

Advisory Council to the  
Nuclear Waste Management Organization

**Record of Discussion: September 21, 2020 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 via Videoconference,  
commencing at 9:10 a.m. EDT on September 21, 2020

**Advisory Council Members Present:**

David Cameron, Council Chair  
Donald Obonsawin, Vice Chair  
Monica Gattinger  
Sue Hartwig  
Derek Lister  
Dougal McCreath  
Linda Thompson  
Diane Kelly  
Joseph Cavalancia  
Dean Jacobs

**NWMO Staff Present:**

Laurie Swami	President and CEO (items 1-15)
Mahrez Ben Belfadhel	VP Site Selection (items 1-15)
Jo-Ann Facella	Strategic Advisor, Community Engagement & Well-Being (items 1-15)
Lisa Frizzell	VP Stakeholder Relations (items 1-15)
Joe Gaboury	Director, Indigenous Engagement (items 1-15)
Gillian Morris	Board Secretary (items 1-15)
Monica Kumar Dhoat	Assistant Board Secretary (1-15)
Sarah Hirschorn	Director, Geoscience (items 1-15)
Jamie Matear	Director, Municipal Engagement (items 1-15)
Doug Taylor	VP & General Counsel (items 1-15)
Christina Vechslar	Director, Partnership & Senior Counsel (items 1-15)
Bob Watts	VP, Indigenous Relations (items 1-15)
Allan Webster	Director, Regulatory Affairs & Environmental Assessment (items 1-15)
Derek Wilson	Chief Engineer & VP, Contract Management (items 1-15)

1. **Constitution of Meeting / Approval of Agenda**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

The Chair provided an Indigenous territory acknowledgement.

The Council discussed their experiences with the newly implemented portal system on which they received and reviewed the meeting materials. Members requested information regarding printing and the notes feature within the software. (\*)

2. Safety Moment

Bob Watts presented a safety moment on Inclusion and Equity.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting / Action Items

The draft minutes and *in camera* minutes from the June 8, 2020 meeting were reviewed and approved by Council members. The actions list was also provided.

4. President's Report

The President provided an update on NWMO's recent activities, progress made towards site selection and the ongoing impacts of COVID-19 on NWMO's work, followed by an *in camera* discussion.

5. Update on APM Site Selection (*In Camera*)

The Council was provided with a progress update on engagement activities in the siting areas. Staff reported on the mobile transportation exhibit visits to the communities and on a number of meetings and engagement activities. Some of the Council's discussion was held *in camera*.

6. The Council held an *in camera* discussion.

7. APM Risk Review (*In Camera*)

The Council reviewed the risks presented by management. Some of the discussion was held *in camera*.

8. NWMO's Site Selection Process (*In Camera*)

The Council held an *in camera* discussion on this topic.

9. Standing reports

Reports were provided to Council members related to: external landscape, Council of Elders & Youth, youth engagement, transportation engagement, media analysis and the Municipal Forum.

A Council member requested some additional details be added to the media reporting. (\*)

Members also requested that management circulate information related to engagement and the transportation framework. (\*)

10. APM Technical Overview (includes Site Assessment, Engineering, Technical Transportation & Regulatory Update)

The Council was provided with highlights of technical activities since the last meeting which included updates on site assessment, engineering and technical transportation, and regulatory approvals activities.

The Council had questions regarding the de-mobilization and monitoring of the borehole drilling site in Northern Ontario. The Council also discussed COVID-19 impacts on NWMO's work with universities.

11. Next Meetings of the Advisory Council

Council discussed the remaining 2020 Advisory Council meetings and agreed on the 2021 meeting schedule as presented.

12. Preparing for Annual Meeting with the Board

The Council provided input on what topics it would like to review with the Board for the upcoming December Board and Advisory Council discussion on strategic issues. The Council discussed several ideas for its discussion with the Board.

13. Interim Report - Writing of Triennial Report

The Council provided input on how NWMO can facilitate writing of an interim internal working report each year in order to streamline the writing of the Advisory Council's full Triennial Report at the end of the three-year period.

14. 2020 Advice Tracking Matrix

Dr. Belfadhel presented the draft 2020 Advisory Council Advice Tracking Matrix updated with the advice from the June 2020 meeting.

15. Detailed Plan for Addressing Triennial Report Recommendations

The Council reviewed the work underway by staff to address the recommendations in the 2017-2019 Triennial Report. A Council member asked management to follow up on a couple of items related to the plan (\*).

16. The Council met in camera without the presence of staff or management.

The Chair declared the meeting terminated at 2:00 pm.

(\*) indicates action items.

*Dated the 8th day of December, 2020*

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David Cameron  
Advisory Council Chair