

#### **Executive Committee Minutes**

# February 20, 2020 Council Chambers County Administration Centre, Walkerton

Present Mitch Twolan, Warden Steve Hammell, Councillor

Robert Buckle, Councillor

Luke Charbonneau, Councillor

Anne Eadie, Councillor

Chris Peabody, Councillor

Staff Acting CAO Bettyanne Cobean Donna Van Wyck, Clerk

Darlene Batte, Deputy Clerk

#### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:57 a.m.

# 2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

## 3. Action Items

## a. Notice of Motion - Deep Geologic Repository (DGR)

Letters and communications were received from the public related to the Notice of Motion - Deep Geologic Repository.

Moved by Councillor Luke Charbonneau Seconded by Councillor Anne Eadie

Whereas, there is an apparent, international consensus among agencies tasked with overseeing the global nuclear industry that the long-term storage of nuclear waste materials should take place in a state of passive isolation and that this state is best achieved in a deep geological repository (DGR);

And whereas, in many countries, where nuclear programs exist, governments have decided that DGRs will play a role in the long-term storage of nuclear waste materials;

And whereas, there is general consensus among international experts on how to engineer and construct a safe and effective DGR for the longterm storage of nuclear waste materials;

And whereas, in the effort to reduce carbon emissions and fight global climate change, it is absolutely necessary for Canada to continue and expand our use of nuclear power as a carbon neutral energy source;

And whereas, the waste material, produced by the needed continuation and expansion of nuclear power in Canada, will require storage in passive isolation in accordance with the international consensus described above.

Now therefore, the County of Bruce affirms its view that the necessity for and effectiveness of DGRs, for the storage of used nuclear materials, is a matter of settled science;

And further that, the County of Bruce expresses its continuing support for Canada's plan for the safe, long-term storage of nuclear waste materials;

And further that, the County of Bruce encourages the government of Canada and the agencies tasked with managing Canada's nuclear waste materials to advance the siting and construction of DGRs in Canada in accordance with the Adaptive Phased Management approach that has been adopted by the Nuclear Waste Management Organization;

And further that, Council directs that this resolution should be circulated to the Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; the Hon. Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change; Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; Jeff Yurek, Ontario Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks; Greg Rickford, Ontario Minister or Energy; Wayne Robbins, NWMO Chair; Wendy Kei, OPG Chair; all Ontario municipalities, through the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Moved by Councillor Janice Jackson Seconded by Councillor Chris Peabody

That the resolution regarding the Deep Geologic Repository be deferred; and,

That a staff report be prepared and brought to the Committee to include further information regarding Deep Geologic Repositories (DGR).

Carried

## b. Organizational Review 2020

Moved by Councillor Milt McIver Seconded by Councillor Robert Buckle

That the Organizational Review approved in the 2020 budget be deferred and be reconsidered for advancement in 2021.

Carried

#### 4. Information Item

The following report was received for information:

a. Status of Director Referrals - Brucelea Haven

### 5. Act on Recommendations

Moved by Councillor Anne Eadie Seconded by Councillor Robert Buckle

That in accordance with the Procedure by-law, staff be authorized and directed to give effect to the actions of the Executive Committee in respect of all resolutions passed during the February 20, 2020 meeting.

Carried

# 6. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will take place on March 5, 2020 in the Council Chambers, County Administration Centre, Walkerton, Ontario.

# 7. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Steve Hammell Seconded by Councillor Milt McIver

That the meeting of the Executive Committee adjourn at 10:43 a.m.

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Warden Mitch Twolan, Chair

**Executive Committee**