

COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE **AGENDA**

TUESDAY, APRIL 18TH, 2017 6:30 pm

WHITE MOUNTAIN 2ND FLOOR MEETING ROOM

Committee

- E. Pearce, Chair
- C. Gunning, Vice Chair
- P. Stirling, Member
- D. Matheson, Member
- C. Giroux, Member
- R. Racine, Member
- R. deBortoli, Member
- S. Pomerleau, Member
- P. Torrance, Member
- C. Nykyforak, Councillor and Member
- D. Marchisella, Mayor and Ex Officio

Resources

- J. Renaud, CAO, City of Elliot Lake
- W. Elliott, GM ELNOS
- A. Vlahovich, Economic Development
- Coordinator, City of Elliot Lake
- N. Sandberg, NWMO
- B. Hammond, NWMO
- D. Hardy, Hardy, Stevenson & Associates Ltd.
- R. Hatfield, Aboriginal Relations Unit, NWMO
- T. Weber, NWMO
- T. Olsen, Community Liaison Manager, NWMO
- R. Holden, Aboriginal Relations Unit, NWMO
- M. Krizanc, NWMO
- B. Lackie, Secretary and CLC Coordinator

Optional

- L. Cyr, Councillor
- C. Martin Scott, Councillor
- N. Mann, Councillor
- T. VanRoon, Councillor
- S. Reinhardt, Councillor

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

- 2. **ROLL CALL**
- 3. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**
- 4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS
 - March 21, 2017
- 5. **CHAIR'S REPORT**
- **CORRESPONDENCE** 6.
- 7. **BUDGET**
 - Review of Financials, March 2017

8. NWMO REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE

- NWMO report to the committee on recent activities and upcoming events
- Overview of NWMO Triennial Report Mike Krizanc, Communications Manager, NWMO

9. **UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS**

- Revised 2017 Budget
- Aboriginal Competency Training by the Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres, April 27, 2017
- Youth Resource to the CLC

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

11. REPORT FROM CLC COORDINATOR

- April 2017 Report
- 12. ADDENDUM
- 13. CLOSED SESSION
 - No Items
- 14. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING
 - May 16, 2017 6:00 PM Social Meeting
- 15. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS
 - NWMO Indigenous Knowledge Policy Bob Watts, Vice-President, Indigenous Relations and Jessica Perritt, Indigenous Knowledge Co-ordinator, NWMO
- 16. PUBLIC QUESTIONS
- 17. ADJOURNMENT



COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE MINUTES

TUESDAY, MARCH 21ST, 2017

2ND FLOOR MEETING ROOM, WHITE MOUNTAIN BUILDING

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Regrets

C. Gunning, Vice Chair

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M. Krizanc, NWMO

S. Pomerleau, Member P. Stirling, Member

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T. Weber, NWMO

R. Hatfield, Aboriginal Relations, NWMO

R. Holden, Aboriginal Relations, NWMO

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM.

The Chair noted that all members were present except for Dave Matheson, who sent his regrets.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Member Ray Racine declared a conflict of interest on item #7, the budget.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Moved by: Mayor Marchisella Seconded by: Christian Giroux

"That the minutes of February 21, 2017 be accepted and be forwarded to the City of Elliot Lake Economic **Development Standing Committee for information purposes."**

Carried

Resolution 15/17

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair thanked the representatives from Spanish and the Township of the North Shore for attending the meeting. He mentioned that the Blind River CLC will be hosting a Social and Meeting on March 22nd. He reported that the deadline to apply to be a member of the Elliot Lake CLC has been extended to April 19, 2017 and should be advertised in the next 2 editions of the Elliot Lake Standard. He has met with City's CAO and Director of Administration regarding changes to the CLC 2017 budget. The budget will be revised and presented to the CLC at the April CLC meeting. The Chair reported that the NWMO President, Laurie Swami and Ben Belfadhel, Vice President APM Engagement and Site Selection visited the Elliot Lake Learn More Centre last week. He announced that Bob Watt has been appointed the new Vice President of Aboriginal Engagement.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

BUDGET

Moved by: Ray Racine

Seconded by: Counsellor Connie Nykyforak "To receive the January 2017 financials."

Carried

Resolution 16/17

NWMO REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Coordinator reported that the Aboriginal Competency Training has been booked for Thursday, April 27th and will be held at the Masonic Hall. There is room for approximately 45 participants and an invitation will go out to CLC members and employees of the City. After this, other organizations and the public will be welcome to attend if there are available places.

The Chair mentioned that discussion is continuing with Sue Chiblow of Mississauga First Nation regarding local aboriginal training to be held in the fall. This training will be different that the training of April 27th.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by: Ray Racine

Seconded by: Cherry Gunning

"To send the CLC Chair, Ed Pearce and CLC Coordinator, Brenda Lackie, to Ottawa to the CNS Nuclear 101 Conference on May 1st and May 2nd and to pay for their associated travel, hotel fees and meal expenses."

Carried

Resolution 17/17

REPORT FROM THE CLC COORDINATOR

The Committee was updated by the Coordinator on items of the past month.

ADDENDUM

None

CLOSED SESSION

None

SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled ELCLC meeting will be at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, April 18, 2017.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Julie Mecke, Raj Garg, Michael Callighen, and Yves Poirier of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission made a presentation on the Regulation of the Transport of Nuclear Substances. The presentation was divided into 3 sections: Overview of the Regulatory Requirements, Overview of Emergency Preparedness, and Transportation Security Used Nuclear Fuel. The presentation began at 6:47 and ended at 7:47 and was followed by a Question and Answer period.

Pat Stirling left the meeting at 8:10 PM.

COMMUNITY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

Q: John Raniowski: how dangerous was a Cameco truck accident on Hwy 17 recently, the truck was carrying "yellow cake".

A: Raj Garg: There was no significant radiological consequences. The consignor sent the people to deal with the situation.

Q: Fran Perkins: Is there any category 2 fuel being transported in Canada right now?

A: Yves Poirier: The only category 2 fuel being shipped right now in Ontario is the fuel between the reactor sites and their storage facilities.

Q: Steve Meawasige: If an accident happened on a road running through a First Nations community, would it be treated any differently?

A: Mike Callighen: It will depend on the accident. The response will be geared to the accident. The materials are packed in the appropriate packaging and in regards to spent fuel it is in very robust packaging.

Q: Mike Bennett: Did we learn anything from Lac Megantiqe QC disaster?

A: Yves Poirier: Regulations are reviewed and renewed every 10 years – the next review with some possible changes is due for 2019.

Q: Mike Bennett: Does the CNSC conduct many surprise spot checks? Are they done on a yearly basis or every couple of years?

A: Mike Callighen: Yes, they do.

Q: Rick Smit: is there continuous tracking of shipments and are there audits.

A: Raj Garg: Yes there is certainty that the appropriate package is shipped and delivered. There is a GPS tracking printout.

Q: Edo Ten-Broek: Must the CNSC meet International Standards for packaging and emergency response.

A: Julie Mecke: Yes, they are part of an International Organization IAE and are audited by the IAE.

A: Yves Poirier: In 2015, 10 experts came to Canada and had 34 findings, which are being corrected. Transport packages were audited by the IEA about 2 years ago. In regards to Emergency Preparedness they are briefed daily and the CNSC receive reports from all over the world.

The Chair thanked the CNSC for making their presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Sirje Pomerleau Seconded by: Ray Racine

"That the meeting adjourn at the hour of 8:30 pm."

