



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

**Thursday, November 6, 2014**

**MINUTES**

The South Bruce Community Liaison Committee met on Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Municipality of South Bruce Municipal Office, 21 Gordon Street East, Teeswater.

**Members Present:** Jim Gowland, Chair; Mayor Bill Goetz; Councillor Margie Bates; Councillor Kelly Fotheringham; Brian Knox; George Miller; Les Nichols

**Members Absent:** Doug Culbert, Vice-Chair

**Also Present:** Councillor Bob Buckle (Mayor-Elect)

**NWMO Staff:** Paul Austin, Relationship Manager for Southern Ontario; Mike Krizanc, Communications Manager

**Municipal Staff:** Sharon Chambers, CAO; Julie Ireland, CLC Secretary

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Jim Gowland called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

Jim Gowland, Chair, expressed congratulations on behalf of the members of the SBCLC to the new Mayor-elect and members of Council elected in the October 27, 2014 municipal election. He also thanked the other candidates for putting their names forward to run for Council.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

**MOTION CLC-57**

**Motion by Margie Bates,  
Seconded by George Miller;**

**Agenda** That the Agenda for the South Bruce Community Liaison Committee Meeting of November 6, 2014, be adopted.

**Motion: Carried**

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

None

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

4.1 October 9, 2014 SBCLC Regular Meeting

**MOTION CLC-58**

**Moved by Les Nichols,**

**Seconded by Kelly Fotheringham;**

**Minutes**

That the Minutes of the South Bruce Community Liaison Committee Meeting held on October 9, 2014, be adopted as printed and circulated.

**Motion: Carried**

**5. NWMO TASK LIST REVIEW**

In reference to an item on the task list noting that members of the committee should forward questions to the CLC Secretary regarding a delegation made to the October CLC meeting, Brian Knox asked if questions would be forwarded together or individually. Jim Gowland advised that if members have questions for a previous delegation, that they should be forwarded to the CLC Secretary to be provided to him or her in a timely fashion, and that a deadline for forwarding questions did not need to be set.

Brian Knox asked about the status of the request by the CLC for aboriginal engagement sessions from the Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON). Paul Austin replied that other communities currently involved in the Adaptive Phased Management (APM) process had also sent a request to the Historic Saugeen Metis (HSM) as well as SON, and that a response had been received from HSM.

**ACTION ITEM:** If South Bruce moves forward to the next Phase of the APM process, that members of aboriginal groups, including the Historic Saugeen Metis, be engaged in the process moving forward.

**MOTION CLC-59**

**Moved by Margie Bates,**

**Seconded by Les Nichols;**

**Task List**

That the SBCLC Meeting Task List presented to the November 6, 2014 meeting of the South Bruce Community Liaison Committee, be received for information.

**Motion: Carried**

**6. CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

## 7. REPORTS:

### 7.1 **NWMO Update** (Oral)

Paul Austin, Relationship Manager for Southern Ontario and Mike Krizanc, Communications Manager, NWMO

Mike Krizanc advised that the Phase 1 reports are nearing completion. They will soon be reviewed by the Board of Directors of NWMO, and then the results will be released to the communities currently under consideration. He noted that he had met with Sharon Chambers, CAO, and Mayor-elect Bob Buckle prior to the meeting to discuss the logistics of the proposed communication plan for South Bruce for the public roll-out of the Phase 1 assessment reports.

Mike Krizanc also noted that in Phase 2, the capacity to seek information and presentations from sources outside NWMO can be provided to CLC's through the Phase 2 resource program. He noted that CLC's could contact presenters, or NWMO could be requested to contact and arrange for outside presentations from organizations or academia.

Brian Knox noted that the issue of using a ramp versus using a shaft in the DGR was not one that he had heard of prior to the delegation from Pat Gibbons to the October 9, 2014 SBCLC meeting. Mike Krizanc advised that the consideration of the ramp or shaft approach is currently being studied by an independent technical review group for NWMO, and that a report will be released by the group on this topic later in 2014.

Paul Austin advised that NWMO staff had attended the Walkerton Little Royal Fair on October 18 with the Learn More Booth. He noted that NWMO staff were able to share Project information with about 60 people who stopped to talk to the staff, and that a variety of views and levels of interest in the Project were expressed by community members.

Paul Austin noted that the role of the community office will change in the next Phase – that more technical staff will be using the office, and that warehousing space for equipment may eventually be required. He noted that changes to the location and size of the office would not likely take place right away for communities moving forward to the next Phase.

Paul Austin also advised that during the current Phase of the project, when the Learn More office is closed, his cell phone number is listed on the “closed” sign, so that members of the public can contact him directly with questions, even when the office is not open.

Jim Gowland asked if the CLC should request Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) staff to attend CLC meetings going forward. Mike Krizanc advised that there are CNSC staff working collaboratively with NWMO, so that the CNSC is well versed in the APM project and processes. He advised that the CNSC does not have an official role to play until the NWMO applies for a license approval for the final DGR project, and that CNSC staff might be unlikely to attend regular CLC meetings in various communities at

this early stage. He noted however that the NWMO does not speak for the CNSC and that the CLC could contact the CNSC to discuss the potential for their participation with the CLCs going forward.

