

Advisory Council to the
Nuclear Waste Management Organization

Record of Discussion: June 8, 2020 Meeting

Record of discussion of the meeting of the Advisory Council to the
Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) /
Société de gestion des déchets nucléaires (sgdn)

Convened via Videoconference,
commencing at 1:00 p.m. EDT on June 8, 2020

Advisory Council Members Present:

David Cameron, Council Chair
Donald Obonsawin, Vice Chair
Monica Gattinger
Sue Hartwig
Derek Lister
Dougal McCreath
Linda Thompson
Diane Kelly
Joseph Cavalancia
Dean Jacobs

NWMO Staff Present:

Laurie Swami	President and CEO (items 1-7)
Mahrez Ben Belfadhel	VP Site Selection (items 1-7)
Jo-Ann Facella	Strategic Advisor, Community Engagement & Well-Being (items 1-7)
Lisa Frizzell	VP Stakeholder Relations (items 1-7)
Joe Gaboury	Director, Indigenous Engagement (items 1-7)
Gillian Morris	Board Secretary (items 1-7)
Monica Kumar Dhoat	Assistant Board Secretary (1-7)
Sarah Hirschorn	Director, Geoscience (items 1-7)
Jamie Matear	Director, Municipal Engagement (items 1-7)
Doug Taylor	VP & General Counsel (items 1-7)
Bob Watts	VP, Indigenous Relations (items 1-7)
Allan Webster	Director, Regulatory Affairs & Environmental Assessment (items 1-7)
Derek Wilson	Chief Engineer & VP, Contract Management (items 1-7)

1. Constitution of Meeting / Approval of Agenda

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

The Chair provided an Indigenous territory acknowledgement.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting / Action Items

The draft minutes and in camera minutes from the May 8, 2020 meeting were reviewed and approved by Council members with the request of one addition to the minutes (*). The actions list was also provided.

3. President's Report

The President provided an update on NWMO's COVID-19 pandemic response. Ms. Swami reported on the following items:

- how NWMO staff are effectively and productively working from home and the various initiatives being taken to keep employees connected and ensure their well-being;
- plans for resuming work in the siting communities and the possible impacts to NWMO's overall schedule, which are not yet fully known;
- the status of NWMO's corporate objectives; and
- NWMO's plans for returning to its various offices and the considerations under review by management.

The Council discussed whether there might be long-term impacts to the way NWMO works (i.e. remote work) as a result of COVID-19.

Council discussed one item related to the President's report in camera.

4. Update on APM Site Selection & Partnership – COVID-19 Recovery (*In Camera*)

The Council discussed this item in camera.

5. Update on Implementation of the Regulatory Strategy

Staff updated the Council on ongoing activities to assess the impact of the pandemic on NWMO's regulatory strategy, including timelines and plan to design and implement baseline studies with the involvement of the communities in both siting areas.

A Council member requested and was given clarification on the regulatory process timelines.

6. Draft Transportation Planning Framework

The Council was provided with final draft of the Transportation Planning Framework which incorporated earlier feedback received from the Council and colleagues across the organization.

The Council recognized that its feedback on the document had been incorporated but had a few residual questions and comments on the document. Council members had a discussion related to conducting online engagement activities to gain public input on the document and how NWMO will ensure the adequacy and comprehensiveness of its engagement conducted in this manner. Staff reported on the successful engagement sessions on other topics recently held with online platforms.

7. Plan for Addressing Triennial Report Recommendations / Annual Tracking Matrix

The Council reviewed the draft plan for addressing the Council's recommendations in the 2017-2019 Triennial Report. The Council heard that a disposition table, including the completion date for each recommendation and a schedule showing progress, will be shared in coming meetings.

The Council suggested the addition of some wording on their Triennial Report recommendations (*).

The Chair declared the meeting terminated at 3:10 pm.

(*) indicates action items.

Dated the 21st day of September, 2020

David Cameron
Advisory Council Chair