

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

Ear Falls Council Chambers
June 4, 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, Ron Bergmann, Dave Wilson, Frank Ray, Ursula DeKeyser, Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance, six (6) members from the Nuclear Waste Management Organization 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 May 7th, 2012 Meeting

The Committee concurred that the Minutes be accepted as presented.

4.2. Placemat Draft Version Review

Pat Dolcetti provided drafts of two versions of placemats that could be utilized:

- Draft 1: NWCC Members and basic committee information
- Draft 2: Illustration of the Deep Geological Repository (DGR) and basic concepts of the proposed project

The committee discussed the content and requested some modifications to the drafts. A picture of the committee will be taken and sent to the NWMO for inclusion in Draft 1.

4.3. Public Presentation – September

4.3.1. Topic(s)

- The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC)
- Greg Kuzyk
- Previous Mayor of Pinawa, Len Simpson

The committee discussed Greg Kuzyk's attendance at the committee's August meeting. He will be providing an overview of the type of information he would be able to present at the public meeting in September.

Ann Aiken provided information on the CNSC's availability and advised that an October/November meeting might be possible. She advised that the CNSC is currently undertaking to provide education sessions to all the communities involved in the site selection process therefore did not anticipate that they would be able to come to make a public presentation in Ear Falls until later this fall.

The committee discussed Len Simpson's availability and the information that he may be able to present. He has offered to come and assist the committee and the community in any way possible.

Ursula DeKeyser entered the meeting at this point.

The public meeting in September will be a Committee Meeting, but will have a different format from a regular meeting. The committee discussed the presentation style format of the meeting and indicated that they would like to have a question and answer period. The question and answer period will be moderated to ensure that questions remain within the area of the speaker's subject matter. The committee discussed the possibility of having an additional speaker to compliment Greg Kuzyk's presentation. The committee discussed the importance of having the speakers not be tied, employed or otherwise related to the NWMO in order to maintain independence in the presentation and discussion.

4.3.2. Legion Rental and Set up

The committee discussed potential meeting dates/times in mid- to late-September. Some dates were suggested and Ursula DeKeyser advised that she would confirm a date/time with Greg Kuzyk and bring this back for further discussion at the next Committee meeting.

4.3.3. Meeting Requirements

The committee concurred that the Legion's sound system should be utilized and that refreshments should be provided. The committee concurred that the Legion Ladies Auxiliary would be requested to provide refreshments for the event.

It was determined that future requests for meeting refreshments would be cycled to other service providers.

4.3.4. Notice of Meeting

This meeting's content is targeted to the local community as the speaker is a resident of the area. Therefore notice will be provided via: Posters around town, Website notice, an advertisement in the Northern Sun News and a mail-out to residents.

4.4. NWMO Presentation at Red Lake District High School

4.4.1. Committee's Recommendation to the KPDSB and RLDHS

The committee discussed the importance of meeting with students from the high school about this issue.

The committee discussed alternative options if a presentation/workshop at the RLDHS was not feasible, such as holding an information/pizza night in Ear Falls. NWMO representatives advised that they would cover all costs associated with this type of event, including transporting students from Red Lake to and from the event if necessary. The NWMO Youth Council could also be invited to attend and speak to the students as well.

4.4.2. Timeline

Gerald Kleist advised that he would like to meet with Brandie Doudiet and the RLDHS Principal and/or Vice-Principal to discuss the logistics for this type of presentation/workshop. Gerald will report back on this issue at the Committee's September Meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1. NWMO Presentation

NMWO Members in attendance: Ann Aiken, Ray Hatfield, Pat Dolcetti, Tim Weber, Cara Sanders, and Gwen Brice

5.1.1. NWMO Monthly Report to the Committee on Recent Activities

Aboriginal Consultation - Update

Ray Hatfield provided an update on the consultation process to date. He indicated that conversations with First Nation communities in the region are progressing well.

A number of communities are in, or have recently completed, an election process. There is a new Chief in Eagle River First Nation - Arnold Garnder, and a new Grand Chief for Treaty Three - Warren White. Wabauskang First Nation is

scheduled to have their election shortly and the election for the National Grand Chief is upcoming as well.

The NWMO has also initiated conversations with Grassy Narrows First Nation who have raised the issue of mercury contamination which there are understandably ongoing concerns about. Members from White Dog First Nation recently attended the NWMO's open house in Ear Falls in May and had a number of good questions about work, training and transportation opportunities for band members. The NWMO has also met with members from the Wabigoon First Nation, some of whom are very interested and supportive of the process.

The NWMO is continuing to open channels of communication with members of Lac Seul First Nation and other communities.

The NWMO has also opened lines of communication with the Metis Nation Ontario.

Draft Newsletter

Tim Weber presented a draft newsletter for the committee's review and further discussion at the Committee's August Meeting.

Website

Pat Dolcetti advised that a new NWMO employee will be hired to assist in the development of webpage information for community committees. Further information will be available in August.

Step 3 – Feasibility Study Process – Information Gathering

Ann Aiken advised that there is a significant amount of research underway about the community as part of the Feasibility Study Process. Information related to socio-cultural, environmental, geologic attributes of the area will be brought forward to the Committee for presentation and discussion in the future. As well, detailed interviews will be completed with members of the community including emergency service providers, school principals, and health service providers.

Ann Aiken also advised that Jamie Robinson will no longer be part of Ear Falls' process as he has left the NWMO. Ann will be the community's relationship manager from this point forward.

5.1.2. Community Profile

Gwen Brice reviewed with the committee detailed information regarding:

Community Assets

- Employment Information
- Business Activity
- Income Levels
- Tourism

- Economic Development Services
- Governments and Municipal Finances

Physical Assets

- Land Use
- Housing
- Municipal Infrastructure and Services
- Transportation

Social Assets

- Diversity of Population Composition
- Cultural Heritage Resources
- Community Facilities and Programs
- Social Services and Organizations
- Parks and Protected Areas

5.2. Next Meeting – August 13th 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

6. INFORMATION RESOURCES

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Chair

Clerk