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**CITY OF ROGERS CITY**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-118**

**Resolution of the City of Rogers City, Michigan Opposing the Construction of a Nuclear Waste Repository in the Great Lakes Basin**

**A motion was made by Council Member McLennan, seconded by Council Member Nowak, to approve the following resolution:**

**WHEREAS** Ontario Power Generation is proposing to construct an underground, long-term burial facility for all of Ontario's low and intermediate level radioactive nuclear waste, some of which is highly radioactive and will remain toxic for over 100,000 years, at the Bruce Nuclear Generating Station, which is approximately one half mile inland from the shore of Lake Huron and about 1,200 feet below the lake level, and;

**WHEREAS** water is Canada's most important resource and should be protected and managed prudently, and;

**WHEREAS** the Great Lakes are an irreplaceable natural resource, containing 21% of the world's, and 95% of North America's, fresh water, vital to human and environmental health, and;

**WHEREAS** the Great Lakes are vital to the economic and agricultural well-being of both Canada and the United States of America, and;

**WHEREAS** Lake Huron and the connecting waters, including Lake St. Clair, are a source of drinking water for millions of people downstream in Canada, the United States of America, and First Nations, and;

**WHEREAS** concern has been expressed by individuals, citizens, environmental groups, municipalities, and counties in both Canada and the United States, and;

**WHEREAS** under the *2012 Protocol Amending the Agreement Between Canada and the United States of America on Great Lakes Water Quality*, the governments of Canada and the United States acknowledge the importance of anticipating, preventing, and responding to threats to the waters of the Great Lakes, and;

**WHEREAS** the Governments of Canada and the United States share a responsibility and an obligation to protect the Great Lakes from contamination from various sources of pollution, including the leakage of nuclear waste from an underground nuclear waste repository, and;

**WHEREAS** placing a permanent nuclear waste burial facility so close to the Great Lakes is ill-advised, as the potential damage to the Great Lakes from any leak or breach of radioactivity far outweighs any suggested economic benefit that might be derived from burying radioactive nuclear waste at this site, and the ecology of the Great Lakes, valuable beyond measure to the health and economic well-being of the entire region, should not be placed at risk by storing radioactive nuclear waste underground so close to the shoreline;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Rogers City, in order to protect the Great Lakes and its tributaries, urges that neither this proposed nuclear waste repository at the Bruce Nuclear Generating Station nor any other underground nuclear waste repository be constructed in the Great Lakes Basin, in Canada, the United States, or any First Nation property, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of Rogers City urges the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario to reject Ontario Power Generation's proposal to bury radioactive nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin, and encourages all parties to continue to seek viable alternatives, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be provided to Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne, Canada's Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Canada's Federal Minister of the Environment Leona Aglukkaq, U.S. Senators Levin and Stabenow, U.S. Representative Benishek, Governor Snyder, State Representative Pettalia, and State Senator Walker, as well as Joint Review Panel Deep Geological Repository for Low and Intermediate Level Radioactive Waste Case Reference Number 17520, Panel Co-Manager, Ms. Debra Myles, all Members of Ontario's Provincial Parliament and all Members of Canada's Parliament.

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

I, Terri L. Koss, duly appointed and acting City Clerk/Treasurer for the City of Rogers City, Michigan, do hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Rogers City City Council at their regular meeting of August 19, 2014.

Dated: August 28, 2014

original signed by

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Terri L. Koss  
City Clerk/Treasurer