

# Council of Elders

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**Record of Discussion**  
**NWMO Council of Elders**  
**Kingbridge Conference Centre, King City, ON**  
**March 2-3, 2016**

**Attendees:**

**NWMO Council of Elders:**

Chair: Donna Augustine & Norman Stagg

Members: Angus Gardiner, Diane Longboat, Grace Manitouwabi, George Morin, Dorothy Parenteau, Leslie Perley, Joseph Poitras, , Billie Schibler, Roland St.Germain, Gordon Williams, Shavonne Custer, Brandon Petehtegoose, Rayanna Seymour, Norman Stagg, Rebekah Wilson, Jeff Kinew, Madison Levi

Advisors: Joanne Barnaby, Fred Kelly, Melanie Hadley

**NWMO:**

Staff: Ken Nash, Kathryn Shaver, Bob Watts, Jessica Perritt, Joe Gaboury, Joe Heil, Ray Hatfield, Arthur Moore, Greg Plain, Ross Holden, Devi Shantilal, Goyce Kakegamic, Jo-Ann Facella

**Guest:**

Ron Jamieson, Marvin Stemeroff (AECOM)

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**Wednesday March 2, 2016**

**Opening Ceremony and Welcome Remarks**

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Elder Fred Kelly opened the Council of Elders Meeting with a ceremony. The Declaration of the Keepers of the Land was presented to NWMO and consecrated through ceremony.

Welcoming remarks were provided by Ken Nash followed by Kathryn Shaver and Bob Watts.

Ken Nash reiterated the important values and principles the Council of Elders and Youth has bestowed upon NWMO as an organization. He also relayed recent experiences in meetings with federal officials, including NRCan, and the comments received regarding NWMO Aboriginal Engagement were of platinum standard.

Kathryn Shaver acknowledged the efforts of Elders and Youth toward the Declaration of the Keepers of the Land. She provided a brief update on the progress of the siting process and reiterated that it is important to NWMO to proceed at the pace that communities are comfortable with.

Bob Watts thanked the group for their contributions to the Declaration of the Keepers of the Land and talked about the significance the document will have on an international level. He informed the group that NWMO has recently rolled out a new website and thanked the Elders and Youth that contributed to the process. He relayed that NWMO is meeting with the federal and provincial government on the Duty to Consult which will be an ongoing conversation. Bob informed the group that the Indigenous Knowledge Policy is going through the final review and then for final approval. He update the group that NWMO has recently entered into a new learning agreement with AFN and that the NWMO has recently started discussions with United States government on their experience in working with Tribes.

## **NWMO Council of Elders and Youth Terms of Reference**

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As recommended from the December 2015 meeting the Council members nominated a sub-committee to go through the Terms of Reference and provided recommendations to the Terms of Reference as part of the annual review. The sub-committee met on February 19, 2016 in Toronto, ON. The sub-committee led the group through all of the suggested changes to the Terms of Reference. The Elders, Youth and NWMO agreed to the suggested changes. Next step is for Jessica Perritt to finalize the Terms of Reference through the NWMO process and post it on the external NWMO website.

## **Economic Modelling**

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Marvin Stemeroff and Jo-Ann Facella took the Elders and Youth Council through a PowerPoint presentation on the Economic Modelling. The purpose of the presentation is to update previous “generic” estimates of economic benefit (2010) that are specific to the candidate host regions/communities of Ontario. The presentation also included the following topics:

- What is the magnitude and scale of benefit to Ontario from the APM project being located in the province? Three levels of assessment:
  - Province-wide benefits
  - Regional benefits – Economic Region
  - Host area benefits
- Focus on job creation opportunities
- Preliminary assessment: high-level, order-of-magnitude

Further considerations will be brought forward regarding what the Centre of Excellence will look like and what will it hold for the DGR Centre.

Transportation, socio- political are not a consideration within the presentation. Those are other areas of consideration for another department / unit within the NWMO.

## **Thursday March 3, 2016**

### **Youth Report**

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The Youth Co-chair briefed the group on what the Youth have been in discussion about. The Youth expressed that they would like the 8<sup>th</sup> seat of the Youth members to be filled. They also suggested that they could develop an orientation package for new members. The Elders commended the Youth on the dynamic relationship they have amongst one another.

### **Aboriginal Relations Report**

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Bob Watts started and discussed high level work taking place and policy development happening within the NWMO.

Jessica Perritt shared that she is working on the Indigenous Knowledge Policy and moving it through review and the finalization process. She is also working with the technical departments within NWMO and communities to coordinate Indigenous Knowledge into NWMO work plans.

Devi Shantilal shared that she has been assisting Ray in North of Huron area and supporting other the field staff when required. She is also assisting with Council of Elders meetings with all of the finance related items. She has recently accepted a position with a group called “Youth in Nuclear Energy”.

Ray Hatfield thanked the Elders and Youth for their contributions and he is already looking forward to next meeting. Recognized the traditional territory where the meeting is being held. He discussed a number of meetings and updated group on the following activities:

- open house in Sagamok Anishnawbek
- refinery tour in Blind River
- OCAP Open House in Sault Ste. Marie
- underground tour and
- upcoming dry storage tours

Goyce Kakegamic discussed the plight of youth in the north and the need for us to enhance their wellbeing. Discussed shadowing the NWMO staff and how we are focusing on the adults and leadership but the need to start reaching out to the youth. He also discussed how the use of video can be used to teach the Aboriginal youth on frequently asked questions.

Joe Heil updated the group on the work taking place in and around Northwestern Ontario area. He described the work taking place with Wabigoon Lake Ojibwa Nation including the drop in sessions that are taking place on a monthly basis and discussed the request from WLON to have a Grand Council Treaty #3 Learning and Sharing Gathering.

Ross Holden updated group on his engagement with MNO, Red Sky Métis, and the Historic Saugeen Métis. He briefed the group on new Métis legislation (MNO Secretariat Act) and gave an overall of the Métis landscape in Ontario.

Arthur Moore reported on his engagement within the North Western Ontario area as well as the North of Superior area. He described the engagement with the municipalities in the North of Superior area and the work happening with the municipal team on school presentations. He briefed the group on upcoming agreements with Lac Des Mille Lac First Nation, Nishnawbe Aski Nation and the extension of the Constance Lake First Nation Agreement.

Joe Gaboury updated group on the Hornepayne situation and supporting engagement activities with the field staff. He updated the group on the work Jamie Matear is doing in New Brunswick and with OMAA, AFN, and the Aboriginal People of Wabigoon. He is also on an internal working group focused on consultation activities as well as working with other departments in the corporate office (Communication, Geoscience, Engineering, and Government Relations).

Greg Plain updated group on outreach in Southern Ontario and described outreach activities within his new area.

### **Next Steps:**

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- Next meeting dates – Jessica proposed two meeting date, July 13 to 15 or July 18 to 20. Members will email Jessica on their availability
- Members to send Jessica Perritt how they would like to be identified on the Declaration of the Keepers of the Land
- Jessica Perritt will send “I am the Land” to members or will bring copies to the next meeting
- Members to provide any updates to their bios’ to Jessica Perritt vis email or phone
- Jessica Perritt to finalize the Terms of Reference and post to NWMO website

### **Closing Ceremony**

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Elder Fred Kelly performed the closing ceremony. The meeting was adjourned thereafter.

*Date notes taken: March 2-3, 2016*

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