



*Learning More About Canada's Plan for the Long-Term Management of Used Nuclear Fuel*

Hornepayne Nuclear Waste Liaison Committee

Minutes

Regular Meeting

Wednesday May 25<sup>h</sup>, 2016

6:00 P.M.

Legion Hall-Downstairs, Hornepayne, Ontario

**NWCLC Present**

- Jon Peroff-Chairman
- Morley Forster-Chairman
- Cindy Craig
- Paul Stewart
- Lisa Stewart
- Carlo Bin
- Julie Bryan
- Yves Vaillancourt

**NWCLC Absent**

- Cheryl Browne
- Chad Verrino

**NWMO Staff**

- John Fraser, Director of Community Engagement
- Arthur Moore, Aboriginal Engagement Specialist
- Pat Dolcetti, Regional Communications Manager

**Speaker**

- Maria Rico-Sanchez, Senior Technical Specialist
- Michelle Dassinger, Digital Communications Program Lead



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1. Meeting called to order at 6:04pm
2. Acceptance of Agenda
  - a. Be it resolved that the agenda be accepted as distributed. Added revisions include: Speaker Maria Rico-Sanchez fill in for Andre Vorauer and Other Business to include the topic of CLC Attendance.
    - i. Moved by Morley Forster
    - ii. Seconded by Carlo Bin
  - i. Carried
3. Acceptance of March 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes as distributed.
  - a. Be it resolved that the March 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting minutes be accepted.
    - i. Moved by Carlo Bin
    - ii. Seconded by Cindy Craig
  - i. Carried
4. Project Manager Update

### Project Manager Report

- ✓ Contacted Municipal Office employees regarding an Interim Storage Tour.
  - ✓ Jon and I had a teleconference on April 20<sup>th</sup> with Julie Mecke of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission and Kim Noble from Aboriginal Communications and Lisa Donnelly from Media Publications in regards to their open house visit scheduled for Thursday June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Legion. As part of the Federal Government the Nuclear Watchdog will pay for the rental of the Legion and for the Ladies Auxiliary to have coffee and snacks available for the Open House visitors. Julie will be accompanied by 4-5 staff members and will discuss Licensing, the Application, the Aboriginal Engagement that they do. They will bring a Technical Specialist, most likely a Geologist. They will discuss Radiation Protection and bring 8 panels on easels for display. Lisa Donnelly of Publications is going to have notices posted around town. They will also be utilizing our local Jackfish Journal, the CFNO radio, and mail outs in our town and surrounding areas including aboriginal communities. Julie would like the high school participate as well however given the time of year, exams will likely be an issue.
- 11:00am-12:00pm High School Participation
  - 1:00pm-3:30pm Afternoon Open House
  - 6:00pm-8:00pm Evening Open House



If you cannot make it to the open house there will also be one on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June in Manitouwadge.

- ✓ Secured 10 participants for the Dry Storage Tour anticipated for August 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup>. John Fraser now has all the information I have gathered from the participants.
- ✓ Gathered all available Committee Members for an updated group photo for May Open House publications for the NWMO.
- ✓ Principal Yves Vaillancourt organized a scavenger hunt for his students and parents that brought them around Hornepayne and one of their group stops was the Learn More Community Office. They were all tasked with asking a question in regards to the depth of the proposed repository. All students walked out with some knowledge and a bottle of water for the warm walk around town.
- ✓ Presentations with Jeremy Whitlock at the schools were a success. I attended one of the presentations at the HNOJS for Grade 1/2/3/4 and they were very attentive and excited. In the afternoon I attended the HSS Grade 9/10 presentation where it was geared to the older students.
- ✓ Another teleconference was held with Julie Mecke of the CNSC between Jon and myself in regards to organizing the Open House for June 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- ✓ Distributed NWMO Open House notices and posted them around town.
- ✓ Received multiple requests for the Corporate Social Responsibility Fund that can provide amounts up to \$2500.
  - Local Citizens Committee (LCC) would like a donation towards their Fish Stocking program. The committee which helps to direct forest operations by providing input to the forest management group. Funds will go towards food, supplies, and t-shirts for the volunteers and the MNR supplies the “fry” (little fish) NWMO would provide the Lion’s share of the funding for this year’s program that is to take place on May 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - Holy Name of Jesus School for (24) New Sports Uniforms at a cost of Approx. \$2500 From Principal Laurie MacEachern
  - Northern Credit Union for Community Spirit Day tentatively scheduled for June 11<sup>th</sup> from 1pm-4pm to assist in raising funds for a specific group that they feel could benefit from the proceeds. This year the NCU has chosen the Royal Canadian Legion to assist with everyday expenses. From Drago Stefanic-Chairman
  - Following a personal conversation with John Fraser requests and assistance with funds for the Hornepayne Elementary and Secondary School Grades 6/7/8 class trip to Toronto. Class will be participating in a



Nuclear Waste job fair/presentation, hosted by the NWMO during their time in Toronto. The class will be participating in “Youth initiatives to support science learning and learning about Canada’s long term management of used nuclear fuel”. Submitted by Teacher Jonathan Gagliardi. And I believe this has been approved and a cheque has been made for this request.