Carried

Resolution 18/17

City Of Elliot Lake STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS - NWMO For the Three Months Ending Friday, March 31, 2017

	2017 BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	\$ VARIANCE	% OF ANNUAL BUDGET
838 NWMO-COMMUNITY LIAISON				
110-Community Liaison Committee				
Expenditures:				
3-838-110-1120 TEMPORARY SALARIES & WAGES	34,320.00	6,669,58	27,650.42	19%
3-838-110-1509 OVERALL BENEFITS	5,150.00	782.51	4,367.49	15%
3-838-110-1511 OMERS PENSION	3,090.00	599.19	2,490.81	19%
3-838-110-2280 JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	1,350.00	303.25	1,046.75	22%
3-838-110-2610 GENERAL STATIONERY & OFFICE				
SUPPLIES	2,000.00	355.81	1,644.19	18%
3-838-110-2611 OFFICE MACHINE/EQUIPMENT	1,650.00	961.67	688.33	58%
3-838-110-2999 SUNDRY EXPENSES	7,500.00	310.82	7,189.18	4%
3-838-110-3135 MEETING COST	5,000.00	295.00	4,705.00	6%
3-838-110-3210 POSTAGE	4,100.00	1,123.75	2,976.25	27%
3-838-110-3240 PHOTOCOPYING		290.49	(290.49)	0%
3-838-110-3250 ADVERTISING	2,500.00	465.27	2,034.73	19%
3-838-110-3260 NEWSLETTERS	13,000.00	1,186.22	11,813.78	9%
3-838-110-3410 CONTRACTED SERVICES	15,000.00	1,219.86	13,780.14	8%
3-838-110-3112 MILEAGE	750.00		750.00	0% 0%
3-838-110-3160 TRAINING COURSES -IN HOUSE	9,000.00		9,000.00	0% 0%
3-838-110-3229 CELL PHONE	720.00		720.00	0% 0%
3-838-110-8310 AUDIT AND ACCOUNTING	2,500.00		2,500.00	U76
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2017 Elliot Lake Community Liaison Committee Budget

(Revised – April 2017)

	Supplied by NWMO	Budget
Staff		
Wages Overhead (15%) Benefits Sub Total		34,325 5,150 <u>3,090</u> 42,565
Equipment and Furniture		
Digital Projector Photo-copier (3 yr lease @93.01/month) Chairs Sub Total		870* 1,120 <u>4,000*</u> 5,990
Operating Costs		
Internet Telephones Rent Office Cleaning Postage/Courier Stationery Cell Phones Mileage Audit Communications Advertising Contracted Services Meeting Expenses	780 1,200 21,000	1,350 4,100 2,000 720 750 2,500 15,000* 5,000* 15,000 7,500*

Training		12,000*
Conventions and seminars		10,000*
Contingency		<u>7,500</u>
Sub Total	22,980	83,420

Total Budget

131,975

Major Changes*

1. Equipment and Furniture

- **a.** Digital Projector and Sound Bar cost \$350 more than originally budgeted.
- **b.** Chairs: 50 Chairs were ordered to replace the chairs taken by the City when the building was sold plus a cart for moving the chairs.

2. Operating Costs

- **a.** Communications: Flyers, posters, letters, etc. Increased from \$13,000 to \$15,000 to allow for more flexibility and frequency of communications if necessary
- **b.** Advertising: Increased from \$2,500 to \$5,000
- c. Meeting Expenses: Increased from \$5,000 to \$7,500
- **d. Training:** Increased from \$9,000 to \$12,000
- **e. Conventions and Seminars:** A new category for non-NWMO sponsored seminars and learning opportunities.

Indigenous Cultural Competency Training: Cycle 2



Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres

About the training:

Indigenous Cultural Competency is an ongoing cycle of learning, a continuum. The intent of the OFIFC's Indigenous Cultural Competency training is for organizations to obtain the necessary skills, knowledge, attitudes and values in order to foster meaningful and informed relationships with the Indigenous community.

In Cycle 1 learners come to know the impacts of historic trauma within Indigenous communities and the importance of re-framing current relationships through increased Cultural Competency. Using Indigenous cultures and worldviews as a framework, Cycle 2 provides practical tools that allow agencies to begin responding to historic trauma from an Indigenous perspective. An examination of several case studies and success stories within the Indigenous community helps inform the critical path necessary for increasing organizational Cultural Competency.

