

October 7, 2014

Ms Debra Myles, Panel Co-Manager
Deep Geologic Repository Joint Review Panel
c/o Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
160 Elgin Street, 22nd Floor
Ottawa ON K1A 0H3

Dear Ms Myles:

SUBJECT: Approval of resolution opposing the construction of the nuclear waste repository in the Great Lakes basin
File No. 575-01 and 120/13-12

The Council of the Corporation of the City of Burlington, at its meeting held on Monday, September 29, 2014 approved the following recommendation, being Item DI-18-14

Whereas Ontario Power Generation (OPG) proposes to manage current and future low and intermediate level waste from its Bruce, Pickering, and Darlington facilities in a Deep Geologic Repository (DGR) near Kincardine 680 metres below the surface of the ground in limestone one kilometre from Lake Huron; and

Whereas OPG asserts that the DGR is more secure than the current nearground storage; and

Whereas the United States of America (U.S.A.) has identified and constructed a permanent depository for nuclear waste and the Government of Canada has not; and

Whereas this proposal will set a precedent for the long term management of low and intermediate level radioactive waste from nuclear power generating facilities in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence basin; and

Whereas the municipality of Kincardine came forward as a willing DGR host in 2002, and there has been extensive community outreach in the immediate area as well as extensive information available online, OPG did not sufficiently consult with the broader Great Lakes and St. Lawrence community; and

Whereas there are concerns that Kincardine is the right location as no other sites were considered; and

Whereas the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (Cities Initiative), an organization of over 100 cities from Canada and the United States representing over 16 million people that work together for the protection, restoration, and long-term sustainability of the largest body of surface freshwater, opposes the DGR proposal by OPG in Kincardine at this time; and

Now therefore be it resolved that the City of Burlington support the Cities Initiative's position and oppose OPG's proposal for a DGR for low and intermediate radioactive waste in Kincardine at this time; and

Further that the City of Burlington call upon the federal government to find an appropriate location and funding for a safe and permanent nuclear depository in Canada; and

Further that this resolution be forwarded, for immediate attention and action, to: Leona Aglukkaq, the Federal Minister of the Environment; and to Kathleen Wynne, the Premier of Ontario, all local Members of Provincial Parliament; and to the Cities Initiative, Chair, Mr. Keith Hobbs, Mayor of Thunder Bay; and to the Joint Review Panel Deep Geological Repository for Low and Intermediate Level Radioactive Waste Case Reference Number 17520, Panel Co-Manager, Ms. Debra Myles.

If you have any questions with reference to the above, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

original signed by

Lisa Palermo
Committee Clerk