandated to ensure that all nuclear activities are performed in a manner that protects the environment, as well as the health, safety and security of workers and the public, while also implementing Canada's international commitments on the peaceful use of nuclear energy.

-The CNSC would be responsible for the licensing, compliance and enforcement of this type of the radioactive waste management facility.

-If the NWMO identifies in the future a suitable site, belonging to a willing and informed community, a licence application for the APM project would be submitted by the NWMO to the CNSC. The application will need to go through the CNSC's rigorous regulatory review process.

-At this time, the NWMO has not submitted a licence application for the APM project to the CNSC. Several more years may pass before an application is submitted.

-Although no licence application was made at this time, international best practices direct the CNSC to be involved early with this project. The CNSC is providing regulatory guidance to the NWMO, and is conducting pre-project design reviews of geological repository concepts.

-The CNSC cannot discuss any specifics about the proposed APM repository, since there is no licence application for the project.

-The CNSC's presentation and the exchange of information at the meeting touched on various topics: what is the CNSC, participation in the Commission Tribunal hearing assessment and the licensing process, emergency preparation, and the transportation, packaging and safety of nuclear substances.

-The topic of transportation of used nuclear fuel will be considered for this project. Historically, the overall safety record for the transport of nuclear substances in Canada has been excellent.

-Transparency, Aboriginal and public consultations are strongly valued by the CNSC.

-To become familiar with the regulatory process for another type of deep geological repository project, the community is encouraged to follow the developments that are underway for the Ontario Power Generation Deep Geological Repository Project. An application has been received and is being reviewed. This proposed repository is for the long-term management of low- and intermediate-level radioactive waste. Information is available on the CNSC Web site at [nuclearsafety.gc.ca](http://nuclearsafety.gc.ca).

-Community members are also encouraged to receive regular updates from the CNSC, by linking to its Facebook page or by [subscribing to the CNSC mailing list](#).

-Clarification between the CNSC and the NWMO: The CNSC regulates nuclear energy, and ultimately decides if an applicant should be granted a licence for a nuclear activity. In the future, the NWMO must find a willing and informed host community in a suitable geological area, before submitting an application to the CNSC. The two organizations are very different and independent from each other.

### **Conclusion and next steps:**

In this early stage of the APM project, the CNSC is conducting outreach meetings, to clarify what is the CNSC, its mandate and its early role with the project.

The CNSC would be pleased to meet with the community at large, as well as any other communities (and CLCs) that have formally expressed interest to the NWMO in learning more about the APM project. A future community meeting may be held in the form of an open house, in 2013.

The CNSC is also interested in identifying the most effective ways to reach out to the communities and their areas of interest. We encourage you to contact us about your needs.

Nuclear safety is the CNSC's top concern.

Presentation attached

The Hornepayne CLC invited the CNSC to come back in the near future and do a community open house.

Presentation followed by Question & Answer period.

Questions will be included in Q & A section of webpage.

#### 8. NWCLC Project Manager Report-

The NWCLC newsletter was sent out to the community through a Canada Post mail out. The Office continues to be quite.

Continue planning for the Spring Open house/ BBQ.

Willy Liebigt & Morley were invited and attended a month Chief and Band Council meeting on the Constance Lake First Nation. Also in attendance were representatives of NWMO. Willy & Morley will give an overview at next month's meeting.

#### 9. Next meeting April 23-2013

#### 10. Meeting adjourned at 8:20p.m.

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