

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

Ear Falls Council Chambers

April 2, 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, Ursula DeKeyser, Frank Ray, Dave Wilson, Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance, 5 members from the Nuclear Waste Management Organization, and 3 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 February 6, 2012 Meeting

The Committee concurred that the minutes were accepted as presented.

4.2. March 5, 2012 Meeting – No Quorum

4.2.1. Review of discussion / presentation of binders

The Committee discussed the previous meeting which was lacking quorum. NWMO was in attendance at the meeting and provided members of the Committee with binders. Additional copies are available in the Municipal Office. The Committee also identified a potential concern with the recent change of the meeting date to the first Monday of the month. There is conflict with some of the committee members schedules and may need to be revisited and revised in order to address the need for quorum.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1. NWMO Presentation

Jamie Robinson introduced the NWMO members in attendance: Ann Aiken, Tim Webber, Ray Hatfield and Pat Dolcetti.

5.1.1. NWMO Monthly Report to the Committee on Recent Activities

- NWMO is continuing to send out newspaper clipping service to communities involved in the Site Selection Process.
- Currently there are 15 communities involved in the process at either Step 2 or 3; and there are about 5 additional communities have had briefings and that may enter the process.
- The three communities in Saskatchewan are still involved and additional communities in Ontario have expressed interest in the process;
- NWMO has notified the public of a formal cut-off date for communities interested in entering the process – September 30, 2012 (suspension of interest date); Expressions of Interest could be accepted at some point in the future if the communities currently involved in the site selection process do not meet the criteria set out in Step 3 - Feasibility Study.
- Communication Vehicles
 - Ask the NWMO is being published in the NSN every two weeks. It is also published on the NWMO website.
 - Scale Models of some items (fuel bundle, repository etc.) have been developed to assist in visualizing some aspects of the project.
 - Speakers Bureau – NWMO is continuing in the development of this program
 - Invitational Meetings for the Nuclear Waste Community Committee (NWCC) and Councils of various communities with Tom Isaacs, lead advisor to Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future. This meeting would permit invitees to listen to Tom speak about international experience with nuclear waste management. This meeting would potentially be held in a central location such as Dryden or Thunder Bay.
 - Any other suggestions by the committee?
 - Social Media (Facebook) – particularly to engage youth
 - Webpage for the NWCC with content from the NWCC and NWMO – including a link to existing Township Website
 - Mail-outs
 - Invitation to a gathering with the Committee (open house style meet and greet to engage the public and acquire public input/questions)
 - Place mats with facts on them (discussion points) could be developed and provided to the three local restaurants, golf course and seniors centre. Committee members will speak with the business owners and determine if they would be willing to display these in their restaurants, and if so, what quantity / frequency would they require.
 - Newspaper advertisements / articles

5.1.2. Open House

NWMO would like to coordinate an open house with their participation in Family Safety Night on May 10, 2012.

The committee discussed the following schedule of events:

- Evening of May 9th – open house will be held at the Legion
- Morning of May 10th – presentation / discussion at the Seniors Centre (coordinate with Ron Bergmann)
- May 10th – Lunch at OPG / Hydro One (coordinate with Gerald Kleist)
- Afternoon/Evening of May 10th – Family Safety Night

5.1.3. What's new in the community?

The committee discussed the situation local economy, relationships with neighbouring communities, local school system, and partnerships with local agencies/service clubs. Mining activity, highway paving, pipeline extension and hydro line extension projects were also discussed.

5.1.4. Questions and concerns which should be addressed during feasibility study

Handout provided – for discussion at the next meeting.

5.1.5. Building awareness

The committee assisted in identifying regional contacts/communities that should be engaged in Step 3 of the process.

5.1.6. Collecting information

The NWMO briefly discussed the process for gathering documents for review and compilation by an NWMO-hired consultant.

5.1.7. Community Profile

Ann discussed the documentation that the NWMO will be looking for in order to develop a community profile. Potential development of a draft by May/June. The committee discussed documents that may be utilized in the development of this Plan.

5.1.8. Initial discussion of long term vision for the community

Deferred.

5.2. Next Meeting – May 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

6. INFORMATION RESOURCES

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Chair

Clerk