

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

Ear Falls Community Health Centre Meeting Room
September 26, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Gerald Kleist, Gary Beardsley, Ron Bergmann, Frank Ray, Ursula DeKeyser, Dave Wilson and Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None declared.

4. REVIEW OF OLD BUSINESS

The Acting Chair advised that a number of members of the Committee have attended "Learn More" events, including the Canadian Nuclear Society's recent conference titled: Waste Management, Decommissioning and Environmental Restoration for Canada's Nuclear Activities. An overview of this conference was provided.

The committee members who attended the conference indicated that it was very informative and technical in nature. There were a significant number of international representatives and scientists who made presentations about Nuclear Waste Management. Presentations ranged in topic areas from Low- and Intermediate-level Waste from a Canadian perspective, to Repository Design and Safety Assessments, to presentations on calculations regarding bedrock fracturing in the event of ice sheet coverage.

The committee members also indicated that it was interesting to meet people from the other communities that have entered into the Nuclear Waste Management Organization's (NWMO) site selection process. This provided insight into issues that have been encountered in other communities, and what each community is doing to become informed about the topic area.

Ursula DeKeyser provided an overview of the site visit that she attended at Kincardine (Low Level Waste Repository site). Test drilling has been completed at the site and a site plan has been developed. Current storage requirements were reviewed and the ~ 7 year build out plan for the new site was discussed. Currently the Environmental Approval has been completed and the License for site construction is pending/in-progress.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1. Meeting Notice Requirements and Procedures

5.1.1. Quorum

The committee requires a majority of members be present for a meeting to be held.

5.1.2. Meeting Notice

Public notice of meetings will be provided in accordance with the Township's procedures for providing notice.

5.1.3. Concurrence for Recommendations to Council

The committee will not use motions at meetings. Issues requiring a recommendation to Council will rely on concurrence of members in attendance at the meeting. A Recommendation to Council form will be utilized if the committee would like to recommend an action item to Council.

5.2. Media Coverage

The Mayor of the Township of Ear Falls is the sole spokesperson for the Township. All media inquiries shall be directed to the Mayor, or in his absence, the Deputy Mayor.

5.3. Appointment of a Committee Chair

The committee concurred that Gerald Kleist will be the Chair and Ursula DeKeyser will be the Vice-Chair.

5.4. Third Party Review Terms of Reference

The Committee reviewed the Terms of Reference and requested that it be brought back to the next meeting for discussion.

5.5. Administrative Support Program

The Committee briefly discussed the Administrative Support Program and requested that it be brought back to the next meeting for discussion.

5.6. Nuclear Waste Committee Mandate

The committee discussed the terms of the Mandate as being:

1. To engage, educate and listen to the community of Ear Falls regarding the Nuclear Waste Management Organization's Site Selection Process
2. To gather technical and social research and information related to the Nuclear Waste Management Organization's Site Selection Process
3. To provide advice to the Council of the Township of Ear Falls

This was determined to be an evolving mandate and in the future would likely be amended to add the following:

4. To engage, educate and listen to surrounding communities regarding the Nuclear Waste Management Organization's Site Selection Process

5.7. Nuclear Waste Community Committee Policy

The Committee discussed some terms that they would recommend for inclusion in the policy including membership responsibilities and youth membership. A draft policy will be brought forward for review at the next meeting.

5.8. Nuclear Waste Website Page

The committee members present discussed the content of the web page and requested that their names and home phone numbers be added.

5.9. Next Meeting – October 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ear Falls Council Chambers

6. INFORMATION RESOURCES

None.

7. ADJOURNMENT

9:17 p.m.

Chair

Clerk