

I hereby certify that the following Resolution was adopted at a Meeting of the City Council held on May 12, 2014

RESOLUTION No. 2014-39

RELATIVE TO

OPPOSING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NUCLEAR  
WASTE REPOSITORY IN THE GREAT LAKES BASIN

BY:

Council Chairman Charles Walker  
Council Member Kristen Grandinetti  
Council Member Glenn Choolokian  
Council Member Andrew Touma  
Council Member Robert Anderson

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, less than one mile inland from the shore of Lake Huron and less than 1500 feet below the lake level, and

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

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes are vital to the economic and agricultural well-being to both the United States of America and Canada, 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, citizen and environmental groups and 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 the United States and Canada acknowledge the importance of anticipating, preventing and responding to threats to the waters of the Great Lakes, and

WHEREAS, the Governments of the United States and Canada 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

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Niagara Falls, NY, 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 the United States, Canada, or any First Nation property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Niagara Falls, NY 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.

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. Secretary of State John Kerry, U.S. Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, U.S. Representative Brian Higgins, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, New York State Senator George Maziarz, New York State Assemblyman John Ceretto, 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

Witness my hand and seal this  
13th day of May 2014



Carol A. Antonucci  
City Clerk