

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS
MINUTES of the Nuclear Waste Community Committee

Ear Falls Council Chambers
May 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gerald Kleist called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Gerald Kleist, Frank Ray, Ursula DeKeyser, Brandie Doudiet, Dave Wilson, Ron Bergmann, Deputy Clerk Darlene Stone, six (6) members from the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO), and two (2) members of the public.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None Declared.

4. REVIEW OF OLD BUSINESS

4.1. Review of Minutes of the April 2nd, 2012 Meeting

The Committee concurred that the Minutes were accepted as presented.

4.2. Placemats

4.2.1. Feedback from Businesses

Chair Gerald Kleist spoke with three of the local restaurants and they are in agreement that the placemats would be a good idea. There is one more restaurant to contact.

4.2.2. Content – suggestions for topics / facts / Q&As

Suggestions for the placemats include the following:

- Using inserts from the Preliminary Assessment of Potential Suitability – Feasibility Studies binder received from NWMO (the focal point could be the map of Ontario re: Communities presently engaged in the Process);
- the geology of Ear Falls from the Initial Screening;
- safety aspects;
- cross-sectional drawing of the repository;
- pictures / diagrams of the canisters;
- picture of the Nuclear Waste Community Committee at the Darlington site;
- graph showing various items that emit radiation and the amount of radiation;

- Municipal contact information;

It was suggested that two placemats (one-sided) be created; use one for a few months and then change it up with the other one. Pat Dolcetti will bring a draft of the placemat to the next Meeting. The Committee is to advise the NWMO of the quantity of placemats to be made.

4.3. Public Presentations

4.3.1. Topics

- The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC)
 - Ms. Aikens to find out if the invitation should be sent from the NWCC or NWMO.
- Ursula DeKeyser to contact Greg Kuzyk who owns a cabin in the Ear Falls area.
 - Would like him to attend a public meeting to advise that he has no concerns with regard to owning a cabin where a potential repository may be situated.
- Chair Gerald Kleist asked Youth Member Brandie Doudiet if there was any interest at the High School.
 - Brandie advised that she spoke with the principal of the High School. The principal would like NWMO to give a presentation at the High School as a lot of students have questions they would like answered.
 - Frank Ray asked Brandie to get a time frame as to when it would be best to hold the presentation.
 - Pat Dolcetti advised that because it is a school facility, NWMO requires a higher authority to give a presentation
 - Gerald Kleist stated that as it is the students who are going to be affected more by the decision of hosting a Nuclear Waste Repository, he would be very disappointed if NWMO does not give a presentation to the High School.

4.3.2. Timeline

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC)

- Ann Aikens, NWMO advised that the CNSC is not available for a June presentation, but suggested that the Committee could attempt a September presentation.

Mayor Simpson, Pinawa and Gentleman that owns a cabin in Ear Falls area.

- Suggested September / October / November

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1. NWMO Presentation

NWMO members in attendance: Ann Aikens, Tim Weber, Ray Hatfield, Pat Dolcetti, Don Gorber, and Cara Sanders

5.1.1. NWMO Monthly Report to the Committee on Recent Activities

Ann Aikens advised that NWMO set up a booth at the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association Annual General Meeting and Conference and that it was very well attended.

Ms. Aikens also advised that in the Step 3 process, NWMO has the duty to consult with Aboriginal communities. At this point Ms. Aikens introduced Ray Hatfield. Mr. Hatfield stated that NWMO has sent out letters to the neighbouring Aboriginal communities of Ear Falls including the Metis Nation Ontario. The Mayor of the Township of Ear Falls was copied on all the letters. There will be personal follow-ups with Chiefs / Councils regarding the process.

5.1.2. Community Profile

Don Gorber provided a presentation regarding a draft Community Profile for Ear Falls. NWMO wants an updated Community Profile to determine what Ear Falls is, where the Committee wants to go with it and a common vision. The preliminary information that was presented for review was very outdated.

Topics for the Community Profile include the following:

- What are your Priorities?
 - The Community (size, vision in Strategic Plan, location)
 - Human Assets (population, demographics, education, labour force, Health & Safety service)
 - Gerald Kleist inquired as to the use of the information being gathered. Mr. Gorber advised that it helps determine the type of municipality (i.e. young town / work force / retired community) and is used as a guideline.
 - Economic Assets (employment, businesses, income sources, economic development)
 - Physical Assets (transportation, physical)
 - Social Assets (population – how it is changing, what is available, what should be available, what is here and what should be here)
 - Natural Assets (parks, featured area, protected area)
 - Unique characteristics (environmental area, Community Action Plan)

Mr. Gorber had a map on the wall that was for the purpose of determining how far members of the Committee travelled to neighbouring communities. A poll was done as to how many times the Committee members travelled to the various communities. (Pickle Lake, Savant Lake, Sioux Lookout, Red Lake, Winnipeg, Duluth, Thunder Bay, Sioux Narrows, Kenora, Vermilion Bay, Upsala, Ignace, Dryden, US Border towns) This will assist in showing which communities are more affiliated with Ear Falls.

5.2. Next Meeting – June 4th, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Don Gorber, NWMO requested that the Committee bring current information for the Community Profile regarding: Economic Assets; Physical Assets; Social Assets; Natural Assets; and Unique Characteristics.

Ann Aikens, NWMO wanted to know what the expectations were with regard to summer meetings. The Committee suggested taking the months of July and August off. Ms. Aikens would like at least one summer meeting with August as the preferred month. (August 13th tentatively) With regard to the meeting in September Ms. Aiken wanted to know if it would be moved to the following Monday. (September 10th)

6. INFORMATION RESOURCES

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Chair

Clerk