

*Jorja Baldwin, Supervisor
Robert C. Crawford, Clerk
Judith A. Reynolds, Treasurer*



*Scott Bradley, Trustee
Linda Bruckner, Trustee
Anna Kelly, Trustee
George Kish, Trustee*

RESOLUTION

**IN OPPOSITION TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE
NUCLEAR WASTE REPOSITORY IN THE GREAT LAKES BASIN IN CANADA**

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FORT GRATIOT
County of St. Clair and State of Michigan**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fort Gratiot, County of St. Clair, State of Michigan, held in the Township Hall, in said Township on the 7th day of May, 2014, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

MEMBERS PRESENT: BALDWIN, CRAWFORD, REYNOLDS, BRADLEY, BRUCKNER, KELLY, KISH

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

The following Preamble and Resolution was offered by Member Kish, supported by Member Bradley:

WHEREAS, the Ontario Power Generation is proposing to construct an underground, long-term burial facility for all of Ontario's low and intermediate level radioactive waste at the Bruce Nuclear Generating Station, some of which is long-lived intermediate waste. This site, less than a mile inland from the shore of Lake Huron and about 440 yards below the lake level, is approximately 120 miles upstream from the main drinking water intakes for Southeast Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Lake Huron and the other Great Lakes are critically important resources to both, the United States and Canada. The Great Lakes contain ninety five (95%) percent of North America's surface fresh water and provide drinking water to tens of millions of people. Pristine water is important to fishing, boating, recreation, tourism and agriculture in Michigan and throughout the region. Agriculture, commercial and sport fisheries, shipping, recreation and tourism are important components of the Great Lakes economy. This proposal, to place a permanent Nuclear Waste Burial Facility so close to the Great Lakes, raises serious concern; and

WHEREAS, AS PART OF AN EFFORT TO PROTECT WATER QUALITY, Michigan's siting criteria for the disposal of low level radioactive waste prohibits any site located within ten (10) miles of Lake Michigan, Lake Superior, Lake Huron, Lake Erie, the Saint Mary's River, the Detroit River, the St. Clair River or Lake St. Clair. It also excludes sites located within a 500 year floodplain, located over a sole source aquifer or located where the hydrogeology beneath the site discharges groundwater to the land surface within 3,000 feet of the boundaries of the site. We encourage Canada to consider similar siting criteria; 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 benefits that could be derived from burying radioactive waste at this site. The ecology of the Lakes, which is valuable beyond measure to the health and economic well being of this entire region, should not be placed at risk by storing radioactive waste so close to the shoreline.

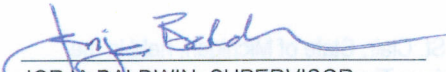
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Charter Township of Fort Gratiot Board of Trustee's, in order to protect the Great Lakes and its tributaries, urges that neither this proposed nuclear waste repository at the Bruce Nuclear Generating Station nor any other underground repository be constructed in the Great Lakes Basin, in Canada, the United States or any First Nation Property.


BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED that the Charter Township of Fort Gratiot Board of Trustees urges Canadian officials to find alternatives to Ontario Power Generation's proposal to bury nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin.

BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be provided to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, the President of Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, Michigan Governor Snyder, Senator Carl Levin, Senator Debbie Stabenow, Representative Candace Miller, Speaker of the US House of Representatives, 83rd District Representative and St. Clair County District 2 Commissioner.

AYES: BALDWIN, CRAWFORD, REYNOLDS, BRADLEY, BRUCKNER, KELLY, KISH
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

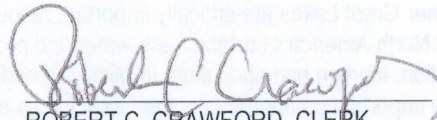
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.


JORJA BALDWIN, SUPERVISOR
FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP


ROBERT C. CRAWFORD, CMC
FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP

CERTIFICATION

I, **HEREBY, CERTIFY** that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete Resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fort Gratiot, County of St. Clair, Michigan, at a Regular Meeting held on the 7th day of May, 2014; and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976 and that the Minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available, as required by said Act.


ROBERT C. CRAWFORD, CLERK
FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP