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November 4, 2015

The Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1P 0A2

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:

Re: Council's Resolution No. 2015-11-01  
Great Lakes Radioactive Nuclear Waste Dump

At our Regular Meeting of Council held on October 27, 2015, Council passed Resolution No. 2015-11-01 as it relates to the proposed Great Lakes Radioactive Nuclear Waste Dump proposed for Kincardine, Ontario.

Resolution No. 2015-11-01

WHEREAS Ontario Power Generation (OPG) is proposing to construct a deep geologic repository (DGR), which is an underground long-term burial facility at the Bruce Nuclear Generating Station site in Kincardine, Ontario Canada, and bury and abandon in the DGR all of Ontario's' low and intermediate level radioactive nuclear waste, some of which remains highly radioactive and toxic for over 100,000 years. The proposed site is approximately (1) one kilometre inland from the shore of Lake Huron and about 400 metres below the lake level; and,

WHEREAS Ontario Power Generation did not consider or evaluate any other actual sites for the location of the proposed DGR; and,

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

WHEREAS the Great Lakes are an irreplaceable natural resource, containing twenty one (21%) percent of the worlds, and ninety five (95%) of North America's fresh water, vital to human and environmental health and economic and agricultural well-being of both Canada and United States of America; and,

WHEREAS Lake Huron and 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 individuals, citizen and environmental groups and municipalities and countries in both Canada and the United States have expressed concern and opposition to the proposed nuclear waste repository; and,

WHEREAS as of September 22, 2015, one hundred seventy three (173) resolutions have been passed by communities in the Province of Ontario and States of Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio representing over 22 million citizens opposing the proposed nuclear waste repository, with the vast majority of the resolutions opposing any permanent underground nuclear waste repository anywhere in the Great Lakes Basin; and,

WHEREAS UNDER THE *2012 Protocol Amending the Agreement Between Canada and the United State 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 of 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 in April 2015 resolutions HR 194 and SR 134 were introduced respectively in the US House of Representative and US Senate expressing the sense that 1) the Canadian Government should not allow a permanent nuclear waste repository to be built within the Great Lake Basin; 2) the President and the Secretary of State should work together with their Canadian Government counterparts on a safe and responsible solution for the long-term storage of nuclear waste; and,

WHEREAS in the mid 1980's the US Department of Energy was considering potential sites for a US nuclear waste repository, including some site locations in the Great Lakes Basin and as a result of significant Canadian opposition, Joe Clark, then Secretary of State of External Affairs, intervened and the US government honoured Canada's request to exclude any sites within 40 kilometers of the Canadian border; and,

WHEREAS placing a permanent nuclear waste burial facility so close to the Great Lakes is ill-advised. 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 time. 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;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT;

- 1) In order to protect the Great Lakes and its tributaries, the Town of Wasaga Beach urges that neither this proposed nuclear waste repository at the Bruce Nuclear Generating Station site nor any other underground nuclear waste repository be constructed in the Great Lakes Basin, in Canada, the United States, or any First Nation property.
- 2) The Town of Wasaga Beach urges the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario to reject (and seek alternatives to) Ontario Power Generation's proposed to bury and abandon radioactive nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin.
- 3) A copy of this resolution be forwarded to Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, Canada's Minister of the Environment, Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada, Leader of the Green Party of Canada, Leader Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario, Jim Wilson, MPP Simcoe-Grey and Kellie Leitch, MP Simcoe-Grey.

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Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Yours truly,

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