

THAT the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on March 17, 2015 be received and adopted.

CARRIED

4. MAYOR'S REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

- Thorold Community Theatre will host a spring production on April 25, 2015.
- Thorold Public Library is seeking volunteers for a Teen Advisory Group. Interested applicants can fill out an application at the library.
- Seniors are invited to the library for a free showing of “100 Year-Old-Man Who Climbed Out the Window” on April 10, 2015.
- Children activities will be held at the library on April 18, 2015.
- Holy Rosary is holding a fertilizer sale on April 17-19, 2015.
- The official opening of the new Petro Canada Service Station at the new 5 Acres Plaza will be held on April 10, 2015.
- Chief Administrative Officer, Frank Fabiano, provided a status update about the emergency repairs at Fire Station #3 in Port Robinson.

4.a. PRESENTATIONS

Nil

4.b. DELEGATIONS

1. Frank Fabiano, Chief Administrative Officer, City of Thorold provided Council with an update of the GoNiagara initiative.

5. COMMUNICATIONS / RESOLUTIONS

- 5.a.1 MOVED BY: S. Paone
SECONDED BY: A. Longo

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 at the Bruce Nuclear

Generating Station, some of which is highly radioactive and will remain toxic for over 100,000 years. This site is approximately one kilometer inland from the shore of Lake Huron and about 400 metres below the lake level;

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

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;

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

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;

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

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;

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;

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 site. 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 CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THOROLD HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT in order to protect the Great Lakes and its tributaries, the City of Thorold, Ontario, 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.
2. THAT the City of Thorold, Ontario, urges the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario to reject (and seek alternatives to) Ontario Power Generation's proposal to bury radioactive nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin.
3. AND FURTHER THAT copies of this resolution be provide to Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne, Canada's Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Canada's Federal Minister of the Environment Leona Aglukkaq, 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.

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5.a.2 MOVED BY: J. Handley
SECONDED BY: M. Charron

THAT the invoice to Canadian Corps. Unit #44 for flag pole installation be discussed at the April 8, 2015 General Committee Budget meeting.

CARRIED

5.b. MOVED BY: M. Charron
SECONDED BY: A. Longo

THAT the communication(s) on the list of Correspondence 5(b), be received and directed to the indicated staff member.