

Advisory Council to the
Nuclear Waste Management Organization

Record of Discussion: May 27, 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 May 27, 2010.

Advisory Council Members Present:

Hon. David Crombie	Council Chairman
David Cameron	
Marlyn Cook	
Rudyard Griffiths	<i>(until 2:00 pm)</i>
Eva Ligeti	<i>(morning only)</i>
Dougal McCreath	
Derek Lister	
Donald Obonsawin	

Regrets

Fred Gilbert

NWMO Staff Present:

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

Contributing Staff:

Jo-Ann Facella	Director, Social Research & Dialogue
Anda Kalvins	Director, Environment
Pat Patton	Director, Engagement & Aboriginal Relations
Jamie Robinson	Director, Communications
Sean Russell	Director, Repository Engineering
Frank King	VP and Chief Engineer
Peter Simmons	Director, Municipal Engagement

Council 's invited guest:

Suzanne Barrett	Writer for Advisor Council
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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 Advisory Council reviewed and approved the record of the previous meeting, convened on March 8, 2010.

UPDATES FROM NWMO

3. President's Report

The President reported on recent activities in NWMO's work programs. He outlined a number of municipal, provincial and federal government briefings held in advance of the launch of the siting process. He also discussed meetings held with Aboriginal leaders.

Mr. Nash highlighted the work underway on the development of the design and safety case and the cost estimates for APM. He reported that work on OPG's low and intermediate level waste deep geological repository (L&ILW DGR) is progressing according to plan and NWMO is supporting OPG in its engagement with the Saugeen Ojibway Nations (SON). NWMO is negotiating the Engineering, Procurement and Construction Management (EPCM) agreement with OPG for the construction of OPG's L&ILW DGR.

Mr. Nash reported that NWMO recently achieved its ISO 9001 certification. He also reported on the work underway to develop NWMO's 2011 business plan and budget.

A report was also provided on developments both nationally and internationally in the nuclear industry. Mr. Nash made special note of his attendance at the Canadian Nuclear Society Conference in Montreal which featured a session held in honour of former Advisory Council member Dr. Daniel Rozon.

Council members were invited to discuss Mr. Nash's report. Council members discussed NWMO's recent meetings with the new national chief of the Assembly of First Nations and meetings with provincial governments.

SITE SELECTION PROCESS

4. Update on Site Selection Process

Jamie Robinson reviewed NWMO's launch activities and communication and distribution of the siting process. He noted that NWMO posted all siting materials on the new micro site on the NWMO website. A key launch activity was NWMO's presence with its booth and a presentation at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference in late May. Mr. Robinson also outlined many of the briefings conducted in advance of the launch.

Ms. Shaver reported that meetings were held in advance of the launch of the siting process to brief staff of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission and Transport Canada.

The Council discussed specific areas related to the implementation of the siting process:

- Council underscored the importance of NWMO understanding the local and regional landscapes in which communities are expressing interest. Council advised that NWMO devote resources to developing and maintaining an understanding of regional landscapes and maintaining discussion and briefings as part of the local/regional interaction where communities have expressed interest. Council noted a range of considerations for NWMO before it considers whether/when to establish an NWMO staff/office presence in communities that ask to learn more about the project;
- It is important that NWMO continue to consider the regional influences and importance of engaging beyond the potentially interested community. NWMO noted this is an important part of the APM site selection process. Council members shared a diversity of views concerning the timing for engaging transportation corridor communities as potential host communities come forward;
- Noting the APM site selection process enables communities to request peer reviews and engage independent experts, Council asked questions about the process by which communities could engage such experts. Specifically, Council discussed the importance of preserving quality assurance for integrity of the process. Council members underscored the importance of assuring quality and credentials of third party expertise engaged by communities. Council members offered views on possible means of assisting communities in their independent selections. For example, Council suggested some professional societies could be asked to offer advice or maintain a potential roster of qualified experts with whom communities may wish to engage. It was suggested that NWMO may wish to establish some requirements around format and report structure to ensure a quality product. It was noted that consideration should be given to possible sources as a community seeks to engage third parties holding Traditional Aboriginal Knowledge; and
- Council suggested an important role for earned media as NWMO seeks to build awareness of the APM project.

ITEMS REQUESTED BY COUNCIL

5. Presentation on Socio-Economic Benefits of APM

At Council's request, NWMO provided a presentation on the socio-economic benefits of APM. Jo-Ann Facella provided an analysis of the economic benefits, discussed possible pressures the project may introduce for a community that will need to be managed, and outlined further work underway in the area of community benefits.

Council members found it to be a very useful presentation. In the ensuing discussion, Council provided observations and suggestions to NWMO:

- NWMO should emphasize the implications of the very long time frames of the APM project. Unlike other industry projects, APM provides an opportunity for community members to become technically skilled and to stay in the community. The APM project, through its extended timeframes, can assist a community in building its social capacities and economic opportunities.
- In its communications, NWMO should clarify the impact the project would have on a small community over very long time frames – Council suggested that hosting the APM repository would be transformational for a small community. The project would be a powerful instrument of social and economic development of the community;
- NWMO should communicate that the project could be leveraged by a community to achieve its longer term goals. Efforts could be made to develop local labour and opportunity; and
- Council was pleased that NWMO continues to consider the range of possible negative impacts and pressures faced by a host community, and the challenges to be managed if the APM project transforms the community.

COUNCIL OPERATIONS

6. Triennial Report Discussion

Anda Kalvins outlined the plans and timelines for preparation of NWMO's Triennial Report. She reviewed the requirements and need for Council to provide independent comments on NWMO's work for 2008, 2009, 2010 consistent with requirements of the *Nuclear Fuel Waste Act*.

Council confirmed that it has engaged a writer to assist them with the writing of its independent comments for the Triennial Report. Council is working toward completion of its draft comments by the end of 2010.

NWMO staff offered to provide supplementary briefings on any topics requested by Council, to assist in Council's drafting of comments for the Triennial Report. As requested by Council, it was agreed that upcoming meetings in 2010 would include time on the Agenda to brief Council on NWMO's work on financial surety, and to provide updates on the technical repository designs and preparations for the safety case and pre-licensing reviews.

IN CAMERA SESSION

7. Triennial Report Preparation

The Council met *in camera* with its writer to discuss the workplan for developing Council comments for the NWMO Triennial Report.

8. Upcoming Meetings

Monday, September 13, 2010
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Termination of Meeting

The Chairman declared the meeting terminated at 3:00 pm.

Dated the 27th day of May, 2010

Vice President, APM Engagement and Site Selection