



The Dryden Nuclear Education and Engagement Committee (DNEEC)

Minutes of Meeting held

Wednesday July 20th, 2022

6:00 pm

Hybrid Meeting

In-person: Council Chambers- City Hall- 30 Van Horne Avenue

Virtual - Microsoft Teams

1. Call to order

Vice Chair Garth Wintle called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm via Microsoft teams

2. Land Acknowledgment Statement:

Vice Chair Garth Wintle read the Land Acknowledgement Statement:

We would like to begin by acknowledging, with respect, that we are in Treaty Three Territory and that the land on which we are gathered is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe and the Métis people.

3. Attendance

| Members (Voting) | Present | Regrets |
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| Mark Zimmerman, Chair | | X |
| Garth Wintle, Vice Chair | X | |
| Brad Pareis | X | |
| Judi Green | X | |
| Abigail Marion, Recording Secretary- Youth Leadership Service-Learning Intern | X | |
| Councillor John Carlucci | X | |
| Councillor Martin Mackinnon | X | |
| Councillor Shayne Mackinnon | | X |
| City of Dryden Staff (Non- voting) | | |
| Coleen Brosseau, Special Projects Manager | X | |
| Roger Nesbitt, Chief Administration officer | | X |
| Tyler Peacock, Economic Development Manager | X | |

4. Approval of Agenda

#1 Moved by: J. Green
Seconded by: M. MacKinnon

THAT the Agenda be approved as circulated. Carried.

5. Approval of Minutes:

#2. Moved by: J. Green
Seconded by: M. MacKinnon

THAT the minutes of June 21st, 2022, be approved as circulated. Carried.

6. Presentations:

- a. Colleen advised the Committee, Ms. Brennain Lloyd from Northwatch will be presenting at the August 16, 2022 meeting.

7. Business Arising:

a) Education and Engagement

i. Draft Plan:

Colleen asked if any of the members of the Committee had feedback, questions, or concerns regarding the draft plan. Committee had no changes and recommended approval and posting of plan.

#3. Moved by: J. Green
Seconded by: M. MacKinnon

THAT the Dryden Nuclear Education and Engagement Plan be finalized, distributed, and posted to the website. – Carried.

ii. Dryden's Nuclear Symposium

Colleen gave an update on the planned Symposium scheduled for September 28 and 29, 2022. She advised staff are working on invitations for groups who will be invited to present including the CNSC and IAAC. Kimberly Mitchell has agreed to attend as the Keynote speaker as well as participate in the panel sessions.

Staff will continue to move forward with planning and bring forward topics and suggested presenters for discussion during upcoming meetings. Committee identified other topics including.

- Seismic Activity and Geology
- Transportation
- Packaging/ Re-packaging

ACTION: C. Brosseau

iii. NWMO Dryden learns:

Colleen gave a brief update about the sessions being planned for the fall including The Confidence in Safety in September. She acknowledged that staff work with the NWMO as part of the monthly Learning series to identify gaps in knowledge and understanding relating to the project and bring in subject experts to speak to these concerns. Committee noted topics such as water, transportation and repackaging have been identified.

At this time, approximately, 6:19 p.m., Committee brought forward the following motions to accommodate the attendance of members of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) along with Dr. Jason Donev of the University of Calgary to address the members and provide brief introductions and answer questions.

#4 Moved by: J. Green
Seconded by: M. MacKinnon

THAT Committee rescind the original motion to accept the agenda. Carried.

#5 Moved by: J. Green
Seconded by: B. Pareis

THAT the Agenda be amended to include attendance from the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) under New Business. Carried.

iv. Dryden Learn- Session Topics

a. MYTHBUSTING CANADIAN Energy. Jason Donev

This session took place in a virtual/ in person hybrid meeting on June 19th 2022.

Colleen apologized for the technical difficulties associated with the virtual portion of the meeting due to the storm that took place that evening.

Members of the committee suggested presenters to reiterate questions being asked during these sessions from those attending in-person as those attending virtually had difficulty hearing the questions.

It was identified that staff are learning to improve the hybrid session experience as we move forward with these types of sessions. A recording of the session was captured however and will be posted to the web page for those who could not attend the session.

b. Finland Invite to Symposium:

Staff noted an invitation has been extended to Posiva in Finland to present virtually at the Symposium. They are interested and more details will be confirmed in August.

Other information from sites in Sweden and France will be forwarded and circulated for additional information and reference.

v. Correspondence:

Committee discussed the validation of information that is received and circulated. Staff advised that information is vetted through internal staff as well as through stakeholder and organizations that it relies on who have subject expertise with respect to the information and reviews and investigates to the best of its ability prior to posting and/or circulating to the Committee and public. In addition, the Education and Engagement Plan and terms of reference identifies the importance of ensuring information is vetted and reviewed prior to posting and circulating to the community, staff, council, and members of the committee.

b) Website Update

vi. Website updates and links

Staff has added a new section to the web page for the symposium. This is where members of the committee and the public will be able to find information regarding the symposium. Staff also reiterated the page contains information with regard to Committee including agendas, minutes, recordings, and recordings of previous learning sessions along with slide decks and information and educational links and links to various association and organizations.

