



**Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO)
Adaptive Phased Management (APM) Project
Community Liaison Committee (CLC) Meeting**

Thursday, September 4, 2014

MINUTES

The South Bruce Community Liaison Committee met on Thursday, September 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Municipality of South Bruce Municipal Office, 21 Gordon Street East, Teeswater.

- Members Present:** Doug Culbert, Vice-Chair; George Miller; Les Nichols; Councillor Margie Bates; Councillor Kelly Fotheringham
- Members Absent:** Jim Gowland, Chair; Brian Knox; Mayor Bill Goetz
- NWMO Staff:** Paul Austin, Relationship Manager for Southern Ontario
- Municipal Staff:** Sharon Chambers, CAO; Julie Ireland, CLC Secretary

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Vice-Chair Doug Culbert called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

MOTION CLC-44

**Motion by Margie Bates,
Seconded by Kelly Fotheringham;**

Agenda THAT the Agenda for the Community Liaison Committee Meeting of September 4, 2014 be adopted as printed and circulated.

Motion: Carried

3. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND NATURE THEREOF:**

None

4. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S):**

4.1 June 5, 2014 SBCLC Regular Meeting

MOTION CLC-45

**Moved by: Kelly Fotheringham
Seconded by: Les Nichols**

Minutes THAT the Minutes of the Community Liaison Committee Meeting held June 5, 2014 be adopted as printed and circulated.

Motion: Carried

5. NWMO TASK LIST REVIEW

Request sent to Saugeen Ojibway First Nation (SON) for Aboriginal Awareness Training: Paul Austin advised that there has not been a response from the SON to date, but noted that they are currently involved in a number of projects and that they may provide a response at a later date.

Business Listing on the Community Profile: Staff were requested to follow up to determine whether or not the business listing had been added to the Draft Community Profile which was recently added to the SBCLC website.

ACTION ITEM: Julie Ireland to determine whether or not business listing has been added, and advise the committee at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Response to Letter from Resident: A request for a response from NWMO staff to a letter from South Bruce Resident Ron Hill had been requested. Paul Austin advised that the letter had been drafted, and he will provide it to Julie Ireland to be forwarded to Ron Hill from the SBCLC, as well as to the members of the SBCLC for their reference.

ACTION ITEM: Paul Austin to forward letter to Julie Ireland, and Julie Ireland to circulate letter to SBCLC, and to send a copy to Ron Hill.

Newsletter: The spring/summer newsletter was sent out in July by Municipal staff.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:
None

7. REPORTS:

7.1 NWMO Update (Oral)

Paul Austin, Relationship Manager for Southern Ontario, NWMO

Paul Austin advised the SBCLC that the NWMO Community Office has been moved from the Town Hall in Teeswater to a store front located on the main street of Mildmay, across from the Cheese Haus. The new location will be open Tuesdays and Thursday (correction by Paul Austin immediately following the meeting – the office will be open Tuesdays and Wednesdays). The office had been located in Teeswater for four months, and will now be located in Mildmay for four months. A location for the office following the completion of the Phase 1 Preliminary Assessment process will be determined at that time if it is required.

Information kiosks currently located at the libraries and arenas will likely be relocated, as well as the kiosk in the front entrance of the municipal office, which will be moved next week.

A program called “Scientists in Schools” provides learning opportunities for school age children, and has been utilized by over 30 school boards and reached over 630,000

students. The NWMO provided corporate funding for the program last year in the school boards within the catchment areas for the site selection process, and has decided to do so again for the coming year. There were five workshops in South Bruce, three in Brockton, and two in Huron-Kinloss. Councillor Margie Bates stated that the program was informative and well-received.

The first President of the NWMO, Elizabeth Dowdeswell, was recently named the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario. Dowdeswell left the NWMO in 2007 and now continues her career in public service in her new role.

The municipality of Central Huron is now moving into Step 3 of the APM process, which puts them one year behind South Bruce in the process.

Paul Austin noted that the hearing of the Joint Review Panel for the Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) proposed repository for low and intermediate level nuclear waste will resume this week and continue for the next two weeks. The Panel was reconvened to consider information in six specific areas, some of which were already considered in the first hearing, and some which were new information. One of the areas that the panel was requested to consider was the incident at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) in the United States and to consider how OPG may learn from that experience. Paul Austin will provide a link to the website where the webcasts will be broadcast, and Julie Ireland will provide the link to the committee members.

ACTION ITEM: Julie Ireland to provide the link to the webcasts for the hearings currently being held at OPG to the members of the SBCLC, once received from Paul Austin.

In terms of community outreach, Paul Austin advised the SBCLC that the staff at NWMO involved in the siting process have shifted their focus from data collection to analysis, and that for the next few months they will be drafting reports and analyzing information. The NWMO will continue to support educational presentations and community engagement throughout this period. He noted that NWMO staff will be attending fall fairs in the coming weeks, including Mildmay, Lucknow and Ripley.

Step 3 had previously been one extended process, but Paul Austin advised that it has since been divided into two separate steps, with an opportunity for review halfway through. The next stage of the siting process involves continuing studies such as environmental, geoscientific and social studies within the community by NWMO staff, but rather than just the desktop studies that have taken place so far these studies in the next phase of work will also involve field studies.

Doug Culbert noted that there has been some increased community interest in the SBCLC and the siting process in recent months, possibly due in part to the distribution of the newsletter by the SBCLC in July. He asked for some clarification on the next steps in the process. Paul Austin offered to request a presentation from NWMO on the rollout process of the separate phases of the siting process.