- Hornepayne Recreation Committee is requesting an assistance with funds to improve the condition of the softball field. A few injuries could have been prevented last year by improving the state of the field. Approx. minimum cost would be \$3450 plus shipping which is currently being negotiated. Majority of labour would be completed by volunteers. Submitted by Secretary Chad Verrino.

**\*As a reminder, the acceptable process in regards to requests for donation/funding is to submit a letter with your letter head and all information necessary in regards to your organizations community involvement and the amount or invoice requesting for donation/funding.**

- ✓ Posted meeting notices around town
- ✓ Posted Canadian Nuclear Safety Association posters at the NCU, G&L, Hornepayne Home Hardware, and Municipal Office.
- ✓ Provided up to date information regarding forest fire local road closures to the travelling NWMO staff.
- ✓ As a notice to the CLC and the NWMO staff I will be out of town for family appointments next Thursday and Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively. A reminder email will be forwarded and a notice will be posted at the office in regards to the closure those days.

- a. Be it resolved that the Project Manager Report be accepted.
  - i. Moved by Cindy Craig
  - ii. Seconded by Morley Forster

i. Carried

5. NWMO to Report to Committee on Recent Activities

- a. Update CLC Meeting Schedule and discussion topics for 2016
  - i. Just finishing May Open Houses



- ii. June-NWMO technical expert presentation on the Centre of Expertise/Excellence. Interested in your ideas what would be involved in the facility itself.
- iii. July-Transportation exhibit. Helena Matagaris provide overview of policy planning document. Beginning to have a more focus discussion on transportation.
- iv. August-no meeting
- v. September-Derek Wilson is rescheduled to come to give presentation on the revised project description and the surface facilities.
- vi. October-Aboriginal Awareness-looking for community representatives.
- vii. November-no lack of topics
- viii. December-no meeting
- b. Working with EDC on Community Planning initiatives
  - i. Developing strategic plan being used by White River. Peter Homenuck to provide assistance through the DPRA. Communities involved in the process has a \$40,000 fund to use for planning and interpretation.
- c. Update on Open Houses in White River and Manitouwadge
  - i. Purpose to communicate about the Geological studies and the Economic Modelling for Hornepayne.
  - ii. White River had about 45 members of public attended. Pic Mobert held a calm well organized demonstration.
  - iii. Manitouwadge had about 90 members of the public attend.
  - iv. Hornepayne has light attendance today hoping for more tomorrow.
- d. Update on Environmental and Geological Field Studies
  - i. Maria Rico-Sanchez presentation to follow.
- e. Municipal Engagement Update (NOMA April 26-29, FONOM May 11-13 Hearst Nord Aski May 12th)
  - i. Outreach has been successful to Hearst, Greenstone, and Marathon. Talking about the Economic Modelling. Also



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met with Schreiber and Terrace Bay. Had conversations with the councillor of Caramat on Greenstone Council, interested in learning and invited the NWMO to provide more information to them on the process. Contact with the Mayor of Marathon on a regular basis is ongoing. Keeping neighbours informed.

- f. Planning for Interim Storage Facility Tours August 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>
  - i. August 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> booked up and 3-4 participants from Manitouwadge will also attend.
- g. Planning for Regional Storage Facility Tour August 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>
  - i. Communities NWMO has been in contact with outside of Hornepayne in the region, would like to organize a tour for them also.
- h. Corporate Social Responsibility Fund for 2016
  - i. Thank you for your submissions. The next review committee meeting is imminent depending on the requests received. The “fish stocking program” in the interest of time will come out of John Fraser’s discretionary fund and will get that money to you very quickly.
- i. Aboriginal engagement update
  - i. Continue to be in contact with Aboriginals and Metis people and tribal governments. Constance Lake had Jeremy Whitlock School presentations were a success.
  - ii. Pic Mobert sent a resolution dated February 2015
  - iii. Open House in Constance Lake and they have their Pow Wow coming up and they would like the Open House along with the Pow Wow.
- j. Communications Update-Update new financial estimate
  - i. Financial Surety-cost of the project it will be out in June. New cost estimate 22.8 Billion dollars for 5.2 million bundles.
  - ii. Ignace Learn More Centre-they now have an expanded learning centre because they are a little further along in the

process. No indication of favouritism. All other communities will also have an expanded office in the near future.

Cindy asks “Any word on Dr. Gordon Edwards and if he is coming?”  
PM “Nothing has been booked yet”

Cindy asks “Light traffic through Hornepayne Open House, has it been advertised on the radio?”