Learning outcomes:

- Review Cycle 1- historical context, intergenerational trauma
- Explore resiliency and culture as protective factors for Indigenous
- Obtain practical tools and methods for face-to-face interactions with Indigenous peoples that are trauma-informed and culture based
- Examine a case study that demonstrates how culture can address. Indigenous trauma on an organizational level, shaping the intent, design, training, policies, and implementation of programs

Workshop options:

Full day = 6 hrs

About us:

The vision of the Friendship Centre movement is to "improve the quality of life for Indigenous people living in an urban environment by supporting self-determined activities which encourage equal access to and participation in Canadian society and which respect Indigenous cultural distinctiveness."

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Michael White, Bear Clan, M'Chigeng First Nation, Anishinaabe (Trainer/Traditional Teacher) Michael has worked for many years supporting Indigenous peoples. Michael is co-lead for the Aboriginal Cultural Competency Training, with focus on material design and delivery. Michael is a full time trainer with the Training Working Group at the OFIFC, facilitating workshops, designing and delivering culturally informed training. Michael is a 3rd generation drum maker/traditional craftsperson. When not at work Michael loves spending time with his wife Nicole and 10 month old daughter Raven.



Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres

Community Liaison Committee



Comité de liaison communautaire

Learning More About Canada's Plan for the Long-Term Management of Used Nuclear Fuel Apprendre davantage sur le plan du Canada pour la gestion à long terme du combustible nucléaire irradié

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

TO THE COMMUNITY LIASON COMMITTEE

April 18th, 2017

Number of Visitors

During the period of March 16, 2017 and April 12th, 2017 a total of 91 visitors have stopped by the NWMO Community Office.

Presentations by the NWMO to Community Organizations/Groups

The NWMO will attend a lunch meeting of the Club Des Aines L'Etoile D'Or on April 20th. There will also be a presentation to Beta Sigma Phi Sorority on April 26th. No additional presentations have been booked by this office.

Youth Outreach

A meeting was held in the Elliot Lake APM Learn More Centre on Wednesday, April 12th. The next meeting of the working group for the area summer NOSM Children's Science Camps is Tuesday, May 23rd in the Elliot Lake APM Learn More Centre. The Elliot Lake camp has been booked for July 24-28 and will be held at the Rio Den Arena. The City of Elliot Lake has agreed to take registrations for the camps at the Welcome Centre and the Ruben Yli-Juuti Municipal Pool. Deadline for registrations is Monday, July 10th. Maximum number of campers 25 and minimum number of campers is 10. The cost is \$50 per child for the week and the age group is 7-10 years old.

Upcoming CLC Presentations

Invitations have gone out to the April 27th Aboriginal Competency Workshop to the City of Elliot Lake Mayor, Council and Staff, the Town of Spanish, Township of the North Shore, Town of Blind River, Mississauga First Nations and various local organizations with the deadline for registration being April 14th. After the deadline, I will open up the event to the community. There are approximately 45 spots available. I have been in discussion with the facilitator, Michael White, who is familiar with the area as his grandmother is from Manitoulin Island and has visited our area often especially when he was a teen. The Masonic Hall has been working very hard with us to make sure all the facilitator's needs are met. Special Occasions Catering has been booked to provide the morning and afternoon snacks and to make all participants a lunch. The Workshop will run 9AM to 4PM including a lunch break.

Newsletter

I will begin to work on the next newsletter after returning from the Nuclear 101 Conference at the beginning of May.

May 16th Social and Meeting

Next month the CLC will hold its 2nd Social of 2017. Bella Cuisine Catering has been booked to do the catering for this Social. The NWMO will make a presentation on reprocessing, which is a topic that many of our citizens have expressed interest in. Invitations will be sent out and there will be newspaper advertising.