ACTION ITEM: Paul Austin to request a presentation from NWMO staff regarding the process for the various stages in the APM process for the October meeting of the SBCLC.

MOTION CLC-46

Moved by: Margie Bates

Seconded by: George Miller

Report

THAT the verbal report of the NWMO to the September 4, 2014 South Bruce Community Liaison Committee meeting, be received for information.

Motion: Carried

7.2 Municipality Update – Sharon Chambers, CAO, Municipality of South Bruce (Oral)

Update on Strategic Plan and the Process for Appointing Committee Members Following the 2014 Municipal Election

Sharon Chambers, CAO, Municipality of South Bruce, advised that the draft Strategic Plan document is now available on the Municipality of South Bruce website. Currently, the Municipality is collecting comments on the document, and it will then be presented to Council for approval.

Sharon Chambers noted that a request had been made to discuss the Economic Development portion of the Strategic Plan with the former municipal Economic Development Committee. Staff have not been able to find any records regarding a previous Economic Development Committee. Members of the SBCLC suggested that there had been a committee but that it may have been developed into one of the present Bruce County tourism associations. Staff will continue to investigate.

Regarding the appointment process for the committee, Sharon Chambers advised that in accordance with the terms of reference for the committee, the term of the committee members expires with the term of council. It was discussed that it would be preferable to maintain the current committee members in order to ensure that the work and education undertaken over the past year by the committee can be continued.

MOTION CLC-47

Moved by: Les Nichols

Seconded by: George Miller

Report

THAT the verbal report of the Municipality of South Bruce to the September 4, 2014 South Bruce Community Liaison Committee meeting, be received for information.

Motion: Carried

8. DELEGATIONS:

None

9. EDUCATION:

9.1 Les Nichols, SBCLC (Oral)

Regarding a Presentation Made at Bruce Power on August 14, 2014, titled "Radiation 101", by Dr. Doug Boreham, Division Head of Medical Sciences, Northern School of Medicine, and Professor of Medical Physics and Applied Radiation Sciences, McMaster University

Les Nichols, SBCLC member and Jim Gowland, SBCLC Chair, attended an information session held at Bruce Power on August 14, 2014. Les Nichols advised that the presentation was interesting and informative, and outlined issues and ideas in plain language. He suggested that this presenter would be good to invite to a future SBCLC meeting or open house, if South Bruce moves forward into the next Phase of the APM siting process.

10. COMMUNICATIONS:**10.1 Newsletter**

A fall newsletter will be published by the SBCLC.

ACTION ITEM: The Secretary of the SBCLC will draft a fall newsletter and circulate for content and comments prior to distribution.

10.2 Timeline for Next Phase of APM and Reporting Process

Paul Austin noted that the Preliminary Feasibility Study reports for the current phase of the APM will likely be released in early 2015. He noted that the tone of the common concerns heard at the Community Office is a perception that there will be no opportunity for public input prior to a decision to move forward with the final process. On the contrary, he advised that after many more years of technical and social studies, any community with a confirmed suitable site for the repository would be required to express a demonstration of willingness to host the project, involving citizens living in the community. The form that that willingness demonstration will need to take has yet to be determined, to allow for possible societal changes in what is considered acceptable to people at the time.

Councillor Kelly Fotheringham stated that he had attended a presentation by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) on August 9 in Point Clark. He suggested that the CNSC should be invited to address the SBCLC soon, both to receive important information from them, and also to ensure that the involvement of the CNSC with the SBCLC is noted on the public record. The CNSC is separate from the NWMO and will be auditing the APM process, and involvement by the CNSC will demonstrate a willingness by the SBCLC to receive information both from the NWMO, as well as its regulators.

Doug Culbert noted that the timeline for the project is so long-term that it is difficult to engage community members in meaningful discussion on the process. He also asked for further clarification on the community engagement process in later stages of the APM siting process.

ACTION ITEM: Paul Austin will request a copy of the slides for a presentation on the engagement process in the second phase of the APM.

The SBCLC further discussed the importance of community engagement throughout the process, and it was suggested that the committee should pursue the possibility of having a high school student join the SBCLC for the next term. It was noted that advertisements for a high school-aged member of the committee would be placed in the newspapers and on the website for the SBCLC and the Municipality, noting that volunteer hours would be available for the successful candidate.

ACTION ITEM: Paul Austin was requested to report back to the SBCLC with the number of visits to the SBCLC website.

ACTION ITEM: Paul Austin and Julie Ireland to inquire whether or not an NWMO document stand can be placed at the Post Office.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

11.1 Sharon Chambers advised that an email had been received from Dr. Sandy Greer, a resident of the Municipality of South Bruce, requesting that the SBCLC receive a delegation from Pat Gibbons, a member of the association Save our Saugeen Shores (SOS). Municipal staff contacted Mr. Gibbons, and he has advised that he would like to be a delegation at the SBCLC meeting scheduled for October 2, 2014.

11.2 In response to a comment from a member of the public, it was decided that the next SBCLC meeting will be advertised in local newspapers.

ACTION ITEM: Julie Ireland to advertise the October 2, 2014 SBCLC meeting in local newspapers.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION CLC-48

Moved by: Les Nichols

Adjournment

THAT we do now adjourn at 8:45 p.m., to meet again Thursday, October 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., or, at the call of the Chair.

Motion: Carried

Chair

Vice-Chair

CLC Secretary