

BOARD

March 30, 2023

Meeting No. 2023-2

**MINUTES
OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
NUCLEAR WASTE MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION (NWMO) /
SOCIÉTÉ DE GESTION DES DÉCHETS NUCLÉAIRES (SGDN)**

**convened in Toronto, ON
on March 30, 2023
commencing at 9:00 a.m. EDT**

Present

Glenn Jager	Chair
Lesley Gallinger	Director
Sean Granville	Director (virtual)
Jason Nouwens	Director
Ron Jamieson	Director
Subo Sinnathamby	Director
Beth Summers	Director
Laurie Swami	Director, President & CEO

Staff in attendance:

Chris Boyle	VP & Chief Engineer (items 4-11)
Lisa Frizzell	VP, Communications (items 4-11)
Monica Kumar Dhoat	Manager, Board Services (items 1-11)
Lise Morton	VP, Site Selection (items 4-11)
Jeff Quick	Interim Chief Financial & Risk Officer (items 4-11)
Jennifer Spragge	VP Human Resources & Chief Ethics Officer (items 1-11)
Doug Taylor	VP & General Counsel & Board Secretary (items 1-11)
Bob Watts	VP Indigenous Relations & Strategic Programs (items 4-11)
Allan Webster	VP, Regulatory Approvals (items 4-11)
Derek Wilson	Chief Operating Officer (items 4-11)

Guest:

David Cameron	Chair, NWMO Advisory Council (item 9)
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1. Constitution of Meeting / Approval of Agenda

Notice of the meeting having been given to all of the Directors of the Company in accordance with the by-laws and a quorum being present, the Chair declared the meeting duly constituted for the transaction of business and called the meeting to order at 9:00 am EDT. The agenda was approved as written.

The Chair provided introductory remarks and an Indigenous Land Acknowledgement.

2. Consent Agenda (In Camera)

The Board reviewed and approved the Consent agenda *in camera*.

3. Report from the Human Resources, Compensation & Governance Committee (HRCG) Meeting (In Camera)

The HRCG Committee Chair reported on key discussions *in camera*.

4. Safety Moment

The remaining Officers of the Corporation joined the meeting and were asked if they had any conflicts of interest or related party transactions to report – none were declared.

A safety moment was provided on the importance of having a bias for action if you become aware of concerning situations.

5. President's Update (*In Camera*)

The President provided the Directors with an update on recent activities *in camera*.

6. Report from the Siting Committee

The Siting Committee Chair reported on some of the key Committee discussions related to:

- An update on how NWMO is advancing engagement in the potential siting communities and regions.
- NWMO's commitment to contribute to Reconciliation and the great work with the Council of Knowledge Holders (the Council) and Indigenous communities in the siting regions to empower corporate Canada to work with Indigenous peoples and communities in new ways.

The Board discussed the valued advice provided to NWMO and the Board by the Council and agreed to publicly acknowledge this significant contribution to the work of the NWMO with the following motion:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Whereas the Council of Knowledge Holders (the Council) have guided and advised the NWMO for many years;

And Whereas, the Board of Directors of the NWMO highly values it's relationship with the Council;

Therefore BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors hereby thanks the Council for all of its efforts to guide NWMO's relationship with Indigenous peoples and develop significant NWMO policies including the Reconciliation Policy and the Indigenous Knowledge Policy;

And Further; the Board of Directors honours the independent nature of the Council and looks forward to strengthening and deepening the relationship between the Council and the Board of Directors.

The motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed

The Siting Committee Chair also reported on some *in camera* discussions.

7. Report from the AFR Committee

The AFR Committee Chair reported on the Committee discussions including:

- An update from the Pension Management Committee and the pension plan financial statements.
- The financial results for the two months ending February 28, 2023.
- The annual full review of business risks.
- A review of the draft annual report of Directors to the Members.
- An update from the Internal Auditor.

The AFR Committee Chair also reported on an *in camera* discussion.

8. Report from the Project Oversight Committee Meeting

The Chair of the Project Oversight Committee reported on the following discussions at the Committee meeting:

- An overview of the health, safety and environment activities for 2022.
- An update on the regulatory decision making process highlighting the interfaces with the lead agencies and noting the success of the Regulatory Day at the NWMO Oakville facility.
- The Committee discussed the CNSC Reg Doc 1.2.3 *Licence Application Guide: Licence to Prepare Site for a Deep Geological Repository* which has been issued for comment.
- A presentation was made on the geoscience work that has been completed to-date to support the development of the confidence in safety reports for both siting areas, as well as the next phase of geoscience work that is planned for the detailed site characterization at the selected site, starting in 2025.

The Committee Chair reported on several *in camera* discussions.

9. Advisory Council Chair's Report

The Chair of the Advisory Council reported the discussions at the meeting held on March 27, 2023 including the following:

- An update on how NWMO is advancing engagement in the potential siting communities.
- The preparations underway for the regulatory decision making process.
- An update on NWMO's technical program.
- An update on the Integrated Strategy for Radioactive Waste (ISRW).
- A report on NWMO's continuing efforts to build awareness of the potential socio-economic benefits and effects and to build community capacity for their involvement during the next phase of implementation of the Project.
- The continued work to prioritize NWMO's relationship to water and the commitments to water protection through a Water Statement which is in the early stages of development.

The Chair also reported on some *in camera* discussions.

10. Legal Update (*In Camera*)

The Board was updated on key legal developments *in camera*.

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11. Experiential Opportunities

The Board discussed the events identified for Board participation outside of the Board cycle for 2023. Directors were asked to provide Management with expressions of interest (*).

12. In Camera Session

The Board held an *in-camera* session.

Conclusion of Meeting

There being no other business, the Chair declared the meeting terminated at 11:33 am.

* Denotes actions to be taken.



Glenn Jager
Chair



Doug Taylor
Board Secretary