



Dryden Nuclear Education and Engagement Plan

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Background & Introduction

In September 2020, the City of Dryden implemented a more focused approach to stakeholder learning and engagement of the Nuclear Waste Management Organization's Adaptive Phased Management (APM) project; Canada's plan for the long-term management and storage of used nuclear fuel.

The anticipated outcome of APM is the centralized containment and isolation of Canada's used nuclear fuel in a Deep Geological Repository (DGR), in an area with stable geological formations and an informed and willing host community. APM also involves the development of a transportation system to move the used fuel from the facilities where it is currently stored to the new site.

No matter where this DGR is eventually constructed, it will have an impact on all communities in that region, most especially those within proximity to the chosen development site. The Township of Ignace is one of two siting communities that remain in the site selection process. The Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) is studying a potential site in the rock unit of the Revell batholith located between Dryden and Ignace in unorganized territory on Crown land. The NWMO has reported that this potential construction site is located approximately thirty-five kilometers from the municipal boundary of Ignace, and forty kilometers from the municipal boundary of Dryden. As such, the City of Dryden has inherited the role of a potential Significant Neighbouring Community in the NWMO's project.

To better understand our community's narrative around nuclear energy and nuclear waste it was deemed prudent for the City of Dryden to remain engaged in the learning and dialogue process of the APM project. The ethics of community engagement is at the forefront of this work.

In January 2022, Council created a Committee of Council, the Dryden Nuclear Education & Engagement Committee (DNEEC) to represent the community's interests through the development of a more formal community education, conversation, and feedback learning loop structure, specifically as it relates to the NWMO's APM project.



The mandate and purpose are identified in the Committee's Terms of Reference, attached as Schedule 1 to this document.

It is important to acknowledge and articulate that the formation of the DNEEC **does not** constitute Dryden's community support for either the APM project or the selection of Ignace as a final host community pursuant to NWMO's Site Selection Process.

Objective

The Dryden Education and Engagement Plan has been developed to provide guidance to both the Committee and Community in undertaking and fulfilling its mandate as defined in the Terms of Reference. The Committee's purpose is:

- to create a framework that will facilitate public engagement and educational opportunities
- create platforms to seek public input and feedback
- ensure and demonstrate inclusiveness within these opportunities
- create an environment where varying opinions and stakeholder input are welcome
- through a variety of means, provide resources and information to the community as it relates to this project.

The Plan will identify procedures, activities, and direction that will guide its work, outline the format for meetings, agendas, and communications within the parameters of the Terms of Reference.



Committee Meetings and Communications

Meetings:

- Meetings will be held monthly on the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Hybrid Meetings will be held in Council Chambers in-person and virtually through the Teams platform.
- At the Call of the Chair, a special meeting can be scheduled with notice provided to all members, the public and Staff.
- Upon formal agreement by the Committee, meetings can be rescheduled.
- Notice will be provided on the website of changes in meeting dates and follow the City of Dryden Notice Provisions.
- Motions will be put forward to confirm decisions and provide direction, to adopt the agendas and minutes and adjourn the meetings in accordance with the Terms of Reference.

Minutes/Agendas and Distribution

- Any concerns or questions arising shall be through the Chair
- Agenda requests shall be referred through the Chair in writing with a copy to the Recording Secretary and Special Projects Manager
- The Chair and Staff will review the agenda prior to the meeting and distribution.
- The agenda along with background information shall be distributed to members by the Friday preceding the meeting scheduled for the following week and posted to the website.
- Minutes in Draft form shall be circulated to members as soon as possible prior to next month's meeting. Upon approval of the minutes, a copy will be available to the public upon request and an electronic copy posted to the website.



