

NWMO Adaptive Phase Management Project

Community Liaison Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 27, 2013

NWMO Formosa Office

MINUTES

Attendees:

CLC Members

George Miller	P
Doug Culbert	P
Brian Knox	P
Les Nichols	P
Jim Gowland	P

NWMO Employees

Paul Austin	P
Jo-Ann Facella	P
Andy Keir	P
Ben Belfadhel	P
Mike Krizanc	P

Municipal Council Members

Kelly Fotheringham	P
Margie Bates	P
Mayor Bill Goetz	P

Municipality Employees

Sharon Chambers	P
Jennifer Johnston	P

Introductions: Each attendee introduced themselves along with a brief statement of where they were from and where they work. Resource binders were distributed to members of the CLC.

The focus of the initial meeting of the CLC was to provide an overview of the project for the members of the CLC.

NWMO Presentations: Jo-Ann Facella, Director of Social Research and Dialogue from NWMO began the briefing. Her presentation included;

- A description of the project and site selection process
- Where South Bruce is in the process – Step 3 of a 9 step site selection process
- Broad overview Feasibility Studies undertaken in Step 3, and how the Community Liaison Committee and Community may be involved in the studies.
- Engagement of community and Aboriginal peoples
- Visioning exercise and community well-being
- Host community must be “informed and willing”

Ben Belfadhel, Director of Geoscience for NWMO gave the next portion of the presentation which provided information about the technical studies that would be conducted to assess whether a community could safely host the project. Such studies include;

- Geoscientific Suitability Studies
- Engineering Safety
- Transportation Safety

- Environmental Safety

It is hoped that these studies will be complete by the end of 2014 and the information collected will then be shared.

Mike Krizanc, Director of Communications for NWMO gave the final portion of the presentation on communications. The NWMO will work with the community and the CLC on such communications activities as;

- Assistance to develop a CLC webpage
- Review and fact checking of newsletters
- Learn More Centre
- Open Houses

It was noted that the Learn More centre in Formosa is now open. The hours of operation are:

10am – 3pm on Wednesday

1pm – 6pm on Thursday

10am – 3pm on Friday

10am – 3pm every other Saturday

Question and Answer Period: Following the presentation, committee members had an opportunity to ask questions.

Jim Gowland inquired if NWMO had information at this time which would indicate whether or not South Bruce has suitable geology to host the project. Mr. Belfadhel responded that South Bruce has passed an initial screening which did not identify any obvious factors which would eliminate South Bruce as a potential host community. He also indicated that geotechnical work which had been previously completed for the Low and Intermediate Level DGR being considered for Kincardine indicates that the geology could be suitable. More detailed information will be obtained through the feasibility study.

Brian Knox raised a question concerning transportation. He asked if the need to transport the material would be a deciding factor in the location of the DGR. Mr. Belfadhel explained that there will be many things that must be considered when determining a suitable and safe location for the project. Safe transportation of the material will be a factor, however the cost of transportation alone, would not likely be a deciding factor. There followed some general discussion around transportation safety.

CAO Report/Learning Opportunities: In the absence of a Chair, CAO Chambers lead the meeting at the conclusion of the question and answer period. The election of a Chair and Vice Chair will be added to the next agenda.

CAO Chambers commented that there will be many opportunities for the CLC to learn about the project, and recommended two opportunities that South Bruce Council had taken advantage of previously. The first is a tour of the Western Waste Management Facility at the Bruce Power site, followed by a Learn More briefing by NWMO. The second is to travel to

Ottawa to meet with the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission to learn about their role as Regulator of the Nuclear Industry, as well as information about the licensing of Nuclear Facilities, including Deep Geologic Repositories. There are funds available from NWMO for the CLC members to participate in learning activities, so that Municipalities are not “out of pocket” for the expenses incurred to learn about the project. NWMO and Municipal staff will coordinate to arrange these training opportunities and report back at a future meeting.

There was some general discussion about public engagement. Members of the CLC felt that it is very important to begin engaging the community as soon as possible. It was noted, that the site selection process is expected to take many years, and learning should not be rushed. A list of resources may be beneficial for CLC members so they are able to direct public inquiries appropriately.

CAO Chambers explained that one of the key functions of the CLC will be to make decisions about what types of learning opportunities may work for our community. It was noted that a review of the CLC Terms of Reference would be beneficial, and this will be added to the agenda for the next meeting following the election of the Chair and Vice Chair.

Future Meeting: NWMO suggested coordinating future meetings with the Township Huron Kinloss for efficiency. The next meeting date was set for July 24th @ 7pm at the Learn More Centre in Formosa. The schedule of future meetings will be considered on July 24th.

Chair

Vice Chair

CLC Secretary, Jen Johnston