In response to a discussion regarding the involvement of outside technical experts, Paul Austin suggested that it would also be possible to bring in public engagement experts to provide information to the CLC, in addition to nuclear technical experts, if that is something the CLC requests.

**MOTION CLC-60**

**Moved by George Miller,**

**Seconded by Margie Bates;**

**Report**

That the verbal report of the NWMO to the November 6, 2014 South Bruce Community Liaison Committee meeting, be received for information.

**Motion: Carried**

**7.2 Municipality Update (Oral)**

Sharon Chambers, CAO, Municipality of South Bruce

Sharon Chambers advised that the newly elected members of Council will receive information about the SBCLC and the NWMO APM project at Councillor Orientation sessions to be held in the coming weeks. She advised that a by-law to appoint members to various committees, including the CLC, will be presented to Council for approval at the December 2 inaugural Council meeting. Although the Mayor makes the appointments to committees, the Terms of Reference governs the CLC, and staff have recommended to the Mayor to retain the existing CLC membership for returning Councillors and members of the public who sit on the committee. She also noted that the Terms of Reference will be amended to include a student member on the CLC.

Sharon Chambers requested that any members who do not want to be considered to sit on the CLC for the next term of Council should advise her in writing no later than November 20, 2014.

Kelly Fotheringham asked if the number of members of the CLC can be increased, beyond the addition of the one student member currently being considered. Sharon Chambers advised that in accordance with the Terms of Reference, the committee currently consists of eight members including two representatives from Council, and amendments to the TOR can be made at Council's discretion.

Mike Krizanc noted that in other communities that have advanced to the next Phase in the APM project, some CLC's have expanded to include members of aboriginal groups, and in some cases representatives from other surrounding municipalities.

Brian Knox asked whether or not an agreement would be executed if South Bruce is selected to move on to the next Phase of the APM. Sharon Chambers responded that a Council resolution would be enacted, not a formal agreement. She suggested that it is important to have a resolution from Council at each milestone in order to document

the progress of the Municipality throughout the APM process.

Mike Krizanc advised that municipalities not selected to move forward to Phase 2 of the APM process will have an opportunity to have NWMO staff explain the report and answer questions from the CLC.

**MOTION CLC-61**

**Moved by Bill Goetz,**

**Seconded by George Miller;**

**Report**

That the verbal report of the Municipality of South Bruce to the November 6, 2014 South Bruce Community Liaison Committee meeting, be received for information.

**Motion: Carried**

**8. DELEGATIONS:**

None

**9. EDUCATION:**

**9.1 Sean Russell, Director of Adaptive Phased Management Repository Research and Development, NWMO, Regarding International Cooperation and Experience (via telephone)**

Sean Russell, Director of Adaptive Phased Management Repository Research and Development, NWMO, provided a presentation via telephone to the CLC regarding international cooperation and experience. A copy of the PowerPoint slides that accompanied the presentation are appended to these minutes for reference.

Sean Russell outlined the DGR projects currently being considered in various locations around the world. He noted that NWMO works with many other countries and organizations to develop best practices for the handling of used nuclear fuel, and for research and development regarding the planning and construction of DGR's.

Brian Knox asked whether or not public engagement and consultation is being undertaken in countries that do not have a democratic government system. Sean Russell noted that countries considering DGR's are using public consultation processes, and that most have very long timelines, allowing time for public engagement and input.

Jim Gowland asked about the size of the DGR's being considered in other countries, and how much used nuclear fuel those DGR's would be able to accept, in comparison to the DGR being considered through the NWMO APM process. Sean Russell noted that a comparison is difficult to make because the used nuclear fuel from the CANDU reactors in Canada create a greater volume of used fuel, but that it is not as "hot" as used fuel from other types of reactors. He noted that in terms of size of the DGR and capacity, the project currently proposed by NWMO would be similar to those being considered in other countries.

Jim Gowland asked if Japan will continue to look for a site for its used nuclear fuel following the earthquake and resulting tsunami that crippled the Fukushima nuclear facility. Sean Russell noted that Japan is committed to finding a solution within its own borders to deal with used nuclear fuel, and that a siting process had so far been unsuccessful, but would be reviewed in order to find a suitable site for a DGR.

**MOTION CLC-62**

**Moved by Les Nichols,**

**Seconded by Kelly Fotheringham;**

**Report**

That the verbal report of the NWMO via telephone regarding International Cooperation and Experience to the November 6, 2014 South Bruce Community Liaison Committee meeting, be received for information.

**Motion: Carried**

**10. COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**11. NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION CLC-63**

**Moved by Margie Bates,**

**Seconded by Kelly Fotheringham;**

**Adjournment**

That we do now adjourn at 8:55 p.m., to meet again on Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., or, at the call of the Chair.

**Motion: Carried**

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Chair

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Vice-Chair

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CLC Secretary