Agenda Format:

- Agenda format shall include the following headings but is not limited to minor changes subject to the Chair and Staff discussion:
 - Call to Order
 - Land Acknowledgement
 - Attendance
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Minutes
 - Delegations/Presentations
 - Business Arising
 - Education & Engagement Updates
 - Website
 - New Business
 - Next Meeting Date
 - Adjournment



Communications to Members

- Members wishing to circulate information or articles to the members, are to forward to the recording secretary and the Special Projects Manager for distribution to the Committee.
- The Special Projects Manager and Economic Development Manager shall post information to the Website and ensure it remains current.
- Agenda's will include a section for Staff to update members on changes to the Website.
- Where possible, staff will circulate information as it is received for members convenience and Staff will print a hard copy and make available to any member upon request.
- Any member having a concern or question, shall go through the Chair who will collaborate with Staff for any further clarification or action required.

Engagement Methods:

The Committee will use a variety of means to engage and inform the public recognizing that it needs to reach a varied audience and demonstrate inclusiveness and diversity. Sources of communication may include but are not limited too.

Regional and Local Media

- Use of local and regional media and their related social media pages as per the City of Dryden Contact List.

City of Dryden Website – DNEEC and Public Notice Pages

- Information will be posted to the Web page located under the City of Dryden Community Section
- The public and interested stakeholders can subscribe to the page and be notified whenever new information is posted.
- The web page will be used to provide a platform with the public and provide information such as:
 - Committee Member Listing
 - DNEEC Terms of Reference



- Upcoming Engagement Sessions and information on how to register for virtual events or attend in person
- Recordings of previous engagement sessions along with relevant documents (i.e., slide shows, answered questions, etc.)
- Listings (including links) of Associations, groups, key stakeholders, who are either for or against the project, relevant and credible information and educational resources for the community and its surrounding region
- Committee and City Contact Information
- Meeting Schedule and how the public can attend virtually to view the proceedings or in-person
- Posting of Meeting Agendas, Minutes and Recordings of previous meetings
- Presentation/Delegation Request forms and procedures

City of Dryden Social Media Platforms

Facebook, Twitter

Public Spaces and Notice Boards

- Library, Museum, Recreation Centre, City Hall, Go-Getters, Youth Centre, High School, Others

Stakeholder Groups (part of CSWB Advisory Committee and Pillar Groups, Working Circle, and Other Advisory Groups)

Surveys (electronic and/or hard copy)

Use of Data Collection Tools such as Menti



Delegations/Presentations to DNEEC

- A person or group who would like to appear as a Delegation or make a Presentation in a Meeting of the Committee must submit a copy of their Delegation Report/Presentation Report to the Special Projects Manager one week prior to the Committee Meeting.
- The subject matter of the Delegation/Presentation must be a matter within the Committee's area of responsibility as defined in the Terms of Reference.
- No person other than the designated spokesperson may speak on the matter and not for more than ten (10) minutes, except that a delegation consisting of three (3) or more persons who are present at the meeting and wish to discuss the same issue may have more than one (1) speaker provided that the speaking time collectively does not exceed ten (10) minutes.
- reports or presentations which are made at the request of the Committee are not considered to be the same as Delegations and not subject to the time limit.
- The Committee shall not make a decision in response to a Delegation/Presentation during the Delegation/Presentation. Members of the Committee may seek clarification from the presenter(s) but shall not enter into a debate on the subject matter.
- A written response will be provided as a follow-up to each presenter or group.
- A delegation appearing before the Committee shall not be placed on an Agenda to discuss the same matter within six (6) months of the last appearance by the same delegate or group, unless approved by the Committee.
- The Committee Chair shall have the discretionary authority to determine whether sufficient detail has been provided in preparation for the subject Delegation/Presentation and to request additional information as required from the presenter.
- The Committee shall have the authority to determine the Meeting at which a Delegation/Presentation will be scheduled, having regard to time sensitive issues.



- The Committee reserves the right to deny a Delegation/Presentation request where the subject matter includes content which falls within Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 or matters covered by the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.
- The Committee may refuse a delegation request when the subject matter of the delegation is beyond the jurisdiction of the Committees Mandate as outlined in its Terms of Reference.

Presentations/Delegations to Council

- Delegations to Council must be addressed through the [City of Dryden](#) as per the City of Dryden Procedural By-law.