APM Learn More Centre Hours of Operation

The Elliot Lake APM Learn More Centre is open Monday through Friday 9AM to 4:30PM. The Tuesday hours will change on meetings days to 1:30PM to 9PM.



DES DÉCHETS NUCLÉAIRES

Indigenous Knowledge Policy

OCTOBER 2016



Introduction

Indigenous Knowledge recognizes that people are part of and are one with Mother Earth. Indigenous Knowledge systems emphasize the interrelationships among all components of the environment, and as such, believe Aboriginal peoples have a responsibility to be the protectors (guardians) of Mother Earth, It is a complex and sophisticated system of knowledge drawing on millennia of wisdom and experience. It constantly grows and expands with the experience of new generations. It is expected that this knowledge system will continue to provide a source of wisdom through the various stages of project development and implementation. As the project moves through the site selection process and the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) engages with communities, there is an opportunity to learn from local Indigenous Knowledge.

The NWMO respects the value of what both western science and Indigenous Knowledge systems can contribute to the decision-making process.

Indigenous Knowledge, often referred to as "Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge," has contributed to the development of the NWMO Adaptive Phased Management (APM) strategy through the sharing of Indigenous teachings containing values, ethics, principles, and practices.

Purpose

As the NWMO APM moves through the site selection process and the NWMO engages with communities, there is an opportunity to learn from local Indigenous Knowledge. The NWMO will build working relationships with Aboriginal communities to determine if and how the community wishes to share its Indigenous Knowledge. This policy is designed to set out how the NWMO will support communities, as well as to guide the work of the NWMO and contractors working on its behalf.

It is also designed to help ensure that Indigenous Knowledge in all its forms will continue to be valued and respected by the NWMO and included in planning and decision-making processes.

Scope

This policy applies to all NWMO APM activities.

Background

The development of this policy has benefited from ongoing advice and the education from the NWMO Council of Elders and Youth and its predecessor, the Elders Forum, and through the building of relationships with Aboriginal organizations at the national, provincial and regional levels.

The NWMO was established in 2002 in accordance with federal legislation, the *Nuclear Fuel Waste Act*.

The responsibility of the NWMO is to study, recommend and implement an approach for the long-term management of used nuclear fuel in Canada. In 2005, the NWMO recommended that Canada proceed in a deliberate and collaborative way to contain and isolate the used fuel in a deep geological repository in a manner that safeguards people and respects the environment, now and in the future. In 2007, the Government of Canada selected the NWMO's recommendation, APM, as Canada's approach for the long-term management of used nuclear fuel. The NWMO is now implementing this approach. Recognition of the important role of Indigenous Knowledge was embedded in the APM plan that the NWMO recommended to Government and that was approved in 2007, and is also a requirement of the environmental assessment approval process.

Be responsive to advances in technology, natural and social science research, Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge, and societal values and expectations (Choosing a Way Forward, Final Study, NWMO, 2005).

Principles

The NWMO will be guided by the following principles in its work with communities and Indigenous Knowledge keepers:

- Aboriginal peoples hold Indigenous Knowledge in trust for future generations in the belief that this knowledge must benefit themselves, future generations and all humanity.
- Indigenous Knowledge continues to have relevance and value in decision-making processes today and in the future.
- Aboriginal peoples have a sacred relationship and spiritual connection with the natural environment and have unique knowledge of and responsibilities for their traditional lands. This includes air, land, fire, water, plants, medicines, animals, and humankind.
- Aboriginal peoples believe that all physical and spiritual life is sustained by Mother Earth on Turtle Island.
- The NWMO will strive to ensure that informed decisions are made, in relation to the project, by Indigenous communities built on a foundation of knowledge from Elders, including Indigenous Knowledge.

Indigenous Knowledge, together with western science, is part of good decision-making when built on a foundation of trust and sharing of information in a respectful manner.

