

THE TOWNSHIP OF HURON-KINLOSS NUCLEAR WASTE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Township of Huron-Kinloss Council Chambers

August, 6 2013 at 7:00pm

Chair	Mitch Twolan	(P)
Vice Chair	Wilfred Gamble	(P)
	Ricardo F. Gerdingh	(P)
	David Grant	(P)
	Dianne Heinisch	(A)
	Glenn Sutton	(P)
	Rob Thompson	(P)
Administrator	Mary Rose Walden	(P)
Clerk	Sonya Watson	(A)
Secretary	Kelly Lush	(P)
Director, Social Research & Dialogue Relationship Manager, Engagement & Communications	Jo-Ann Facella	(P)
AECOM Consultant	Paul Austin	(P)
	Andy Keir	(P)
Others Present:	Rob Parker, Ken Kilpatrick CKNX	

1.0 Call to Order

Chair Twolan called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2.0 Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Gamble
Seconded by Sutton

Adopt Committee Minutes 3 THAT the Nuclear Waste Community Advisory Committee hereby adopts the [July 2, 2013](#) minutes as written.

Carried.

3.0 Delegations

None scheduled

4.0 Reports and Correspondence

4.1 Newsletter

Attached is a [draft NWCAC newsletter](#).

STAFF COMMENTS: Kelly has created a draft template for a newsletter that would provide highlights of the project and be available online for residents. Does the committee have any comments or suggestions?

ACTION: Committee requested to define what Used Nuclear Fuel is in more detail and to provide a question and answer section. Project Coordinator will refine the paragraph on Used Nuclear Fuel. Going forward the newsletter will include a Q&A section and highlight encouraging the community to be involved. Newsletter will be produced quarterly.

4.2 Website

We are working on providing information on the project and committee for the Municipal website.

STAFF COMMENTS: There will be a button on the home page of Municipal website. This should be completed by the next meeting.

ACTION: Committee agreed to posting project information on the website. The Project Coordinator is working on the website and should have it completed by September.

4.3 Request for a book to be purchased

The NWMO was asked by Jutta Spletstoeser to forward to the Township of Huron-Kinloss her request that the book "Nuclear Waste Management in Canada" written by Darrin Durant and Genevieve Fuji Johnson, be purchased and placed in the Huron-Kinloss Township office.

Staff Comments: This book can be purchased for under \$ 40.00.

About the Book

As oil reserves decline and the environment takes centre stage in public policy discussions, the merits and dangers of nuclear power and nuclear waste management continue to be debated. Canada is intent on building more reactors to increase energy production without destroying the planet, but it and other nuclear

energy-producing countries face not only technical problems but also social and ethical issues.

Nuclear Waste Management in Canada provides a critical antidote to the favourable position of government and industry. The contributors build their case by exploring key issues and developments. What do frequently used terms such as safety, risk, and acceptability really mean? How and why did the public consultation process in Canada fail to address ethical and social issues? What is the significance and potential of a public consultation process that involves diverse interests, epistemologies, and actors, including Aboriginal peoples? And how do we ensure that our frameworks for discussion are inclusive and ethical?

This timely collection defuses the uncertainty, ambiguity, and ignorance that surrounds nuclear energy. It will appeal to academics, students, and stakeholders in public policy or environmental studies who want to think critically and more broadly about how we approach energy generation and waste management.

ACTION: The committee discussed having a policy or procedure in place for requests such as this. Jo-Anne Facella stated that the NWMO would be happy to cover costs of material for this learning project. There is a cap for spending and the Committee should have an approach to respond to such requests. The Administrator reported that the Municipality has received funding from NWMO for this learning project.

The Project Coordinator to purchase book and look into developing a procedure for Committee requests. Book will be available for sign out at the Municipal Office.

Moved by Thompson
Seconded by Grant

APPROVE BOOK PURCHASE	4	THAT the Nuclear Waste Community Advisory Committee purchase the book that has been requested; <i>Nuclear Waste Management in Canada</i> written by Darrin Durrant and Genevieve Fuji Johnson and that the book be placed in the Huron-Kinloss Township office for sign out.
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Carried.

4.3 NWMO Newsletter

Link to view the NWMO Spring/Summer Newsletter

Staff Comments: <http://www.nwmo.ca/newsletters>

Action: Noted

5.0 Nuclear Waste Management Organization Reports

At the meeting NWMO asked that 5.3 Community Well-Being precede 5.1 and 5.2. Committee approved.

5.1 Community Profile

Andy Keir to go through details of the desktop studies, information and data that they have to date, and the value of this information to the Township of Huron-Kinloss.

STAFF COMMENTS: Committee will review material identified to date to support the community profile work which the NWMO has initiated.

ACTION: Keir stated that there will be a community profile created with desktop studies, interviews and community engagement including attending events and presentations. A rolling document will be developed detailing the community profile and patterns will be examined.

5.2 Community Engagement

NWMO representatives will lead a discussion with committee members about planning ongoing community engagement activities.

STAFF COMMENTS: Attached is a list of our [Community Stakeholder Groups](#) for review.

ACTION: Committee suggested to add the following groups to the list; Emergency Responders, Fire Departments, Bruce County Emergency Medical Services, Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiatives, Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority. Project Coordinator will add these to the list. Community Engagement will begin with Keir interviewing NWCAC members, Council and Senior Staff. NWMO Director, Aboriginal Community Relations, Robert Watts will be added to an agenda going forward to address the relationship and engagement with the Aboriginal Community.

5.3 Community Well-Being

NWCAC would like to address what is community well-being to Huron-Kinloss.

Staff Comments: Jo-Ann Facella from NWMO and consultant Andy Keir will present on the subject of community well-being. [Community Well-Being Presentation](#) , and [Preliminary Assessment Activities](#)

Ricardo Gerdingh has drafted a document; [Suggesting a Path to Defining Wellbeing in our Community](#).

ACTION: Facella presented on Community Well-Being detailing that it should be a reflection of the committee, community and NWMO and that the project should be managed by the community together. Facella stated that a Community Well-being Assessment Report will be done during this phase. (Community Profile).

Andy Keir will interview key people including Committee members, senior staff and Council. Project Coordinator will set up date and times for interviews with Senior Staff, Councilors and NWCAC.

Chair Twolan stated questions frequently being asked are;

- If Huron Kinloss would have a referendum about the decision to host the project,
- What effect would this project have on property values,
- What would be the effects on Lake Huron and the drinking water
- What will the effects be of living on top of a repository and would the land become contaminated?

Jo-Ann stated that the site selected has to be in a willing host community with overwhelming studies and a large majority vote. She said there would need to be a referendum of sort and that the decision would have to be convincing and would be determined by the standard at the time of the actual project. She stated property values will be looked at during the Community Well-being study. The committee requested answers to these frequently asked questions so they can respond to the public when asked. NWMO will come back with some answers and details regarding the safety of the drinking water, protection of Lake Huron and living on a repository.

6.0 Other Business

21 Communities involved in Adaptive Phased Management

The committee would like to know about the other communities engaged in the Adaptive Phased Management.

ACTION: Project Coordinator will provide information to the committee about the other communities involved and links to their websites.

7.0 Adjourn

Moved by Grant
Seconded by Sutton

ADJOURN 5 **THAT** The Nuclear Waste Community Advisory Committee do now adjourn to meet again on September 3, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. or at the Call of the Chair.

Carried.

Chair

Secretary