

Deep Geologic Repository for Low and Intermediate Level Radioactive Waste Project

*Meeting between the Honourable Catherine McKenna, M.P., P.C. and
Representatives of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation*

On June 12, 2018, in response to a request from Chief Greg Nadjiwon of the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation and Chief Lester Anoquot of the Chippewas of Saugeen First Nation, Minister McKenna met with representatives from the Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON) to receive an update on the status of their Community Consultation Process. A list of the participants at the meeting is provided in Annex A. The following provides an overview of the meeting to ensure that all participants in the review process are aware of the discussion that occurred.

- The SON provided a descriptive summary of the activities that have been undertaken to date as part of their Community Consultation process.
- The SON noted that leadership meets with Ontario Power Generation (OPG) on a regular basis.
- The SON indicated that the goal of the Community Consultation Process is to allow their communities to make an informed decision on whether they can support the proposed Project. This involves understanding and discussing nuclear issues in a holistic manner, including issues relating to legacy concerns, existing operating facilities and the Nuclear Waste Management Organization's process for addressing high level radioactive waste.
- The SON identified the Community Consultation Process as having four phases that were described as follows:

PHASE I

- Key activities include rolling out the process for making decisions:
 - Development of the consultation process with the members of the SON communities;
 - Development of a poster series to provide information to the community members on issues of concern;
 - Training of community members to lead consultation meetings within their communities; and
 - Completion of a "water walk" of the perimeter of the SON's traditional territory, over 700 km.

PHASE II

- Key activities include improving the communities' technical understanding of the issues:
 - A community conference entitled "Noojimo'iwewin Anishnaabeking: Healing our Lands, Water, and People - Conference on Stewardship & Nuclear Issues" was held to inform and educate community members on the technical aspects of nuclear waste management. The conference brought together western science and traditional ways of knowing;
 - Working groups (for example, with elders and youth) were formed to discuss key issues; and
 - OPG participation in recent working group meetings.
- Upcoming activities that are planned include:
 - Creation of a website portal to allow for ongoing information sharing with community members;
 - Engaging youth through traditional activities;
 - Outreach to community members living off-reserve; and

- Personalized door-to-door outreach of community members.

PHASE III

- This phase will include developing options and solutions

PHASE IV

- At the conclusion of the consultation process, the SON community will make an informed decision regarding whether they will support the development of the Project in their traditional territory.
- The SON noted that the consultation process will continue to progress at the pace of the community.
- The SON offered to provide updates more frequently than the current biannual schedule, and the Minister accepted this offer.

Annex 1: List of Participants

The Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, M.P., P.C.
Chief Greg Nadjiwon, Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation
Chief Lester Anoquot, Chippewas of Saugeen First Nation
Councilor Carlene Keeshig
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Councilor Joss-Anne Russell
Ms. Brittany Jones
Mr. Randall Kahgee
Mr. Alex Monem, Legal Counsel, Saugeen Ojibway Nation
Mr. Marlo Reynolds, Chief of Staff for Minister McKenna
Mr. Kurt Saunders, Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
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