



Executive Committee Agenda

Thursday, February 16, 2017
Council Chambers
County Administration Centre, Walkerton

1. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

2. Action Items

A. Expressions of Support for Deep Geologic Repository (DGR) (attached)

3. Closed Meeting

A. Minutes for Approval - February 2, 2017

B. That the Committee move into a closed meeting to discuss County Grant Procedure, pursuant to Section 239. (2) (b) of the Municipal Act, personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

4. Rise and Report

5. Next Meeting

March 2, 2017

6. Adjournment



Committee Report

To: Warden Mitch Twolan
Members of the Executive Committee

From: Kelley Coulter,
Chief Administrative Officer

Date: February 16, 2017

Re: Expressions of Support for Deep Geologic Repository (DGR)

RECOMMENDATION:

That a letter be submitted under the Warden's signature to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) in support of the Deep Geologic Repository project.

BACKGROUND:

The County has previously submitted letters of support for Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) proposed Deep Geologic Repository (DGR).

The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) is seeking public comments on the additional information submitted by the proponent, Ontario Power Generation, for the proposed Deep Geologic Repository Project for Low and Intermediate Level Radioactive Waste in Kincardine.

In December, 2016 OPG submitted three studies, as requested by the federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency.

To obtain the public's perspective and input on the reports, the CEAA opened up a 30-day public comment period that will end on February 17, 2017. Comments received will be taken into consideration by the Agency in its analysis and technical review of the additional information.

The Agency will prepare a draft report containing its analysis of the additional information and the comments received. The public will be invited to review and comment on the Agency's report at a future date.

FINANCIAL/STAFFING/LEGAL/IT CONSIDERATIONS:

There is no financial, staffing, legal or IT considerations associated with this report.



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INTERDEPARTMENTAL CONSULTATION:

There was no interdepartmental consultation.

LINK TO STRATEGIC GOALS AND ELEMENTS:

None identified.

Approved by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kelley Coulter', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Kelley Coulter
Chief Administrative Officer



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Comments on Response to Information Requested from the Minister of
Environment and Climate Change

I am writing on behalf of Bruce County to comment on the recent reports submitted by the Ontario Power Generation (OPG) in response to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency's request for additional information for the Deep Geologic Repository (DGR) for Low and Intermediate Level Radioactive Waste.

The County of Bruce was reassured that OPG conducted an evidence-based study in relation to relocation of the DGR off-site from the Bruce Nuclear site. The County is not equipped to comment on incremental effects to air quality, or vegetation and wildlife through a new site. However, the County can concur with the assessment that the additional road shipments and resulting increased emissions will be substantive over a 30-year period and support the assessment of increased costs in excess of \$1.0B. Equally the suggested incremental conventional transportation risks of 3 to 69 road collisions is supportable.

The County of Bruce has worked with OPG for decades. The Bruce Power Nuclear Site has been functioning since the early 1970s and the site is part of our County fabric.

OPG are a valued and environmentally responsible corporate citizen in the County. They consistently place their environmental stewardship duties as the highest priority. The County has no concerns that the DGR project and its ongoing maintenance would not be addressed with the same elevated duty of care.



The County of Bruce welcomed the Mitigation Measures Report 00216-REP-07701-00019, dated December of 2016. The report is measured and thorough. The County was reassured by the extensive commitment management of OPG, to assure that the DGR does not cause significant adverse environmental effects. It is worth noting that all activities will be bound by the CNSC and other regulatory bodies within tightly prescribed regulatory requirements. Continuing in the area of commitments and mitigations, OPG outlined that they will continue to support and develop the pre-existing relationship with the Indigenous people of Bruce County.

A review has been conducted on the extensive list of mitigation and monitoring commitments. Tables 3-1 through 3-10 were reviewed and the County is satisfied with the mitigations factors outlined and the actions to be taken should the condition arise.

In closing, on behalf of Bruce County Council, I am expressing our continued support for OPG and their DGR project for Low and Intermediate level waste at the Bruce Nuclear Site.

Sincerely,

Mitchell Twolan
Warden