

Advisory Council to the  
Nuclear Waste Management Organization

**Record of Discussion: May 8, 2006 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 49 Jackes Avenue, Toronto, Ontario,  
commencing at 9:00 a.m. EST. on May 8, 2006.

Present

Advisory Council:

Hon. David Crombie	Chairman
David Cameron	Member
Helen Cooper	Member
Gordon Cressy	Member
Fred Gilbert	Member
Eva Ligeti	Member
Derek Lister	Member
Donald Obonsawin	Member
Daniel Rozon	Member

In attendance:

Elizabeth Dowdeswell	President (For Items 1-9)
Kathryn Shaver	Corporate Secretary (For Items 1-9)
Jo-Ann Facella	(For Item 5)
Ken Nash	Board Chair (For Item 6)

***ADVISORY COUNCIL BUSINESS***

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The Agenda was reviewed and approved.

## **2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Advisory Council, convened on March 13, 2006 were reviewed with the addition of a point of clarification.

## **3. Report from the Sub-Committee on Aboriginal Engagement**

Mrsrs. Crombie, Gilbert and Obonsawin, members of the Sub-Committee on Aboriginal Engagement, reported on their March 31, 2006 conference call with NWMO staff. The Sub-Committee had provided advice on the design and focus of two Issue Tables planned for 2006. The President expressed appreciation for the very helpful counsel provided and reported that the Sub-Committee suggestions had been taken into account in the final structuring of the Issue Tables. Sub-Committee members, having confirmed their interest in attending an Issue Table subject to their availabilities, requested that NWMO keep them informed on the dates and locations for the events.

### ***DISCUSSION WITH NWMO***

## **4. Recent Engagement**

The Advisory Council received an update from the NWMO President on NWMO's workplan, including:

- Recent meetings and correspondence received;
- Presentations delivered by NWMO staff at a range of international meetings and conferences; and
- Highlights from other jurisdictions. As part of this update, it was reported that the U.K. Committee on Radioactive Waste Management had recently announced its recommendations for the long-term management of radioactive waste, to be implemented through a staged process.

*The Council meeting adjourned for informal discussion with NWMO staff and the Board Chairman.*

### ***INFORMAL SESSIONS***

## **5. Roundtable Discussion: Staff Review of Engagement**

The Council convened an informal special session with NWMO staff to participate in roundtable discussion on engagement processes.

The session commenced with a presentation by Ms. Facella in which she outlined staff work in progress to review the organization's past engagement practices. The Chairman then initiated the roundtable session with Council members and NWMO staff. Through extensive discussion, Council and staff considered cross-cutting lessons learned for future phases of engagement. Council members contributed their own reflections of NWMO's engagement program concerning lessons that can be drawn which are

relevant to future planning, including observations based on dialogues that they had attended to observe the public discussion first hand.

The NWMO expressed appreciation to the Advisory Council for what NWMO found to be a very useful discussion on this topic. The NWMO expressed its interest in continuing discussions with the Advisory Council concerning the next phase of engagement.

## **6. Lunchtime Discussion: Board Update**

Mr. Nash, NWMO Board Chair, delivered an update to the Advisory Council concerning the status of preparatory governance work being led by the Board and Members to support NWMO's transition into an implementing organization, following a government decision. Mr. Nash emphasized that Members were fully supportive of the need to take positive steps as described in Adaptive Phased Management and as expected by Canadians. In this regard, Members were proactively developing appropriate governance to ensure readiness for a government decision.

*The Council meeting resumed at 2 p.m.*

## **ADVISORY COUNCIL BUSINESS**

## **7. Advisory Council Operations**

The Chairman led the Advisory Council in an initial discussion of process by which Council members will offer suggestions and insights to the Board of Directors concerning the Council's future composition and operations.

## **8. Communications**

The President reviewed the organization's plans for advance communications planning to support a future government decision on a management approach. Discussion ensued, as Council considered its own communication planning to ensure readiness to respond to potential public inquiries that may be directed to the Council following a government decision.

Dr. Lister invited Council members' comments on his draft paper under preparation for the upcoming Pacific Basin Nuclear Conference.

## **9. Meeting Calendar**

The Chairman confirmed the date for the next Council meeting, scheduled for September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006.

*NWMO staff and management withdrew from the meeting*

## **10. In Camera Session**

The Advisory Council convened a private session without the presence of NWMO.

**Termination of Meeting**

The Chairman declared the meeting terminated at 3:30 p.m.

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Dated the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2006

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Corporate Secretary