

South Bruce CLC Meeting Minutes & Conclusion

Excerpts of References to Speakers who have a varied opinion of those of the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO)

07/24/2013

5. NWMO PRESENTATION: Paul Austin addressed the committee, stating that NWMO would be requesting time on each CLC agenda to give an update on activities and to provide information.

10/02/2013

4. NEW BUSINESS: David Wood sent an email late on Wednesday October 2nd to CAO Chambers recommending a list of speakers the CLC could consider for their meetings. The committee feels that a background check should be completed on potential speakers before they are invited to speak. Mayor Goetz feels that this should be dealt with similar to delegations at council. Funding will be available later from NWMO to get speakers to attend our meetings. The consensus of the group is to educate ourselves first before accepting speakers. The letter from David Wood has been noted and filed.

03/06/2014

5. CORRESPONDENCE: 5.1 CAO Chambers advised the SBCLC that she has been receiving emails from Northwatch advising of upcoming webinars and asked whether the committee would wish to have these emails forwarded to them. The committee instructed CAO Chambers to forward the emails on to the SBCLC as they are received.

06/05/2014

6.1 NWMO UPDATE A conversation regarding the environmental group Northwatch took place amongst the committee members, and delegation regulations for committee meetings were discussed. Sharon Chambers, CAO, Municipality of South Bruce, explained to the committee that the policy for delegations which states that no more

than three delegations are premitted per meeting at 15 minutes per delegation is applicable to the CLC.

**no indication is forthcoming that Northwatch webinars were ever viewed; they would have provided an alternate view.

03/05/2015

7.1 SPEAKERS PROGRAM During Phase Two, additional speakers will be invited, including those with alternative views from the NWMO. The speakers list will be developed as a partnership between NWMO and the CLC, and will attempt to bring a balanced range of those both in favour and opposed to the APM process and the proposed DGR. It was also noted that training will be available for such topics as working effectively with crowds and coping with large meeting settings. Following the Open House in April, NWMO staff aim to have six speakers present to the CLC over the next eight to ten months.

05/07/2015

9. COMMUNICATIONS: 9.1 Dennis Eickmeier, South Bruce Resident, Outlining Concerns Regarding a Deep Geological Repository for Nuclear Waste Jim Gowland thanked Mr. Eickmeier, who was in attendance at the meeting, for his letter. He noted that the members of the CLC volunteer their time to be part of the process of learning more about APM. He suggested that Mr. Eickmeier addressed some of the pros and cons of the APM process, and noted that there will be speakers in the future who may make presentations to the CLC about some of the topics noted.

06/04/2015

9.1 COMMUNICATIONS Julie Ireland noted that Brian's comments were received in response to an email requesting suggestions for topics and speakers for upcoming CLC meetings, and that Brian's response was the only one received at this time. Members were requested to forward their suggestions and requests as soon as possible.

11/05/2015

10. NEW BUSINESS 10.3 Presentations from Independent Sources (as requested by Vice-Chair Doug Culbert) ACTION ITEM: Julie Ireland was requested to circulate to the Committee a listing received from the Huron-Kinloss CLC of independent experts and researchers who could potentially provide presentations to the SBCLC in the future.

03/09/2017

7.1 Jim Gowland – Report on the International Conference related to Geological Repositories in Paris France Chair Gowland presented a report updating the South Bruce Community Liaison Committee based on attending the International Conference on Geological Repositories.

10/03/2019

4th Nuclear Waste Management, Decommissioning and Environmental Restoration (nwmder) Conference – verbal report CLC Chair Jim Gowland, Committee Member Mark Goetz, and CAO/Clerk Leanne Martin provided a verbal report related to the CNS Conference which was attended in September. The conference provided a continued opportunity to learn about the project and to meet the individuals who are experts in nuclear waste Management. (Ottawa, ON)

CONCLUSION

The findings of this report indicate that the South Bruce Community Liaison Committee (SBCLC) has not endeavoured to educate themselves in an unbiased manner. The speakers procured for educational purposes have been entirely one-sided, pro-deep geological repository (dgr). In the early days of the Committee there was some discussion of having presenters of an alternate viewpoint speak at the meetings, however after 2015 that was never mentioned again, per SBCLC minutes.

Of the 54 speakers who presented at SBCLC meeting, 94% (51/54) were staff members of the NWMO or were biased to a dgr; the remaining three speakers were impartial members of the federal regulatory body (Canadian Nuclear Safety Association).

Additionally, NWMO staff actively participated in 58/62 SBCLC meetings. They hold a standing agenda item, "NWMO Update." As noted in the meeting minutes on 07/24/2013 (the second meeting held by the SBCLC), the NWMO is clear about their intent to attend meetings to "give an update on activities and to provide information." The CLC is not given an opportunity to discuss findings or opinions at meetings without the NWMO sitting in. This appears to be an orchestrated effort to ensure the NWMO's narrative is front of mind.

As per Jim Gowland, SBCLC Chair, the SBCLC follows the same delegation by-laws as South Bruce Council. As such:

Delegations are requested to present from the desk directly in front of Council. It is important that Council and the members in audience can hear your comments. The by-laws also state that Delegations are limited to ten (10) minutes

<http://www.town.southbruce.on.ca/government/council/delegation-requests>)

This rule does not apply to anyone the SBCLC or NWMO wish to have present or give a report:

Notwithstanding Subsection 13, presentations such as consultants' reports or deputations which are made at the request of the Committee are not considered to be same as Delegations and not subject to the time limit. (BY-LAW NUMBER 2014-96 SCHEDULE A)

Throughout the minutes there is no indication that the majority of speakers were requested by the SBCLC; presenters appear on Agendas but no discussion or intent to

request their presence is noted at prior meetings, with a few exceptions. The SBCLC's "education" is based on biased presenters at the vast majority of meetings (82%), no speakers of a varied view have ever presented.

The information in this report shows the SBCLC has a clear bias to hosting the high-level nuclear waste deep geological repository and has no intent to consider any opposing views.