



The Dryden Nuclear Education and Engagement Committee (DNEEC)

Minutes of Meeting held

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

6:00 pm

Virtual Meeting

1. Call to Order – Chair

2. Land Acknowledgement Statement - Chair

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
Mark Zimmerman, Chair	x	
Garth Wintle, Vice-Chair	x	
Brad Pareis	x	
Judi Green	x	
Abigail Marion, Recording Secretary Youth Leadership and Service-Learning Intern	x	
Councillor John Carlucci	x	
Councillor Martin MacKinnon	x	
Councillor Shayne MacKinnon	x	
Staff (Non-Voting)		
Colleen Brosseau, Special Projects Manager	x	
Roger Nesbitt, Chief Administrative Officer		x
Tyler Peacock, Economic Development Manager	x	

4. Recognize National Indigenous Peoples Day

Both Abigail and Councillor MacKinnon commented there were activities for everyone and the whole event was very well attended with everyone actively participating.

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Councillor MacKinnon acknowledged that the celebrations were held in a traditional gathering place and is pleased that with the success of this event it will continue to be for many years to come.

Councillor MacKinnon added to the Land Acknowledgement Statement;

" The Anishinaabe are the original caretakers of this land and called this place Paawidigong, meaning place of the rapids which is now known as Dryden. This land is important to the people of Migisi Sahgaigan (Eagle Lake First Nation), Waabigonii Zaaga'igan (Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation) as well as the Métis people of the area and the residents of Dryden."

5. Approval of Agenda

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

THAT the Agenda be approved as circulated. Carried.

6. Approval of Minutes

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

THAT the minutes of May 25th, 2022, be approved. Carried.

7. Business Arising:

a) Education and Engagement

i. Draft Plan

Colleen advised the plan is in draft stage and being reviewed. Some further updates were added and once it is complete, she will circulate to the members for review and approval. She indicated the plan is to identify areas that require the establishment of procedures and/or processes that would complement the Terms of Reference and aid the Committee with its mandate. **ACTION: Colleen**

ii. Dryden Nuclear Symposium Update (Colleen & Tyler)

1. Theme & Keynote Speaker

Colleen summarized the planning for a nuclear symposium scheduled for September 28 and 29, 2022. The venue has been confirmed and it will be held at the Centre. There will be trade show with booths set up for those groups wanting to participate and provide information to the public. There will be speakers on

a variety of topics during the day and a moderated panel discussion in the evening with a cross section of participants with varying opinions and positions with respect to the NWMO's Adaptive Phased Management Plan and the Deep Geological Repository for the storage of nuclear waste.

Staff has booked Kimberly Mitchell as a keynote speaker and panel participant. Her bio will be circulated for Committee's information. She has participated in previous sessions hosted by the City. She works in the nuclear utility sector and is an advocate for energy availability and sustainability. As a member of the Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation, we are pleased to have Ms. Mitchell attend our Symposium and bring her experience in Indigenous engagement and passion for environmental sustainability to our community.

Staff continue to keep the Committee informed as the planning for this event progresses and appreciate direction and suggestions from the members.

ACTION: Colleen/Tyler

2. Live Streaming:

Colleen confirmed that Trevor Gauthier of Blank Productions has been contracted to provide live streaming services for the Symposium. Having a professional company do this will be a tremendous asset in reaching a wider audience and providing quality recording of the sessions for future reference.

3. Moderator & Panel Session

Colleen advised staff are investigating options for a moderator for the panel discussion and are working with several contacts to have someone who is knowledgeable and who will be an effective host in channelling the discussion to ensure all voices are heard and questions answered.

4. Topics & Trade Show (booths)

Invitations will be issued for interested groups who would like to attend. Also, suggestions for topics have been received from the Committee and the public will be encouraged to request topics of interest as well.

At this time, our presenters for this evening joined the virtual meeting and the Chair welcomed representatives from the NWMO.

a) NWMO 2022 Dryden Communications and Engagement Plan – Vince Ponka and Rachelle Davenport:

Rachelle Davenport, Relationship Manager, and Vince Ponka, Regional Communications Manager, from the NWMO were in attendance to provide the committee with an update regarding the schedule of events and learning opportunities that NWMO will be providing or taking part in within our community and across the surrounding region. They are also seeking input on topics of interest from the members of the DNEEC.