Pat says “Full page ads in the Jackfish Journal and local posters have been utilized, word of mouth is best.”

Morley says “In reference to the question about Gordon Edwards, I would vote against having that individual come present to our community, simply because of all the information he has prepared and processed in the past has been refuted by the CNSC”

## 6. Discussion of Recent Events/Activity in the Community and Area.

### a. Forest Fires

- i. Morley states “Everybody is aware that there are two fires still out of control in our area. Community Safety Committee has been gathered from CN, MNR, and Ambulance. Information lines are open. Sunday there are scheduled power outages 6am-2pm for updating equipment over by Manitouwadge. Not to panic, but people should have paper work ready, with gas in their vehicles, and prepared themselves an emergency kit if the occasion arises where people need to evacuate.”

## 7. Presentation by Maria Rico-Sanchez, Senior Technical Specialist for the NWMO, -*Geological Field Studies Update*

### a. Review and Update of the Status of the 2015 airborne surveys and interpretation.

- i. Review of Preliminary Assessment Phases. In this phase we will be going into the field to gather data. We will stay in the general areas outlined. The airborne geological surveys



has been completed which included 12,693 line kms of magnetic and gravity data that was acquired over several weeks in 2015. They used high resolution data to be compared to the low level data that was gathered in phase 1 studies. Data is being interpreted by Sanders geophysics. The detailed geological mapping will get underway this summer. Geologists from Geofirma engineering Ltd. will go out in the field with a local guide and examine rock exposure and fractures and compare to the airborne surveys.

- b. Presentation by Michelle Dassinger, Digital Communications Program Lead for NWMO, *-New NWMO Website Update*
  - i. The way people are communicating is changing. A new website was needed for different versions of devices, browsers, and multiple social media platforms built with responsive design. Organization of the information was top priority for creating the new site. Nwmo engagement in communities shown in real time is now available. CLC website links are now easily accessible. Images, infographics, videos, and multimedia are now focused on in the new site. Search engine optimization was built in to the site to have it be the first page that comes up regardless of whatever terms you use when searching. Nwmo question and answer feature can now be shared across multiple platforms buttons such as email, twitter, and Facebook with more to come. People are looking for more information and the Nwmo new website is easier to navigate as your source of information.
- c. Morley asks “Are you [NWMO Communications] producing any advertisements for televisions that will inform and educate that nuclear is not the ugly thing it has been portrayed as for the past 60 years? Michelle says “We are not producing any television advertisements at this time. We are going to produce videos of the project for YouTube to share.” There are advertisements running





currently on Google and Facebook specifically in the areas or communities for the website.

8. Responses to any questions raised.
  - a. None
9. Other Business:
  - a. CLC Attendance
    - i. Eleven of us members and five of them appear at 50% of the meetings or less. Quorum was not met in April 2016 and November 2015. Away for work please let the PM know in advance. Scheduled the same day every month. Please respond to emails from PM.
    - ii. Pat suggests a Youth Representative preferably a grade 11 student.
    - iii. Terms of Reference allocates for 11 members. One member has been to one meeting in 12 months so that person may be replaced with a Youth. Increasing the amount of members increases the quorum.
  - b. Donation request process
    - i. \$125,000 within is \$5000 for school groups and tours per year for Youth Initiatives.
    - ii. \$2500 Corporate Social Responsibility Fund-certain amount every year allocated. Loose ceiling to the amount.
    - iii. Relationship Manager Discretionary Fund of a couple hundred dollars for smaller requests. Numbered invoice on letterhead and John Fraser to respond to request with processed cheque on short timing requests.
  - c. Resolution for the amount of \$5000 CLC support Municipal Council decision to approve the funds for Youth Initiatives to the Hornepayne Public School Grade 6/7/8 trip.
    - i. Moved by Morley Forster
    - ii. Seconded by Yves Vaillancourt
      - i. Carried
  - d. Jon asks "Particularly with the Nwmo staff present here, with the government's plan to reduce carbon footprint by 2013, would it



have any effect on the project in terms of capacity?" John Fraser says referring to the article written by the liberal government to decrease our reliance on natural gas and move more to electricity. All existing used fuel that will be generated from the existing reactors are included in the plan for the repository.

- e. "Nuclear Hope" film. No need for approval by the committee to purchase. Just purchase it for the Library and the CLC Office.
  - f. Confirm Date of Next Meeting: June 28<sup>th</sup> 2016. End of school year graduations may change the date of the meeting. CLC members to respond to PM regarding availability.
10. Meeting Closure
- a. Be it resolved that this Regular Meeting be adjourned at 7:45pm
    - i. Moved by Carlo Bin
    - ii. Seconded by Cindy Craig

i. Carried