

MEMORANDUM

TO: Greg Wilson, Mayor City of Dryden, Roger Nesbitt, CAO City of Dryden, Colleen Brosseau, Special Projects, and Communications Manager City of Dryden

FROM: Mac Potter, Partnership Manager, NWMO

CC: Bill Gascon, Site Director NWMO, Lise Morton, VP Site Selection NWMO

DATE: May 17, 2022

RE: Significant Neighboring Community Definition

Background

On September 27th, 2021 the City of Dryden ("**Dryden**") ratified the *Terms of Reference for the Nuclear Waste management Organization and the City of Dryden Significant Neighboring Community Partnership Working Group* (the "**ToR**").

The ToR affirmed that Dryden is a significant neighboring community that may receive benefits and be impacted due to the Adaptive Phased Management ("**APM**") site selection process and potential siting of a deep geological repository ("**DGR**").

In the ToR, the NWMO and Dryden agreed to develop a collaborative and mutually agreeable approach to the implications of Dryden being considered a "significant neighbouring community" to aid and inform future funding considerations, and commercial opportunities.

This memorandum is intended to address certain implications for Dryden. It does not constitute Dryden's support for the DGR or NWMO's selection of Ignace as a final host community. Capitalized terms in this memorandum have the same meaning as in the ToR.

Significant Neighboring Community

For the purposes of this memorandum and the approach taken by the NWMO to issues impacting Dryden, it is agreed that the phrase "Significant Neighbouring Community" means a geographically close municipality whose importance for the DGR should be recognized in an agreement setting out that importance, recognizing the potential impacts of the DGR with respect to Dryden, and seeking to address those impacts.

The NWMO will be required to undertake certain studies to characterize health, social, economic, and/or environmental effects as part of the impact assessment process following site selection. If the Revell location is selected, Dryden will be included in such studies as required by the impact assessment process. The scope and scale of studies required as part of the impact assessment process will be refined as part of detailed site characterization.

As a Significant Neighboring Community, Dryden would endeavor to:

1. Remain an active, engaged community with the NWMO respecting the DGR;

2. Provide NWMO the results of any DGR-related studies, or pertinent planning documents once public, or unless agreed otherwise to by Dryden;
3. Discuss community capacity building, community engagement, community studies, ongoing baseline work and partnership development with NWMO;
4. Evaluate and undertake Dryden community-specific baseline studies in advance of the formal impact assessment process to identify mitigation measures to minimize adverse effects, and improve community well-being;
5. Support continued development of those studies undertaken by Dryden and funded by NWMO; and,
6. Enter discussions towards a benefits agreement in respect of the DGR ("**Benefits Agreement**"). A Benefits Agreement would support collaboration throughout the development of the APM Project, the impact assessment process and support long term operational goals.

Dryden and NWMO acknowledge that discussions towards or development of any such Benefits Agreement does not constitute Dryden's support for the DGR or NWMO's selection of Ignace as a final host community.

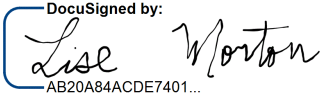
Both parties acknowledge that Dryden will be impacted by the DGR if NWMO selects the northwest location. The Benefits Agreement would seek to address any increased pressure on municipal resources from the likely influx of employees, contractors and commercial entities deciding to locate in Dryden, minimize adverse effects felt in Dryden, and improve community well-being.

A Benefits Agreement would seek to address certain principles and topics that are important to Dryden including, but not limited to:

1. Community Safety and Well-being: To demonstrate safety for our people, the community and the environment and to protect and improve the safety and well-being of the community and its residents. Protect our quality of life by championing environmental stewardship, protecting our natural beauty and our access to nature.
2. Infrastructure: To maintain and strengthen our community's infrastructure and municipal service delivery to maximize our opportunity for growth.
3. Fiscal Sustainability: To provide ongoing, sustainable funding and taxation.
4. Economic and Investment Diversity: To support local businesses while promoting diversified development opportunities and provide supports for workforce development.
5. Communications and Our People: To engage our residents with meaningful, factual, respectful and transparent communications.
6. Community Diversity and Inclusion: To support a diverse and inclusive workforce, economy, and community. Acknowledge the importance of Dryden's, the area's and Treaty 3's cultural relevance and work to celebrate this rich and historically significant culture.
7. Potential collaboration on shared priorities, such as joint environmental or regulatory reviews, where multiple parties agree to do so in the future.

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Acknowledged and agreed this ____ day of _____, 2022.

City of Dryden

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