

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

Ear Falls Council Chambers  
November 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. ROLL CALL**

Chair Gerald Kleist, Dave Wilson, Frank Ray, Ursula DeKeyser, Gary Beardsley, Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance, Nuclear Waste Administrative Assistant Michelle Briska and one (1) member of public.

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

None Declared.

**4. REVIEW OLD BUSINESS**

4.1. Review of September 18, 2012 Special Meeting Minutes

The Committee concurred that the Minutes were accepted as presented.

4.2. Review of October 15, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes

The Committee concurred that the Minutes were accepted as presented.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

5.1. NWCC Chair's Report regarding the October 26, 2012 Meeting with Mayor Kahoot and Councillor Robinson

Chair Gerald Kleist reported that Council feels that pertinent information may not be completely and clearly communicated back to Council, that the information flow between the two bodies is incomplete. It was suggested that some possible solutions could be having a Committee Member report to Council on a regular basis or have a Councillor sit on the Committee.

Gary Beardsley entered into meeting at 7:05 p.m.

The Committee is concerned that by having a Councillor sitting on the Committee the public perception might be compromised. The Committee must strive to maintain the

advisory capacity. Chair Gerald Kleist will recommend to Council at the November 21, 2012 Council meeting that a non-voting, non-quorum filling member of Council should sit on the Committee as a communication agent for Council. This member would be expected to participate equally in all discussions. It was suggested that the Mayor be the member.

5.2. Resignation of Committee Member – Ron Bergmann

The resignation of Ron Bergmann was accepted with regrets. A letter will be mailed to Ron Bergmann thanking him for his involvement. Ursula DeKeyser and Gary Beardsley will review new applicants and will make recommendation to Council. The Committee discussed Brandie Doudiet's lack of attendance at meetings and will send Brandie Doudiet a letter requesting a formal written response by December 3, 2012 as to her intentions.

5.3. Budget Report – dated November 14, 2012

The Committee requested clarification on the report regarding fees and facility equipment.

5.4. 2013 Learn More Visit – Selection Process

Committee will recommend to Council that three (3) of the eight (8) positions be comprised of the Youth Member, new Committee Member and Nuclear Waste Administrative Assistant Michelle Briska. To fill the remaining five (5) positions the Committee suggested that letters be mailed out to Fire Department, Ontario Provincial Police., Ontario Hydro, Northwestern Health Unit and Ear Falls Public School to see if these community services would be interested in sending a representative. After intentions letters are received Committee would like to make candidate recommendation to Council.

5.5. Website's Information updates- Ear Falls and CLC

The Committee discussed the involvement of the whole Committee in gathering information to be added to website. Suggestions should be forwarded to Michelle Briska. It was also suggested that the Committee consider community events in locations other than the municipal office with the objective of increasing community involvement. Any lease costs would need to be preapproved by Council. Concern was raised over safety issues such as the potential for verbal harassment/violence.

5.6. Placemats Update

Response from the placemats has been good, creating conversations in the community. Two (2) of the businesses involved are more than willing to continue using. One (1) of the businesses is not interested in using placemats because of the smell of the placemats. There is a strong odor that emanates from the placemats. It is undetermined

where the smell is coming from, the ink or the paper. Michelle Briska will contact supplier and see if this issue can be addressed. A new Committee picture will be taken after new member selected.

5.7. Information Sharing with Community Ideas

Committee agreed that the gathering of email addresses from interested community members is a good idea to enhance communication flow with the community. This feature will be added to website, added to newsletter and a system for collecting email addresses at community events will be used at all future events.

5.8. Third Party Expert Review – Quotes Received

Committee agreed that this review is not required at this time.

5.9. 2013 Meeting Dates – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month

- January 14
- February 11
- March 11
- April 8
- May 13
- June 10
- July 8
- August 12
- September 9
- October 14 (Thanksgiving Day) – proposed alternative – Oct. 15
- November 11 (Remembrance Day) – proposed alternative – Nov. 12
- December 9

The Committee concurred that these dates were acceptable.

5.10. Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC)

The Committee thought that a presentation from the CNSC would be very valuable to the community. A public information session will be requested for 2013.

5.11. Nuclear Waste Watch

The Committee feels that this letter is a good example of what to expect as the selection process goes forward. The Committee feels that this new information avenue should be shared with the community and published on the Township website. Most of the information to date has been published by the NWMO and are in support of transparent information flow and offering multiple points of view.

5.12 Next Meeting – December 3, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers

This meeting will be cancelled. The next meeting will be January 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

## 6. INFORMATION RESOURCES

6.10. Update of posting Special Meeting Video to website

Council approved the Committee request to post the video. The VHS tape is in the process of being converted to a digital file to enable posting to website. It was suggested that a video camera be purchased for future ease of use.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Chair

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