Other Municipal Websites (i.e., Township of Ignace, Ignace Community Nuclear Liaison Committee)

- The City of Dryden and Township of Ignace will cross post information to their relevant website pages that would facilitate education and engagement on the APM Project.



Educational Opportunities & Methods

NWMO Dryden Learns Series (held virtually Monthly)

- Committee will discuss and recommend topics
- Public feedback will be requested through the website, surveys, discussions, Council, City Staff, Advisory Committees and Boards, and using communication tools (i.e., Menti)
- Staff will advise and coordinate with the NWMO to schedule presenters and speakers on relevant topics
- Staff will post to the website and coordinate the events either virtually using zoom or through in-person or hybrid meetings should facilities be available
- Staff will market the events as per the engagement methods identified in this document

City of Dryden Dryden Learn Sessions

- Committee will discuss and recommend topics for upcoming webinars, in-person sessions, hybrid sessions
- Public feedback will be requested through the website, surveys, discussions, Council, City Staff, Advisory Committees and Boards, and using communication tools (i.e., Menti)
- Staff will advise and coordinate educational opportunities and schedule presenters and speakers on relevant topics on behalf of the Committee
- Staff will post to the website and coordinate the events either virtually using zoom or through in-person or hybrid meetings should facilities be available
- Staff will market the events as per the engagement methods identified in this document

Resources/Links (website)

- Staff will investigate and research relevant articles, information, videos, websites, associations, government websites, etc. and post to the City's website and provide links to these credible sources of information.
- City Staff, Council, and the Committee will be kept updated on information from a variety of sources that will add to our knowledge base on the APM Project and the nuclear industry.



Nuclear 2-Day Nuclear Symposium (In-person/virtual Sessions)

- Dates: Sept. 28 and 29, 2022
- Location: The Dryden Regional Training & Cultural Centre
 - [The Centre Online – Dryden Regional Training and Cultural Centre](#)
- Presentations (topics related to the project and nuclear industry)
- Trade show (allow booths to be set up to promote and present information)
- Live Streaming of Event
- Moderated Panel Discussion (Scheduled for the evening of September 28, 2022)
- Keynote Speaker and Theme
- Invitations will be extended to area stakeholders, groups in opposition, associations, and organizations, including, but not limited to the following:
 - Canadian Nuclear Safety Association
 - Impact Assessment Agency of Canada
 - NWMO
 - Canadian Environmental Law Association
 - Listing of Groups in Opposition
 - Posiva Solutions re Findland DGR
 - Council and City Staff
 - Provincial and Federal Representatives
 - Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation (WLON), Eagle Lake First Nation, Grand Council Treaty 3
 - Metis Association
 - Credible Subject Experts from a variety of backgrounds to speak to Topics of concern to the public and that will further their knowledge and understanding of the project and the Nuclear Industry
 - Recognize and Support National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.
 - Area Youth Groups and Stakeholders to encourage Participation
 - Local and Regional Media



- Advertise Event through media, website, social media, stakeholders groups, etc.
- Draft Media Releases, Program, Posters, social media and webpage brochures in consultation with the City's Communications Manager
- Post recordings of sessions and Symposium Activities

Accountability & Transparency

- Unless otherwise governed by legislation; information sessions, DNEEC meetings, presentations, videos, agendas, and minutes will be made available through a variety of mediums for public access. Should anyone request an alternative means to receive information, Staff will do its utmost to accommodate such requests.
- The terms of reference for the Dryden Nuclear Education and Engagement Committee provide direction with respect to its priority task to engage and educate the public with respect to the APM Project and how it relates and reports to Council.

Accessibility

The DNEEC will adhere and follow the [City of Dryden Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2018-2022](#) and its Statement of Commitment.

Conclusion

The Plan shall be updated as new processes, information and changes come forward and is considered a guideline and a living document that will be a reference to both the DNEEC, Council, and Staff as it fulfills the mandate under its Terms of Reference.



Appendices

1. Appendix 1 – Terms of Reference
2. Appendix 2 – Delegation Request Form