- The NWMO acknowledges that consideration for the safety and security of humans and the environment, now and for future generations, is an integral shared responsibility and fundamental to decision-making processes with Aboriginal peoples.
- The NWMO acknowledges that we all have a stewardship responsibility to protect and preserve the Earth for this and future generations. Aboriginal peoples have a sacred responsibility which is guided by the seven teachings as set out in the NWMO Aboriginal Policy.
- The NWMO respects and honours that Aboriginal peoples have an oral tradition and ways of ensuring the validity of knowledge shared.
- The NWMO will continue to honour the spiritual beliefs and practices of Aboriginal communities,

Policy

The selection of a site must be informed by the best available knowledge, including science, social science, Indigenous Knowledge, and ethics.

The NWMO commits that Indigenous Knowledge will inform decisions in each step of the planning in the decision-making process.

The NWMO will look to Aboriginal peoples to share indigenous Knowledge with the NWMO to the extent that they wish. The NWMO will ensure that Indigenous intellectual property is protected, as agreed with the Aboriginal peoples who choose to share that knowledge.

The NWMO will work in partnership with First Nation and Métis communities that wish to share their Indigenous Knowledge and advice in the implementation of the site selection process, and in the design, construction, operation, and monitoring of the deep geological repository.

The NWMO recognizes that any collection or documentation of Indigenous Knowledge will be of interest to the community beyond the scope of the NWMO project, and the NWMO will agree to manage that information in partnership with the community accordingly.

The NWMO will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding or other agreements as may be requested by communities to ensure protection of Indigenous Knowledge.

The NWMO will provide support for Indigenous Knowledge engagement throughout all steps of research (including research capacity building), siting assessment and project implementation.

The NWMO will support the development of community steering committees that will establish an Indigenous Knowledge research and/or engagement process that will include Elders and knowledge keepers to oversee any Indigenous Knowledge work in their area related to the NWMO project.

The NWMO will continue to seek high-level policy advice from the Council of Elders and Youth and Indigenous governments on policy matters.

Implementation

The NWMO will strive to provide the needed resources to support Indigenous Knowledge research and community research capacity.

In order for the NWMO to successfully interweave knowledge systems, indigenous communities need to be given the opportunity to research and document their knowledge.

Communities will be invited to submit an Indigenous Knowledge plan, which will describe how its research scope relates to the NWMO project, and set out a work plan, a description of methodology(ies) to be used, the reporting relationship to Indigenous governments, and a budget and budget explanation.

The research scope may contribute to the assessment of the safety and appropriateness of a site in areas such as:

- Site evaluation:
- Environmental assessments and regulatory approvals;
-)) Construction:

- Operation;
- Extended monitoring;
- Decommissioning: and
- » Post-closure monitoring.

And it will help in assessing:

- >> Geoscientific suitability;
- Engineering considerations;
- >> Transportation safety;
- >> Environmental protection;
- Safety of humans and the environment; and
- Social, economic and cultural considerations of community well-being.

The NWMO recognizes the value of members of the community, including Elders, youth and women, and will have effective opportunities to participate.

The NWMO will ensure clarity for the roles of all parties and management of information, including protecting specific knowledge identified by the communities as confidential and not available for public access.

Training and governance capacity lead to community empowerment through the research process. Offers to help develop local research capacity will be made through the provision of planning and program development support.

Agreements will be developed on a phased basis, which will build on existing studies and are consistent with the implementation of the project.

The NWMO will strive to consider multi-year support to communities interested in learning more to develop sustainable community processes for Indigenous Knowledge as long as there is participation in the site selection process.

Consistent with the NWMO's commitment to the enhancement of community well-being, the NWMO will work collaboratively with affected First Nation and Métis communities to ensure the use and enhancement of Indigenous cultures and languages through Indigenous Knowledge projects conducted in relation to APM.

The NWMO will work with Indigenous communities to establish agreements that are consistent with the Ownership, Control, Access, and Possession (OCAP) research policy and guidelines sanctioned by the First Nations Information Governance Centre.