After introductions, the presentation consisted of a brief slide show providing some background information on the Adaptive Phased Management Plan and the selection of a site for the safe storage of used nuclear fuel in a Deep Geological Repository. They outlined their goals and objectives to raise awareness and provide learning opportunities under their Corporate Pillars that identify key subject areas including water, environment, project benefits, and safety. Using subject experts in these areas, the NWMO has and continues to provide learning sessions both virtually and in-person. They also have a Mobile Learn More Tour Centre with interactive and educational displays that tours the area and various events to provide an opportunity for the public to take the tour. They are also undertaking open houses, Coffee Talks at both their Dryden and Ignace office locations. There are also opportunities to tour the Bore Hole site. Although there is no drilling occurring at the site it provides an opportunity to visit the site and learn about the work that has been done to date.

A brief update on upcoming sessions including the July 7th Transportation in-person session and Mobile Learn More Tour at the Best Western and their attendance at the Annual Dryden Fall Fair as well as a variety of open houses occurring in several communities. Information on these events has been shared on various websites and social media.

They provided an update on their new office located in Dryden on King Street with hours of operation currently set for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays from 10 to 3 pm and occasionally if office staff is available the office may be open and available on Mondays and Fridays. The public is welcome. They also encouraged members and the public to follow them on social media and the website.

Following the presentation, the Committee was encouraged to identify topics for future sessions that the NWMO would be willing to facilitate in conjunction with the City. Rachelle and Vince expressed their appreciation to the Committee to present this evening.

Committee addressed a number of questions to the representatives on a variety of topics primarily requesting additional information on the following:

- Willingness Decision and why Dryden does not have the same role as the host communities of Ignace and Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation;
- The unincorporated area and its role or say in the process;
- The follow-up process and what role or say does the community of Dryden and area have following a decision from the host communities;

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- Regarding the recent Confidence in Safety Reports a question was raised regarding the standards identified and which standards that are to be followed and adhered to?

Rachelle and Vince recommended that the topic of willingness and host communities be identified as a separate session and they could bring in the subject experts within the NWMO to address the questions and concerns brought forward by the Committee.

Regarding the questions on the unincorporated areas and the regulatory process and next steps she will report back with additional information upon discussion with their subject experts on this question and other concerns identified.

She advised that upcoming sessions are being scheduled regarding the Confidence in Safety Report including a Dryden Learn More Session in September. She also advised a presentation will be done at the July 13, 2022 ICNLC Meeting. Colleen and/or Tyler will circulate the meeting link to members so they can watch the meeting if they so wish. **ACTION: Colleen/Tyler**

A member of the Committee asked if the Mobile Learn More Tour identify the role of nuclear in medicine? NWMO Staff responded there is no reference or area to address this topic as the NWMO and the Mobile Learn More Tour deal with Nuclear waste information only. **ACTION: Colleen**

Colleen advised the Committee that she has identified this along with the Willingness issue as well as other concerns noted as topics for future sessions and/or the symposium.

At this time, Chair Zimmerman, thanked both Rachelle and Vince for their presentation following which they left the meeting and the meeting resumed.

iii. **NWMO Dryden Learns:**

1. July 7, 2022 NWMO Transportation Sessions (in-person):

Colleen reminded the members of NWMO's upcoming in-person sessions on Transportation at the Best Western with Caitlin Berley. The Mobile Learn More Tour will also be parked at the Best Western for the public to tour.

2. Confidence in Safety:

Colleen advised she is coordinating with the NWMO as part of our Dryden Learn More Series to conduct a session on this topic during the month of September.

iv. **Dryden Learns – Session Topics**

1. CNSC – June 14, 2022 – Session Recording

Colleen advised this was a very good information session with a large and diverse panel available to provide information and answer questions on the regulatory process. A copy of the recording has been posted to the website.

2. Impact Assessment:

Colleen advised she is looking at having a presentation from a representative from this group; however, this may be included as part of the Symposium if it can be facilitated.

