

Energy Vision Meeting

Minutes - September 7, 2005

(At the office of the Canadian Environmental Law Association)

Attendance: Jack Gibbons (Ontario Clean Air Alliance); Keith Stewart (Toronto Environmental Alliance); Melinda Zytaruk (OSEA), Dorothy Goldin Rosenberg, Shirley Farlinger (Voice of Women); Theresa McClenaghan (Canadian Environmental Law Association); Vanessa Heeney; Dave Martin (Greenpeace Canada)

On the Phone: Brennain Lloyd (Northwatch), Ziggy Kleinau (CFRE), Brennain Lloyd (Northwatch); Marion Odell (IICPH)

Regrets – Jose Etcheverry (DSF); Christine Elwell

1. Teach-In report

The Teach-In is going well

Funding confirmed from Greenpeace (\$2000) and David Suzuki Foundation (\$2000) and International Institute of Concern for Public Health (\$500). A proposal for \$2000 to the Climate Action Network is expected to be supported (Keith will do a workshop on COP 11)

Ralph Torrie has been confirmed as keynoted speaker.

The line-up for workshops is nearly complete and we just need to finalize the schedule for the day and the logistics. The promo leaflet will be updated with our new logo, names and workshops, and put out as a PDF.

The next meeting of the Teach-In committee will be on Monday September 19 at 3:00 pm at Greenpeace (250 Dundas W #605)

There will be a Teach-In Logistics Meeting Tuesday September 20 7:00 p.m. at Greenpeace. Be prompt, because the downstairs door is locked. I will hang out for 10 minutes 6:50 to 7:00. If you are late (please don't be) call me on my cell at 416-627-5004 - Dave M.

We need volunteers to attend the logistics meeting - please provide one or two people.

Teach-In to be held at the Native Canadian Centre, 16 Spadina Road (north of Bloor).

Context is phase-out of both coal and nuclear.

2. Ontario Power Authority

2a) posting collecting of submissions

Many groups made submissions by the August 26 deadline. OPA is expected to post them. This should allow us to make an evaluation and see how many support green energy. OCAA or Greenpeace may undertake this.

Action Item: Jack and Dave will check with OPA to confirm that they are posting all submissions and by when, and will advise the Energy Vision list.

2b) What to do between now and December 1st?

The OPA will make a recommendation to the Minister by December 1st. They will probably do a range of options, which will eventually lead to a reference by the Minister to the Ontario Energy Board.

- an analysis of the OPA supply/mix submissions could be the basis of a good news release
- The Energy Vision Teach-In Sept 30/Oct 1 will be a big opportunity
- The Ontario Environment Network meeting will focus on nuclear power: October 21, 22, & 23 in Jackson's Point
 - OSEA's conference is October 15th (Melinda has circulated registration info) and CANWEA's conference is October 16th.
- we need to mobilize grass-roots support for green energy future
- OCAA will do a report calling for a 60% renewable future by 2020, and will do a leaflet for insertion in Canadian Geographic in October (the leaflet will be ready for the Teach-In.
- Greenpeace is also doing a leaflet for mass distribution

Jack believes that they will be having meetings in the week of September 19.

- Substance of our messaging to Ministers and government should be:
 - Aggressive renewables,
 - Diverse generation and supply mix
 - Major conservation approach
 - No new nuclear
 - Strategy to implement the Pembina / CELA report

If we want a debate on new nuclear power, we have to create it. Public does not know we are in middle of a debate on new nuclear power in Ontario. We must push for a public debate on new nuclear.

- Focus of our efforts should be on Dwight Duncan, the Premier, Greg Sorbara by our organizations
- We should encourage our memberships to talk to MPPs and riding associations
- We should be focussing on health effects to counter the “clean air”, “safe” and “cheap” advocacy by nuclear proponents.

ACTION ITEM – Media Event for early October, re new nuclear and the need for a public debate. Follow up by Theresa at CELa, Keith at TEA, and Alex at IICPH.
{Maybe can incorporate the “Nanticoke Nuke” story... TAM.}

It was noted that the Nuclear Waste Watch press conference is 11 am Thursday Sept. 15th.
{P.S. If you are not part of Nuclear Waste Watch and want to be, please advise Shawn-Patrick Stencil of Greenpeace to be added to that list serve.}

2c) Objecting to the Process

It was agreed that the bad process is a major problem. (short timeline, poor consultation, inadequate notice, no discussion document or proposal on the table, etc.). However, this is mainly an issue to communicate to the government. For the public, we should focus on the substantive issues.

The Greenpeace OPA submission critiques the process.

2d) Responding to Duncan as reported in the Star

Dave talked to Rick Brennan who wrote the article (Rick Brennan, “Nuclear plants needed: Duncan”, *Toronto Star*, August 20, 2005, pp. A1 & A21). He paraphrased Duncan as saying that it was not a matter of “if” new nuclear plants were built, but “when”. This seems to indicate that the government’s position is hardening in support of nuclear power,

Jack feels that the Star report was exaggerated and that the government position remains the same - nuclear power has just not been ruled out.

3. Energy Vision structure

Albert’s proposal on structure at the last meeting was OK with everybody.

4. Updates & Other business:

Melinda: OSEA is having its AGM same day as Teach-In; IESO is starting an advisory board with various slots, including 1 environmental group representative.

Minister of Energy will be announcing a community power innovation fund and training program.

Independent Electricity System Operator is taking nominations to their Board and has an environmental category.

Jack: new report and pamphlet (for Teach-In) (in Canadian Geographic in October) focusing on 100% renewable system. Jack is also applying for environmental rep on IESO advisory committee.

Keith: Toronto Atmospheric Fund is kick starting the City of Toronto's green power purchase program

Next four months are very busy on the climate change file; Canada hosts the next international meeting – what happens after Kyoto (after 2012)

Shirley: Has prepared a gender analysis of the nuclear industry poster

Dave: Greenpeace has launched an international cyber-action on Paul Martin (re COP 11 and the Montreal event)

Ziggy: CFRE is actively lobbying the Minister to look closer at solar, photovoltaics etc., and is disseminating recent reports from UK and elsewhere

Port Hope submissions re EA on slightly enriched uranium have been prepared – Shirley agreed to present them to the CNSC as Ziggy will be away.

The Auditor General, Commissioner for Sustainable Development will be releasing her annual report September 29th; on Sept. 30th CELA, CFRE, TEA, IICPH and any others wishing to sign on will release a press release in response as she will be following up on Ziggy's petition re the Nuclear Liability Act and the broken commitments to date.

New Internationalist current issue focuses on nuclear.

Marion: IICPH is working with organization in New York re schools situated over nuclear and chemical waste dumps.

IICPH will circulate a response from Rosalie Bertell re fluoride.

Brennain: CNSC fall deadlines – doing written submissions, Uranium refinery increase production; Elliot Lake Rio-Algom application for indefinite licence;

Northwatch continuing to organize transport of nuclear waste resolutions by municipal councils, aiming for November 15th deadline per NWMO report.

CELA: The Canadian Children's Health Partnership primer on children's environmental health and the City of Toronto Public Health Report on children's health being released together on September 15th. (P.S. Theresa will bring copies of the Primer to the next Energy Vision meeting; any others wanting them please advise and we can mail them.)

5. Next Meeting

Date: Thursday October 6, 2005

Time: 2:00 p.m to 4:00 p.m.

Host: Jose Etcheverry, David Suzuki Foundation

Place: 401 Richmond Street, Suite 401

(SE corner of Richmond and Spadina)

PHONE-IN INFO - check with Jose at 416-977-7290