



COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE MINUTES

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22ND, 2017

2ND FLOOR MEETING ROOM, WHITE MOUNTAIN BUILDING

Present

E. Pearce, Chair
C. Gunning, Vice Chair
P. Torrance, Member
D. Matheson, Member

R. Racine, Member
S. Pomerleau, Member

L. Kutchaw, Member
P. Stirling, Member
D. Marchisella, Mayor and Ex
Officio

B. Lackie, Secretary / CLC Coordinator
N. Sandberg, NWMO
T. Olsen, NWMO
M. Krizanc, NWMO

R. Hatfield, NWMO

T. McClenaghan, CELA

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Regrets

C. Nykyforak, Councillor
C. Giroux, Member
M. Humble, Interim CAO, City of Elliot Lake
W. Rowland, Director of Community Services,
City of Elliot Lake
W. Elliott, GM, ELNOS
A. Vlahovich, Ec. Dev. Coordinator, City of Elliot
Lake
T. Weber, NWMO
R. Holden, Aboriginal Relations, NWMO
D. Hardy, Hardy Stevenson and Associates

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

The Chair noted that all members were present except for Christian Giroux and Councillor Nykyforak who send their regrets.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Ray Racine declared a conflict of interest with item #7 Budget.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Moved by: Dan Marchisella

Seconded by: Cherry Gunning

“That the minutes of June 20th, 2017 be accepted and be forwarded to the City of Elliot Lake Economic Development Standing Committee for information purposes.”

Carried

Resolution 34/17

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported that the CLC budget must be sent to the City of Elliot Lake's Director of Corporate Services the day after the September 19th CLC meeting; so therefore, there will be discussion only tonight and the budget will be voted on at the September CLC meeting.

Moved by: Dave Matheson

Seconded by: Len Kutchaw

“To add the following addendum item to the agenda, a request by Georges Vanier School for funding for students to attend John Island Leadership Camp, fall 2017.”

Carried

Resolution 35/17

CORRESPONDENCE

None

BUDGET

Moved by: Paul Torrance

Seconded by: Pat Stirling

“To receive the June 30, 2017 financials as provided by the City of Elliot Lake.”

Carried

Resolution 36/17

NWMO REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE

Norman Sandberg introduced his NWMO colleagues and reported that the NWMO was present at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference last week. He reported that the field work is complete in the Mahzabong block and a report will come forward either at the end of 2017 or in the beginning of 2018. The Chair asked if the committee could visit the Mahzabong block area and Mr. Sandberg remarked that the roads are open to the general public. Depending on the results of the reports the NWMO could have some technical staff available in that area in the future to meet with the CLC. Mr. Sandberg reported that there will be a tour on September 11th to the NWMO's Research and Development Centre in Oakville. Arrangements have been made for representatives from 5 communities in the area (Bind River, Elliot Lake, Huron Shores, Spanish and the Township of the North Shore) to visit the Centre for a total of 25 people.

Ray Hatfield spoke about the field mapping in the Mahzabong block. The mapping lasted 7 weeks and opened and closed with traditional ceremonies. Traditional knowledge and spiritual beliefs were shared by members of Sagamok First Nation. Guides from Sagamok were provided and sensitive areas were pointed out to the consultants. Ray Hatfield mentioned that if the CLC would like to visit the block that the Richie Falls Resort would be available to accommodate them for a meal, but, just give them a month's notice. He reported that Sagamok is continuing to learn more and members have visited the McMaster Nuclear facility along with the dry storage facility at Bruce Power in Kincardine and the Oakville R & D facility. Sagamok has made no commitment but continues to learn more.

Tammy Olsen reported to the committee on the NWMO's presence at local and regional events this summer. She reported that open-office events in the Elliot Lake and Blind River Learn More Centres ran July 25, 26 and 27 and they spoke to about 85 people in both locations. There was also an event in Sagamok where they spoke to approximately 15 people. They reported that they will send 2 staff to Mississagi Park's Lumberjack Days next year, as Tammy was very busy this year.

Unfinished BUSINESS

The CLC Coordinator gave a brief presentation on the NOSM STEM Camp that was offered in Elliot Lake June 24-28. When asked she recommended that the camp continue next year and expand the age to accommodate more campers.

The Committee directed the Coordinator to check some dates for Aboriginal Competency Training with Sue Chiblow and bring back dates at the September meeting.

The Chair reported that the person responsible for the City's youth committee is retiring, so he will make contact once a new person is in place regarding a youth resource to the CLC.

NEW BUSINESS

John Raniowski of the Spanish Neighbouring Committee gave a report on the sessions he attended at the Canadian Nuclear Society Conference June 4-7. The Conference was entitled "Our Nuclear Future, Renewals and Responsibility". It was followed by a brief question and answer period.

Moved by: Cherry Gunning

Seconded by: Len Kutchaw

"To change the CLC meeting of December 19 to December 12, 2017."

Carried

Resolution 37/17

ADDENDUM

Moved by: Dan Marchisella

Seconded by: Ray Racine

"The Elliot Lake CLC recommends to the NWMO to fund Ecole Georges Vanier request for students and chaperones to attend the Outdoor Education Program at the YMCA Camp on John Island ON, late September or early October 2017 at a cost of \$3,000 and that the money be funded through the NWMO's Early Education and Training Program."

Carried

Resolution 38/17

REPORT FROM THE CLC COORDINATOR

The Committee was updated by the Coordinator on items since the June 20th CLC meeting.

Moved by: Mayor Marchisella

Seconded by: Ray Racine

"To receive the CLC Coordinator's August 2017 Report."

Carried

Resolution 39/17

CLOSED SESSION

None

SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled ELCLC meeting will be at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, September 19, 2017.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

The Chair introduced Theresa McClenaghan, Executive Director and Counsel, Canadian Environmental Law Association, who spoke about “Public Involvement in Nuclear Waste Decision Making”. The presentation began at 7:37 PM and ended at 8:30 PM.

COMMUNITY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

Note: Questions and concerns from the public are recorded because they reflect specific areas of interest of the public. Questions from the committee are not reflected in the minutes.

Q: Steve Meawasige asked if there has ever been any indigenous people appointed to sit on an Environmental Assessment Panel?

A: Ms. McClenaghan answered that to the best of her knowledge she didn’t know of anyone. CLC Vice-Chair, Cherry Gunning then answered that she knew of someone appointed in Saskatchewan, but the person resigned before the process was complete.

Q: Steve Meawasige asked if Ms. McClenaghan would meet with his aboriginal youth group, PALS?

A: Ms. McClenaghan answered she would most certainly come to meet with his group.

Q: Michael Bennett asked if there are any differences in the wording of what triggers an environmental assessment? He also said he had more questions but he will send them to her separately.

A: Ms. McClenaghan answered that they have not got to that section yet in the review process. She said that he can send his questions to her email.

Q: Nancy Phipps said she is new to the area and she asked, is Elliot Lake looking to store waste and is there an environmental assessment?

A: The CLC chair answered that there has been no location chosen for the deep geological repository by the NWMO and that Elliot Lake is still in the learning process and therefore there is no environmental assessment process.

The Chair thanked Ms. McClenaghan.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Len Kutchaw

Seconded by: Ray Racine

“That the meeting adjourn at the hour of 8:44 pm.”

Carried

Resolution 40/17