



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

Thursday, October 9, 2014

MINUTES

The South Bruce Community Liaison Committee met on Thursday, October 9, 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; Doug Culbert, Vice-Chair; Councillor Bob Buckle; Brian Knox; Les Nichols; Councillor Kelly Fotheringham

Members Absent: Mayor Bill Goetz; Councillor Margie Bates; George Miller

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 7:03 p.m.
2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

MOTION CLC-49

Motion by Les Nichols,

Seconded by Doug Culbert;

Agenda

That the Agenda for the South Bruce Community Liaison Committee Meeting of October 9, 2014, be amended to move Item 8.1, so that the delegation may be heard following agenda Item 3;

And further, that the Agenda for the South Bruce Community Liaison Committee Meeting of October 9, 2014 be adopted as amended.

Motion: Carried

3. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND NATURE THEREOF:**
None

Item 8.1 was moved, to be heard following agenda Item 3.

8.1 Pat Gibbons, Save Our Saugeen Shores (SOS)

Pat Gibbons, a member of the organization called Save our Saugeen Shores (SOS) attended the SBCLC meeting and provided a presentation. A copy of the written materials provided by the delegation were distributed with the agenda package to the

Committee members prior to the meeting.

Pat Gibbons advised that he was attending the meeting at the request of a South Bruce resident. His organization has concerns about the proposed deep geological repository (DGR), which are included in his presentation (attached to these minutes).

Pat Gibbons requested that the SBCLC consider opinions on the DGR project outside of those presented by the NWMO, and suggested that the SBCLC invite other experts to attend meetings and provide information to the committee.

Brian Knox agreed that it would be worthwhile to hear from other organizations regarding the DGR project, and suggested that varying opinions can contribute to the Committee's discussions with NWMO.

Chair Jim Gowland thanked the delegation for his attendance and the information provided.

Members of the Committee asked the delegation what his preferred option would be for dealing with nuclear waste, if his position is to not have a DGR. He replied that there are recycling technologies that would burn nucleides, which would result in a shorter lifespan for the radioactive waste. He suggested that there are facilities in other locations currently using this technology.

Chair Jim Gowland asked members of the Committee to forward questions for the delegation to Julie Ireland, CLC Secretary, in order to coordinate questions and comments, and to forward the information to NWMO staff for a response as well.

MOTION CLC-50

**Motion by Brian Knox,
Seconded by Doug Culbert;**

Agenda That the delegation of Pat Gibbons of the Save Our Saugeen Shores (SOS) organization to the South Bruce Community Liaison Committee Meeting of October 9, 2014, be received for information.

Motion: Carried

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S):

4.1 September 4, 2014 SBCLC Regular Meeting

MOTION CLC-51

**Moved by Kelly Fotheringham,
Seconded by Les Nichols;**

Minutes That the Minutes of the South Bruce Community Liaison Committee Meeting held September 4, 2014 be adopted as printed and circulated.

Motion: Carried

5. NWMO TASK LIST REVIEW

The task list for the SBCLC was forwarded with the agenda, and reviewed by the Committee. Julie Ireland and Paul Austin provided updates from the Municipality and NWMO.

MOTION CLC-52

Moved by Doug Culbert,

Seconded by Les Nichols;

Task List

That the SBCLC Meeting Task List presented to the October 9, 2014 meet 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

Paul Austin, Relationship Manager for Southern Ontario, NWMO, provided an update on NWMO activities to the Committee. As a follow-up to the September 4 discussion regarding the “Scientists in School” program, Paul Austin advised that NWMO has now executed a funding agreement with the charity to provide funds for the upcoming fiscal year.

Paul Austin discussed the current stage of the engagement process. He noted that although NWMO staff are currently more focused on writing the Feasibility Study reports for the communities, that community engagement activities are currently taking place, including at local fall fairs. He noted that the engagement activities are intended to be a dialogue and not a sales pitch.

A discussion took place regarding the possibility of using a referendum to determine the willingness of a community to host the DGR. Mike Krizanc advised that it will be up to the community to determine what a clear demonstration of willingness will look like, and that the form is not prescribed by NWMO. He noted that whatever form the demonstration of willingness takes, it must be compelling.

Vice-Chair Doug Culbert asked about the possibility of creating some materials for young children about the DGR project. Mike Krizanc suggested showing children a video from the website. He advised that work on materials for young children had been discussed and is under consideration. He noted that developing materials that can be integrated into school curriculums, and are acceptable to school boards, is challenging to

undertake.

Chair Jim Gowland noted that regardless of whether or not South Bruce moves into the next phase of the APM, South Bruce is likely to be a “transportation community” which the spent nuclear fuel will be transported through. He noted that costs and safety considerations will be important to the Municipality regardless of whether or not it is selected as the host for the DGR.

Mike Krizanc provided a presentation on the next steps in the APM process. A copy of the presentation was provided with the agenda.

Mike Krizanc noted that South Bruce is currently in Step 3 of Phase 1. Following the completion of this Phase, the reports for Phase 1 will be published. A detailed communication plan for each community will be developed and implemented at that time. He advised that there will be a process to inform the Mayor, Council and the CLC of the results before the information is released to the public. He noted that the final report will include the reasoning for selecting a community to either continue into the next phase, or to be discontinued from the APM process.

