

Nuclear Waste Watch Steering Committee Meeting

Minutes - August 24, 2005

Attendance: Dave Martin (Greenpeace), Ziggy Kleinau (Citizens for Renewable Energy), Marion Odell (International Institute of Concern for Public Health), Brennain Lloyd (Northwatch); Gordon Edwards (Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility)

Regrets: Shirley Farlinger (Voice of Women)

Minutes: Dave Martin

Agenda

1. Status report - Gordon's paper: *Following the Path Backward*
2. September 15/16 events (NWW Steering committee meeting; meeting with NWMO Advisory Committee; news conference; Trudeau Foundation/SCC Roundtable)
3. Responding to "Choosing a Way Forward"
4. Transportation Campaign
5. November 15th lobby day
6. Energy Vision and Ontario Environment Network meetings
7. Next Meeting

1. Status report - Gordon's paper: *Following the Path Backward*

Discussion:

- Gordon is still working on the executive summary, preface and conclusion and translation is underway
- he expects to have it finished and distributed by Sunday August 28.
- Gordon still needs help with footnotes
- plan is still to release Gordon's report at Toronto news conference on September 15th (see below)

2. September 15/16 events (NWW Steering committee meeting; meeting with NWMO Advisory Committee; news conference; Trudeau Foundation/SCC Roundtable)

Discussion:

Dave Martin confirmed that the NWMO Advisory Committee is meeting in Toronto on September 15 and the Queen's Park media room is confirmed for Thursday September 15h, 11:00 a.m.

Assuming that we can have a one-hour meeting with the advisory committee, that would leave about 2 or 3 hours for an NWW steering committee meeting. That will take place at the Greenpeace office, 250 Dundas St W, Suite 605 (one block W of University, on N side of Dundas, St. Patrick subway stop)

Brennain noted that if Graham Simpson is not able to attend, several other people from Saskatchewan might be able to come: Jan Norris, Jim or Marion Penna, or Randy Fleming. Brennain also noted that Dave Plummer might be an alternative if Dave Taylor is unable to attend from Manitoba.

The news conference needs to have some focus on Ontario because of the Queen's Park studio rules -- so we could tie in the McGuinty government's plans for new nukes as well as the fact that Ontario is liable to be the destination for waste from Quebec and New Brunswick. Up to four people can be on a panel, and 10 people can attend in the room.

The Trudeau Foundation and Sierra Club are sponsoring a "roundtable discussion" on the evening of September 15th and all day Friday September 16th.

Action: On behalf of the NWW Steering Committee, Dave M. will ask the NWMO Advisory Committee for a one-hour meeting on the afternoon of September 15th.

Action: Dave will draft a news release for September 15th by September 2nd

Action: Those who have not done so should register to attend the Trudeau Foundation/Sierra Club roundtable deadline is August 31

Action: Gordon will contact Graham Simpson and Michel Fugere to see if they can come. Dave will contact Daniel Leblanc and Walt Robbins. [who was contacting Dave Taylor?]

3. Responses to "Choosing a Way Forward"

Discussion:

Many groups and individuals will be submitting responses to "Choosing a Way Forward" by the August 31st deadline.

We should ensure that our basic positions are in line. It was agreed that the NWW position statement may need revision.

Action: everyone will look at the NWW position statement and make comment by September 1st.

4. Transportation Campaign

Discussion:

Dave discussed the possibility of a transportation campaign approaching a limited number of municipalities on possible transportation routes, providing background material and a draft resolution. Brennain suggested putting together a map (graphic image important) and thought that Barrie might be a good candidate (junction of highways 11 and 69). Dave also suggested Kingston. It was thought that smaller communities might be a good place to start.

5. November 15th lobby day

Discussion:

We should probably not worry too much about having the lobby day specifically on the 15th, but rather we should identify the best day (days?) during the week.

We still need to see if the Greenpeace and/or Sierra Club could provide interns to help organize this.

As well as individual lobbying meetings, we could explore the possibility of caucus briefings, or a non-partisan breakfast meeting on the Hill (\$\$?). Brennain suggested a possible meeting with the northern Ontario Liberal caucus.

Action: Dave will check with Greenpeace and Sierra to see who could do what to get the ball rolling.

6. Energy Vision and Ontario Environment Network meetings

MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:

Energy Vision, a new network of energy groups in Ontario, will be holding a *Teach-In* on evening of September 30, and all day October 1st. It will focus on energy alternatives and building a green energy future for Ontario, but there will also be a session on radioactive waste at it. Plan on attending. You must register in advance.

Registration: <greenenergyvisionforontario@yahoo.ca>

Greenpeace Canada is also organizing a training session on non-violent direct action (civil- disobedience) on Sunday, October 2nd. If you're interested, let us know.

The Ontario Environment Network Meeting is having its annual meeting on October 21, 22 & 23. There has been tentative discussion on whether to have the meeting focus on nuclear issues - specifically the Ontario government's refurbishment of old nuclear plant and their recent commitment to build new ones. The NWMO proposal for long-term radioactive waste management could be another major focus of the event.

7. Next Meeting

Telephone conference call.
Wednesday September 11
9:00 a.m. SHARP

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