

NWMO's Dispositioning of the NWMO Advisory Council's 2015 Advice

(Final - February 2016)

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| IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SITE SELECTION PROCESS | |
| <p><i>At the September 21, 2015 Advisory Council meeting:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council members cautioned NWMO to be prepared that when a community in the process progresses to borehole drilling there may be attention given to drilling that is beyond the local community. The timing and preparedness for this more active part of the field work will need to be fully assessed and planned out to minimize risks and communicate clearly to the broader audiences that will likely engage. • Council also advised that the site ultimately selected for the project should be one in which communities share NWMO's core corporate values. A Council member cautioned NWMO from adding excessive governance in a partnership as some of the communities NWMO works with are very small. <p><i>At the December 1, 2015 Advisory Council Meeting:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council felt it important that NWMO have a solid understanding of support in remaining siting communities before areas are further screened down. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff confirmed that timing of the field work will be decided in discussion with community and with preparation for the broader dialogue. • Staff have taken this advice under advisement. • Staff have taken these suggestions under advisement. Further Phase 2 dialogues and assessments are planned prior to the next narrowing-down decisions on study areas. |
| TRANSPORTATION | |
| <p><i>At the February 9, 2015 Advisory Council meeting:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council members found NWMO's watching brief on Reprocessing, Partitioning and Transmutation to be an effective communications tool and suggested it might be worthwhile for NWMO to have it validated by independent sources. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management is considering options for independent review. |

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| BUSINESS / STRATEGIC PLANNING | |
| <p>(also see advice provided on siting and engagement)</p> <p>At the February 9, 2015 Advisory Council meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Advisory Council engaged in a detailed strategic planning session with NWMO, providing detailed advice on NWMO's strengths, challenges related to APM's very long time frames and opportunities NWMO may wish to pursue. <p>At the September 21, 2015 Advisory Council meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council reviewed the preliminary Phase 2 Siting objectives for safety and partnership. In discussing the interweaving of Aboriginal traditional knowledge, Council suggested some modifications in wording. Council advised that in communicating safety objectives to the public, it will be important to be explicit about timeframes being addressed, as long-term safety will be a fundamental area of interest. Council members discussed the concept of the Centre of Expertise and possible scope of the Centre's activities. A Council member suggested a focus on educational facilities and collaboration with the international community could be considered in building the Centre of Expertise. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advice has been incorporated into the discussion of siting timelines, published in the 2016-2020 Implementation Plan. Suggestions were incorporated. A key element of the plan for the development of the Centre of Expertise refers to designing it with guidance from the community in which it will be constructed, and not to be prescriptive at this point. Management confirmed the Centre would support technical demonstration and site characterization work, including be a hub for the international community that will become engaged through visits to the site. NWMO looks forward to engaging communities for suggestions on how the Centre could also best serve their interests. |
| COUNCIL OF ELDERS / ABORIGINAL ENGAGEMENT | |
| <p>At the September 21, 2015 Advisory Council meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noting that NWMO continues to work with national and provincial Aboriginal organizations, a Council member underscored the importance of also continuing to work with individual Treaty organizations, who speak for their respective areas. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NWMO confirms that Treaty-level engagement is continuing, as well as engagement with local communities. |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Across siting areas generally, Council members suggested NWMO should, whenever possible, continue to assist fostering relationships within and between Aboriginal communities and municipalities. <p><i>At the December 1, 2015 Advisory Council meeting:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council reviewed NWMO's draft Indigenous Knowledge Policy and offered some content refinements, suggesting that the Policy should be cross-referenced with NWMO's ethics and values statement. • A Council member also suggested that Indigenous Knowledge could be incorporated into the Centre of Expertise to be constructed at the selected site. A Council member offered a suggestion that staff also compile a package of best practices in this area to accompany the Policy. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NWMO will seek to foster these relationships as part of Phase 2 siting work. Such relationships between Aboriginal and municipal communities were further advanced in 2015. • NWMO will review these suggestions as the policy is refined. • Suggestions will be taken under advisement as work in these areas progresses. |
| EVOLVING EXTERNAL LANDSCAPE / COMMUNICATIONS | |
| <p><i>At the February 9, 2015 Advisory Council meeting:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A Council member suggested NWMO should continue to brief the elected representatives in Quebec to ensure they are informed on APM particularly in relation to transportation matters. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NWMO staff continues to work with the ministries of transportation and security in Quebec. |
| COMMUNICATIONS | |
| <p><i>At the September 21, 2015 Advisory Council meeting:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council provided NWMO with some suggestions for public communication of the business plan which will be in the form of the Implementation Plan. Council emphasized that the Implementation Plan should be clear about NWMO's activities for the five-year planning period. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management confirmed that the five-year activities are clearly set out in the 2016-2020 Implementation plan, released in Fall 2015. |