

Advisory Council to the
Nuclear Waste Management Organization

Record of Discussion: December 4, 2023 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 in Toronto, ON
commencing at 10:30 a.m. EST on December 4, 2023

Advisory Council Members Present:

David Cameron, Council Chair
Donald Obonsawin, Vice Chair
Joseph Cavalancia
Monica Gattinger
Dean Jacobs
Diane Kelly (virtual)
Dougal McCreath
Stella Swanson
Linda Thompson

NWMO Staff Present:

Laurie Swami	President and CEO (items 1-10)
Chris Boyle	VP & Chief Engineer (items 1-8)
Lisa Frizzell	VP Communications (items 1-10)
Dakota Kochie	Director, Government & External Relations (Items 9-10)
Monica Kumar Dhoat	Manager, Board Services (items 1-10)
Melissa Mayhew	Senior Environmental Scientist (items 1-10)
Lise Morton	VP Site Selection (item 5)
Era Saraci	Legal Counsel (items 1-10)
Doug Taylor	VP & General Counsel & Board Secretary (items 1-10)
Bob Watts	VP, Indigenous Relations & Strategic Programs (items 1-10)
Allan Webster	VP Regulatory Approvals (items 1-8)
Derek Wilson	Chief Operating Officer (items 1-8)

Guest

Michael Vandergrift	Deputy Minister, Natural Resources Canada (item 9)
Debbie Scharf	Assistant Deputy Minister, Natural Resources Canada (item 9)

1. Constitution of Meeting / Approval of Agenda / Land Acknowledgement

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. EST. The agenda was agreed upon as written. The Chair provided an Indigenous territory acknowledgement.

2. Safety Moment

Derek Wilson provided the safety moment focusing on Individual Responsibility which is an IAEA WANO Safety Trait. He emphasized the importance of situational awareness in everything we do at work, commuting, travelling and at home.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

The Chair brought the consent agenda items forward for consideration. The Advisory Council reviewed and approved the Consent Agenda.

The following items were approved under the consent agenda:

- September 25, 2023 Minutes and *In Camera* minutes

The information items on the Consent agenda consisted of:

- Advisory Council Actions from previous meetings
- Standing Reports and Updates
- Next Meetings of the Advisory Council

A Council member asked for further information regarding the work undertaken by NWMO regarding the transportation routes. Management confirmed that it is being considered both from an engagement perspective and also from a technical perspective. The transportation costs will be considered in the Site Selection process.

Council members asked about how the story of water will be addressed in communication materials. Management confirmed communication tools are currently being developed regarding this subject. Furthermore, in the Regulatory Decision Making phase, there will be further consideration of the impact on water.

4. Item 4 was held *In Camera*

5. Item 5 was held *In Camera*

6. Preparing for Regulatory Decision-Making Processes

Management reported on the preparations being made by the NWMO for the federal Impact Assessment (IA) process and the licensing by the CNSC. Management reported that NWMO is developing stronger relationships with the regulators. However, it is understood that there has been limited progress by the government in developing the regulatory structure surrounding Indigenous led assessments. The timing of Consultation with First Nations was discussed and Management referred to the schedule of the IA process which specifies the timing of Consultation.

7. Report on Council of Elders & Youth and Municipal Forum Attendance

Management reported on the progress that the Council of Elders and Youth have made this year on a number of initiatives and the Council member that attends the Municipal Forum reported that the Forum is always very appreciative of the comprehensive updates that the NWMO provides to the Forum.

8. Triennial Tracking Matrix

The Council discussed the triennial tracking matrix.

9. Item 9 was held *In Camera*

10. Item 10 was held *In Camera*

11. Item 11 was held *In Camera*

The Chair declared the meeting terminated at 2:47 pm.

(*) indicates action items.

Dated the 25th day of March, 2024

David Cameron
Advisory Council Chair