Chair Jim Gowland inquired about the status of the request for Aboriginal engagement training that was sent previously to the Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON). Mike Krizanc advised that NWMO is increasing its collaboration with first nation organizations, and that a key member of SON has recently been hired by the NWMO.

Brian Knox asked if any sort of agreement would be entered into following the advancement of communities into the next Phase. Mike Krizanc noted that a Letter of Understanding is entered into between NWMO and each municipality at the commencement of each new Phase in the process.

A question was asked regarding the involvement of various provincial ministries. Mike Krizanc advised that all required ministries are currently engaged, and will each be formally involved in the process as required. Brian Knox asked if NWMO maintains a listing of meetings held between the NWMO and various organizations. Mike Krizanc noted that the NWMO annual reports outline agencies, ministries and other organizations that the NWMO meets with.

Chair Jim Gowland noted once again that the project will have to be approved by the CNSC, and that it is the mandate of the government and the community to find a way to deal with used nuclear fuel. He noted that his main concern with the project is to ensure the safety of the community.

Vice-Chair Doug Culbert suggested that the timeline for the DGR project is very long, and technology is constantly changing. He opined that there is the possibility that by the time the DGR is built, another technology to address the issue of spent nuclear fuel may have been developed, and may render the project unnecessary.

Brian Knox suggested that he is not completely convinced that the project will be safe, but that he is encouraged that there is a possibility for continued discussion with the

NWMO, by the Committee as well as the community. He noted that he is expecting more detailed reports on the safety and security of the DGR in the next Phase of the APM.

MOTION CLC-53

Moved by Kelly Fotherinham,

Seconded by Brian Knox;

Report

That the verbal report of the NWMO to the October 9, 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)

Sharon Chambers, CAO, Municipality of South Bruce, noted that staff are currently focused on the upcoming municipal election on October 27, 2014. She advised that voting will be done completely by telephone and internet voting, and that the system will be open for voting from October 20 to October 27.

Sharon Chambers advised that there will be no more than three returning members on the upcoming Council and that new members will likely need to be brought up to speed regarding the activities of the SBCLC and the APM process.

Sharon Chambers advised that the Municipality has adopted a Strategic Plan, and an Economic Development Strategic Plan will be presented to the new Council by the consultant that prepared the Plan.

The next meeting of the SBCLC will include the current members of the committee. Any new appointments made will take effect in December.

MOTION CLC-54

Moved by Les Nichols,

Seconded by George Miller;

Report

That the verbal report of the Municipality of South Bruce to the October 9, 2014 South Bruce Community Liaison Committee meeting, be received for information.

Motion: Carried

8. DELEGATIONS:

8.1 Pat Gibbons, Save Our Saugeen Shores (SOS)

See Item 8.1 above, following Item 3.

9. EDUCATION:

None

10. COMMUNICATIONS:

10.1 Draft Newsletter for Review

A draft newsletter was circulated with the agenda to members of the Committee.

Brian Knox asked if NWMO is involved with the “Scientists in School” program. Paul Austin noted that the NWMO provides funding to the program, and that is the extent of their involvement.

It was requested that it be noted in the newsletter that the NWMO Learn More booth will be at the Walkerton Little Royal Fair on the weekend of October 18, and that the newsletter be mailed the week following the October 9 meeting in order to provide notice to residents that the NWMO will be on hand to answer questions at the fair.

ACTION ITEM: Julie Ireland to amend the draft newsletter to note that the Learn More booth will be at the Walkerton Little Royal Fair, and to mail the newsletter out next week.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

11.1 Student Representation on SBCLC

Corbin Critchfield, a local high school student, advised that his family is active in the community, and that he has a number of extracurricular interests including the Air Cadets. He advised that he is interested in politics, and noted that he had learned a lot about the NWMO APM process during the course of the meeting. Sharon Chambers advised that she will talk to Council about appointing Corbin to the SBCLC.

11.2 Upcoming Presentations from NWMO

Paul Austin noted that a presentation on the global effort and best practices when dealing with used nuclear fuel could be provided, but would likely need to be done over the phone by conference call. The Committee agreed that a presentation via phone would be acceptable.

11.3 Lessons Learned from Other Facilities

Brian Knox asked NWMO staff about the status of the investigation into the radiation leakage at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) facility in the United States. He advised that NWMO and the industry in general learn from each incident, and attempt to ensure that the same issues do not take place elsewhere.

11.4 Invitation to CNSC

Chair Jim Gowland noted that the CNSC has attended other municipalities, and suggested that the CNSC be invited to the SBCLC. He suggested inviting them to the November or December meeting dates. Brian Knox suggested that the Committee could collectively pose questions to the CNSC that they would all like to have answered.

11.5 Thank You to Delegation

Brian Knox requested that a “thank you” note be sent to Pat and Paula Gibbons, thanking them for taking the time to present information to the Committee.

MOTION CLC-55

**Motion by Brian Knox,
Seconded by Kelly Fotheringham;**

Report That staff be directed to forward a thank you note to Pat and Paula Gibbons, to thank them for attending the October 9, 2014 SBCLC meeting and providing a presentation on behalf of the Save our Saugeen Shores (SOS) organization.

Motion: Carried

12. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION CLC-56

**Moved by Les Nichols,
Seconded by Doug Culbert;**

Adjournment That we do now adjourn at 8:55 p.m., to meet again on Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., or, at the call of the Chair.

Motion: Carried

Chair

Vice-Chair

CLC Secretary