3. Jason Donev, University of Calgary – Nuclear Information Session

Colleen advised Dr. Donev has been booked to do a session on Mythbusting Canadian Energy in-person at the Best Western on July 19th from 6 to 8 pm. The session will also be available virtually for those who cannot attend in-person. Information has been posted to the public both through the media and social media and on the City's webpage.

v. **Correspondence**

1. Email – Township of Ignace – Regional Communications & Engagement Meeting:

Colleen advised she and Tyler were invited to participate in a meeting to share our plans for upcoming engagement and education opportunities in our communities. She provided an update on our planned activities including the Symposium. She noted the group spoke on a number of open houses and community regional study webinars that will be occurring in the next few months.

b) Website Update – Colleen and Tyler

- i. Colleen advised of a number of updates to the website and encouraged everyone to subscribe so they are advised of important updates and notices of upcoming events, and she noted a new section will be added with respect to the Symposium.

c) NWMO Monitoring Site – Uphill Road:

Tyler advised he spoke with the NWMO regarding the concerns identified on social media and staff at the Ignace NWMO did investigate the matter and addressed several phone calls and concerns with respect to the site and its purpose as a seismic testing site. Tyler did note it was not identified on any of the mapping that has been shared to date.

8. New Business:

a) ICNLC Update and Community Studies Review (refer to email from Tyler/Colleen re Notification of Community Studies and Executive Summaries) – First Session June 22, 2022 at 6:00 pm. [Community Studies | Icnlc](#)

Colleen and Tyler reminded the Committee of these pending sessions to review and discuss the Community Studies that will be occurring intermittently through the summer and fall. A schedule has been circulated. Copies of the studies have yet to be released and posted for the public to access. It is our understanding these will be available on the day of the meeting. Colleen will provide the link and advise members when the studies have been posted. **ACTION: Colleen**

b) City of Dryden Studies re Community Capacity & Business Gap Analysis <https://www.dryden.ca/en/city-services/reports-studies-and-plans.aspx>

The Committee was advised the City of Dryden has completed its Community Capacity Study and Business Gap Analysis. The Consultant, Explorer Solutions, presented at the Committee of the Whole at their June 13, 2022 meeting. The documents provide an analysis of the impacts a large development would have on our community, and it identified gaps and actions for the City and other stakeholders to address to better prepare the community. These are large, detailed documents that have been posted to the website. Tyler will provide the link to the appropriate pages. The City will target those areas of the plan that it can address and work towards the larger more challenging gaps identified. The City is completing a new Official Plan and all these documents feed into each other and follow the City's Strategic Plan.

The Committee had a lengthy discussion concerning the recent Significant Neighbouring Community Memorandum of Understanding that was presented to Committee of the Whole under a staff report prepared by the Chief Administrative Officer. Concerns from some members regarding the signing of this document were noted. There were questions regarding the role of the Committee and providing direction to Council on this topic. Members also advised that the Committee's mandate is to educate and engage the community and provide learning opportunities with respect to the NWMO's APM Plan.

Staff advised this is a Council decision and the role of the Committee is identified in the Terms of Reference. The Committee is to provide opportunities to educate and engage the community on NWMO's APM Plan utilizing credible sources and experts that will ensure our community is informed and aware. Colleen advised she would provide a link for members that includes the CAO's Report and a copy of the MOU for their review. She also advised the report will be coming forward to the June 27, 2022 Council meeting for official approval by Council. Staff will update Council on this item at the next meeting. **ACTION: July Agenda**

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9. Next Meeting Date

Colleen advised that with renovations completed and staff moving back to City Hall. The Council Chambers are now available for in-person meetings. Staff advised the next meeting of the Committee would be held in-person at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

With the Committee's approval, the meeting was rescheduled to Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at City Hall to accommodate Dr. Donev's presentation on July 19, 2022 in-person at the Best Western from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. This presentation will be identified on the agenda for Committee discussion. **ACTION: Colleen**

Colleen noted provision will also be made to accommodate those wishing to attend the meeting virtually from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Colleen will update the webpage accordingly.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.