Staff has also updated the site with quick links to information and for the public's information, Tyler provided an overview of the DNEEC web page and reviewed how to subscribe to the page.

He also took the opportunity to remind the Committee and public of the Voyent Alert system and subscribing to this as well and you can access the Home Page of the website and click on the banner to register for this important community safety communications platform.

8. New Business:

a) ICNLC Meetings and Community Studies Update:

Tyler provided an update on his attendance at the last monthly meeting and noted the preview of the Confidence in Safety presentation that will be held in September. He also reminded the public of the recent and upcoming Community Studies on baseline. He referred the public to the ICNLC website (www.icnlc.ca).

Colleen advised she will circulate upcoming links and calendar invites as the sessions are posted and or members of the public and the DNEEC can refer to the link from our web page or go directly to the site.

In addition, Tyler advised of Staff's attendance at the NWMO Transportation session held at the Best Western along with the Learn More Tour bus that was in attendance. There was some excellent discussion and good information provided.

Staff also advised that the preview for the Confidence in Safety Session conducted at the meeting provided information on repackaging. Staff will forward information to members to view the presentation.

ACTION: C. BROSSEAU/T. PEACOCK

c) Council Meeting re Significant Neighbouring Community Memorandum of Understanding between the City and NWMO:

Committee had a lengthy discussion concerning some members concerns regarding Council discussion and signing of the MOU at its June 27th Council meeting and the perception of the Committee's direction on the signing of the MOU.

Committee agreed to defer discussion on this item until after the representatives from the CNSC and Dr. Donev introductions and discussion was completed.

d) Attendance and Introductions re Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission & Dr. Jason Donev:

At approximately 7:10 p.m., Dr. Jason Donev and representatives from the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission who were in the community attending another event, attended the DNEEC meeting to exchange introductions and to provide information for the DNEEC with respect to the role of the CNSC. In attendance were Dr. Jason Donev from the University of Calgary who teaches about nuclear issues. He was recently invited to speak to the community in Dryden, Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation, and Ignace with respect to the Deep Geological Repository. As part of his participation on various sessions in the region, he had the opportunity to coordinate attendance and facilitate informal introductions between the Committee and the representatives from the CNSC at this meeting.

Clair Clarise, Director of Indigenous Stakeholder Division, and Lacey Wallace, Operations Branch, Inspector and Project Officer with the Decommissioning and Waste Management Division, provided an overview of the Commission's role and their roles as the regulator and watchdog for the nuclear industry in Canada. They acknowledged that they are independent and do not have any vested interest in the applications submitted or licensees or government. As the Nuclear regulator, once an application is submitted, they are involved in the application and licensing process to ensure safety. They conduct inspections, audits, and approve licenses as well as cancel licenses. They have the ability to issue and cancel licenses and work with a variety of tools at their disposal to ensure the highest level of safety in the industry. Committee members addressed a variety of questions to the CNSC representatives. A recording, with more detailed discussion, will be posted for the public's information and review.

Staff advised the group, that meetings and discussions are underway to have representation from the CNSC at a Nuclear Symposium that will be held in Dryden on September 28 and 29, 2022. This will provide an opportunity for the public to understand the role of the CNSC and the process that follows when an application is submitted. The CNSC advised

that at the present time no application has been submitted by the NWMO and that they can clearly provide information concerning their role, they cannot comment in detail on this project.

Committee expressed its appreciation for taking the opportunity to engage with the Committee and that the information presented was very informative and valuable to improving our community's understanding of the CNSC's role.

At the time, 7:54 pm, Dr. Donev and members of the CNSC left the meeting.

e) Council Meeting re Significant Neighbouring Community Memorandum of Understanding between the City and NWMO (cont'd):

Following further discussion, it was agreed to ensure future comments raised on behalf of the Committee are clearly defined and done with the awareness and consensus of the Committee, and that it follow its Terms of Reference under Section 8.1. The Section states that Committee shall liaise and bring forward information, questions, or concerns to Council through the Chair. Further, such consensus shall be done through a motion of the Committee. Committee clearly understands that its role is to facilitate education and engagement in the Community and not to direct Council. Clarification was provided and Committee acknowledged the process going forward.

9. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is to be held Tuesday, August 16, 2022.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

#4 Moved by: B. Pareis
Seconded by: J. Green

THAT the DNEEC meeting be adjourned. Carried.