



The Dryden Nuclear Education and Engagement Committee (DNEEC)

Minutes

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

6:00 pm

Hybrid Meeting

In-person:

Council Chambers – City Hall – 30 Van Horne Avenue

1. Call to Order

Chair Garth Wintle called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement Statement:

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
Garth Wintle, Vice-Chair	x	
Brad Pareis	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 (virtually)	x	
Roger Nesbitt, Chief Administrative Officer	x	
Tyler Peacock, Economic Development Manager	x	

DNEEC Minutes

September 20, 2022

Page 2 of 6

4. Approval of Agenda

#1 Moved by: M. MacKinnon
Seconded by: B. Pareis

THAT the Agenda be approved as amended to include under Correspondence an Email from Brien Polak and under Item 9 (c) Terms of Reference. Carried.

5. Approval of Minutes

#2. Moved by: M. MacKinnon
Seconded by: S. MacKinnon

THAT the minutes of August 16, 2022, be approved. Carried.

6. Delegations

The Chair noted there were no delegations for this meeting.

7. Presentations

There are no presentations for this meeting.

8. Business Arising:

a) Education and Engagement

i. Dryden Nuclear Forum

Colleen provided an update on the Forum including when the Forum was to be held, location, commencement, where to register and that this is a free event with lunch and refreshments provided. An agenda with respect to the Forum has been posted to the website, on social media and CKDR. Prior registration is being requested however this is not mandatory to attend. It is being used more to assess and track attendance numbers. She also advised the Forum will be live streamed and recorded should the public not be able to attend in-person.

ii. NWMO Dryden Learns October Session

1. Confidence in Safety

Colleen advised she is coordinating with NWMO to confirm a date and time for this next session in the Learn More series. The public and Committee will be advised when details have been confirmed. ACTION: COLLEEN

iii. **Correspondence**

1. **Request for Delegation – Sunset Country Spirit Alliance & No Nuclear Waste in Northwestern Ontario -James Kroeker**

Colleen apprised the Committee of a delegation request and in accordance with our procedures, she is bringing the request forward for Committee's consideration.

She advised as part of our procedures, the Committee and Chair are to approve all delegations and an opportunity is to be provided for the Committee to review the request and seek any additional clarification prior to scheduling the delegation. Therefore, she is seeking direction from the Committee prior to confirming with Mr. Kroeker a meeting date.

It was identified the delegation wished to address the Committee at the September 20th meeting and propose the need for another two-day forum outlining potential dangers of nuclear waste from independent groups outlining the experimental nature and profound public dangers should a DGR be situated close to Dryden.

Committee had a lengthy discussion on the topic and delegation procedures. CAO Roger Nesbitt did advise that unless directed by the majority of Council, City Staff will not be involved in organizing another 2-day Forum. The current Forum planned for the 28th and 29th has used considerable resources and Staff time and has taken staff away from other duties therefore he would not be allocating any further staff and City resources to organize another Forum. He noted the Dryden Nuclear Forum has been well organized to represent and provide the public with a variety of sessions and opportunities to learn about the proposed project and be more informed.

Following further discussion, it was advised that direction be provided later in the meeting during discussion on the Terms of Reference.

2. **NWMO's Draft Integrated Strategy for Radioactive Waste for Public Comment:**

Staff advised information with respect to the Draft Integrated Strategy for Radioactive Waste is currently available for review and public comment. Links were provided in the Agenda as well as on the City's webpage. The Committee and public were encouraged to review the documentation and provide their comments as provided in the links.

[Reports | A Next Step \(radwasteplanning.ca\)](#)

[draft integrated strategy for radioactive waste -
_draft for public comment.pdf \(radwasteplanning.ca\)](#)

3. Email from Brien Polak:

Committee discussed the email from Mr. Polak and addressed the questions noted.

Clarification was provided on how the speakers were selected noting Ms. Mitchell was invited by City Staff to participate as a Keynote Speaker and member of our panel along with the other presenters and the agenda and topics were selected based on feedback from the Committee and ongoing discussions on the Forum. Committee also noted as a new Committee the knowledge and information provided by Staff assisted and guided us in formulating a well-rounded agenda including a variety of topics, varying opinions, and those with expertise in their fields.

With respect to an additional 2-day Forum, it was addressed previously that the City would not support allocating resources both financial and Staff at this time unless directed by Council.

b) Website Update

i. Forum Registration/Agenda/Live Stream

Staff provided an update on the DNEEC Webpage, noting information, links to the livestream, event registration and agenda have been posted to the webpage. The public is encouraged to complete the registration and respond to the menti-meter questions to identify top concerns and questions you may have for the panel and Forum participants.

9. New Business:

a) ICNLC Meeting Update & Community Studies (next session) (refer to www.icnlc.ca)

Updates were provided regarding the ICNLC meeting at which Colleen and Tyler attended and provided an update and information on the upcoming Dryden Nuclear Forum.

The Committee, public, members of Council and Staff, were reminded of the Community Studies Series and the next session to be held September 29th. She advised the link to the ICNLC website and community studies was included in the agenda and is available on the DNEEC Webpage. Copies of the studies as well as previous recordings and registration (virtual) are available on the ICNLC site and everyone is encouraged to attend and provide comment.

b) Terms of Reference:

There was a lengthy discussion concerning the Terms of Reference and approving delegations to be identified on the agenda without formal Committee approval. Staff clarified the procedures for delegations are actually outlined in the Education and Engagement Plan that was developed and approved by the Committee and can therefore be amended by a motion of the Committee. The plan was developed to provide for more detailed procedures in areas not clearly addressed elsewhere in the Terms of Reference. Colleen clarified that any amendment to the Terms of Reference will require approval of Council as these were approved by Council at the time of the Committee's creation.

The request to amend the delegation procedures and provide that delegations wishing to appear before the Committee be approved by the Chair provided the request meets all other criteria identified in the procedures. It would also note that all documentation relating to the delegation be submitted one week prior to the meeting at which the delegation has been scheduled.

#3. Moved by: S. MacKinnon
Seconded by: M. MacKinnon

THAT the Dryden Education and Engagement Plan under Delegations/Presentations be amended to include that the Chair shall approve Delegations/Presentations and authorize the Special Projects Manager to include on the agenda subject to meeting all other criteria identified in the procedures. Carried.

Following a question from a member, Staff clarified that there is sufficient representation to meet quorum and approve motions brought forward. It was also noted that an application to fill one of the vacancies on the Committee is currently before Council.

Committee advised the next meeting of the DNEEC is October 18, 2022 and the Delegation will be identified on this agenda.

DNEEC Minutes

September 20, 2022

Page 6 of 6

c) Committee Meeting Procedures and Education Session:

Colleen provided an overview of the Terms of Reference, the guiding procedures for the Committee as outlined in the City's Procedural By-law, and the DNEEC Education and Engagement Plan. She also referenced appointments and term of membership as per the term of Council.

Copies of the documents are available on the City's website and/or DNEEC Webpage. Should anyone wish a hard copy, please contact Colleen.

10. Next Meeting Date

October 18, 2022

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

#4 Moved by: B. Pareis
Seconded by: M. MacKinnon

THAT the DNEEC meeting of September 20, 2022, be adjourned. Carried.