

Advisory Council to the
Nuclear Waste Management Organization

Record of Discussion: December 1, 2010 Meeting

Record of discussion of the meeting of the Advisory Council to the
Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) /
Société de gestion des déchets nucléaires (sgdn)

Convened at 22 St. Clair Avenue East, Toronto, Ontario,
commencing at 9:00 a.m. EST on December 1, 2010.

Advisory Council Members Present:

Hon. David Crombie Council Chairman
David Cameron
Marlyn Cook
Fred Gilbert
Rudyard Griffiths
Eva Ligeti
Dougal McCreath
Derek Lister
Donald Obonsawin
Michel Rhéaume

Guests:

Suzanne Barrett Writer for Advisory Council

Niigani Members (item 6):

Donna Augustine
Tanisha Augustine
Tasha Kaye
Chris Lafontaine
Mary Magiskan
Tom Mattinas, Sr.
Micheal McGuire
Krista Peterson
Jim Sinclair
Gordon Williams

NWMO Staff Present:

Ken Nash President & CEO
Kathryn Shaver VP, APM Engagement and Site Selection
Gillian Morris Assistant Board Secretary

Contributing Staff:

Mahrez Ben Belfadhel Director, Used Fuel Repository Geoscience
Jo-Ann Facella Director, Social Research & Dialogue
Elena Mantagaris Manager, Government & External Relations
Pat Patton Director, Engagement & Aboriginal Relations
Jamie Robinson Director, Communications
Sean Russell Director, Repository Engineering
Peter Simmons Director, Municipal Engagement

ADVISORY COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. Constitution of Meeting / Approval of Agenda

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A Council member requested an addition to the agenda.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Advisory Council reviewed and approved the record of the previous meeting, convened on September 13, 2010.

UPDATES FROM NWMO

3. President's Report

The President reported on recent activities in NWMO's work programs, highlighting some of the complexities and challenges in 2011. He noted that the site selection process will advance in 2011 and NWMO will be prepared to continue working with communities interested in learning more about the process.

Mr. Nash reviewed some of NWMO's relationship-building activities which included:

- meetings with the government ministries, and the Presidents of the CNSC and Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA);
- signing an agreement with the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations (FSIN) as part of NWMO's ongoing liaison with national and provincial organizations;
- municipal meetings including the Municipal Forum and Canadian Association of Nuclear Host Communities (CANHC); and
- an appearance by NWMO at a Standing Committee of the Senate.

In the technical program, Mr. Nash reported that work on design optimization will continue. The APM design and safety case will be submitted to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) in 2011. The Ontario Power Generation Low and Intermediate Level Waste Deep Geological Repository (OPG L&ILW DGR) licensing submission will also be filed in 2011.

Mr. Nash also reviewed developments in the nuclear waste management field both in Canada and internationally.

Ms. Shaver provided an update on communications noting that NWMO is working on a number of initiatives in this area. She reported that NWMO reviewed with the Youth Roundtable how it had implemented their recommendations and youth were impressed with the implementation and dispositioning of their advice.

Council members were invited to discuss the President's report. Discussion addressed a number of topics including:

- future plans for youth involvement in NWMO's work;
- NWMO's plans for outreach in communities that engage in the siting process;

- NWMO's agreement with the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations (FSIN) and other Aboriginal organizations and the importance of NWMO publicly communicating how the funds will be used;
- the APM repository design process and the importance of it maintaining a strong link to the siting process;
- NWMO's research on crystalline rock and how NWMO will incorporate work previously conducted by AECL;
- the importance of conducting spiritual surveys of potential sites and incorporating Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge; and
- NWMO's communication strategy and the need for additional efforts to raise awareness on progress on APM and provide clarity on the NWMO's approach to engaging the public early in the process on matters of transportation.

A Council member suggested that NWMO include a reference to the Seaborn report in its Triennial Report and reference to the extensive work on used fuel management over the years.

APM IMPLEMENTATION

4. APM Site Selection Process

Ms. Shaver provided the Advisory Council with an update on developments in the APM siting process. Ms. Shaver reviewed activities with communities that had begun to learn more about the APM project. An update was provided on community requests for initial screenings as part of this early learning about the project.

Pat Patton noted that exhibits had recently been delivered to the Municipality of Pinehouse and to English River First Nation in Saskatchewan. High school students in the communities had visited the exhibits.

Kathryn Shaver discussed NWMO's supporting work plans planned for 2011, including transportation items. Council members generally agreed with NWMO's approach related to the work plan.

5. Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting of the Advisory Council is scheduled for January 4 to finalize the Council's triennial report. The first full meeting of the Council is scheduled for Monday March 7.

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6. Meeting with Niigani

The Advisory Council invited Niigani to provide its annual update on activities and reflection on its work with NWMO.

David Crombie welcomed the members of Niigani and invited Donna Augustine to open the meeting with a prayer. Mr. Crombie acknowledged the passing of long-time Niigani member Mary Richard in late 2010. Gordon Williams, Niigani's chair discussed the report created by the Elders Forum which reviewed its work from 2005-2010. He noted that as NWMO moves into siting the Elders' Forum would like to continue its involvement with the NWMO through providing advice.

Niigani members were invited to share their insights with the Advisory Council. Niigani members discussed a number of points, which included:

- the importance of the Elders and youth being knowledgeable about the NWMO's activities, particularly as communities become involved with the NWMO; the replacement of Elders on the Forum as vacancies occur;
- encouraging NWMO to conduct youth seminars similar to those conducted in 2010 and providing ideas for further engaging youth;
- the continuing role of Elders as NWMO moves into the siting process and at the community level;
- continuing need that NWMO be aware of all issues in a community when discussing APM;
- the importance of aboriginal culture and ceremonies;
- encouraging NWMO to hire and train additional Aboriginal people; and
- the need to protect Aboriginal rights in the siting process.

Niigani members acknowledged that NWMO's model of working with Aboriginal groups in Canada is a good one. One member also noted that the opportunity for the Elders to have the Report noted by Gordon Williams appended to the NWMO's Triennial Report was very positive.

Council members thanked Niigani for sharing their advice and concerns with the Council. The Council discussed with the youth members their ideas for opportunities to continue to engage Aboriginal youth. Council also discussed with Niigani their ideas for the future role of the Elders Forum as NWMO moves further into the siting process.

IN CAMERA SESSION

5. Triennial Report Preparation

The Council met *in camera* with its writer to continue drafting its comments for the NWMO Triennial Report.

Termination of Meeting

The Chairman declared the meeting terminated at 4:00 pm.

Dated the 7th day of March, 2011

Vice President, APM Engagement and Site Selection