



June 23, 2015

Mr. Frank Fernandez
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Dear Mr. Fernandez,

Re: Stop the Great Lakes Nuclear Dump Inc., Urgent Request for a Resolution Against A Nuclear Waste Dump

The Council of the Corporation of Norfolk County, considered your communication regarding the above-noted at its regular meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 2015.

Please be advised of the following which was passed by Council regarding this matter:

"THAT the communication from Mr. Frank Fernandez, regarding Stop the Great Lakes Nuclear Dump Inc., Urgent Request for a Resolution Against A Nuclear Waste Dump, be received as information;

AND THAT Norfolk County endorse the following resolution:

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 the DGR all of Ontario's low and intermediate level radioactive nuclear waste, some which remains highly radioactive and toxic for over 100,000 years. The proposed site is approximately one kilometer 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 Canada's most important resource and should be protected and managed prudently;

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AND WHEREAS the Great Lakes are an irreplaceable natural resource, containing twenty one percent of the world's, and ninety five percent of North America's fresh water, relied upon by millions for drinking water, tourism, recreation, vital to human and environmental health and economic and agricultural well-being of both Canada and the United States of America and support a regional economy of US\$4.7 trillion (2011);

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AND WHEREAS any contamination resulting from a leaking nuclear waste repository located on Lake Huron could affect the source of drinking water for Norfolk County, Ontario;

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

AND WHEREAS as of May 19, 2015, one hundred fifty five (155) resolutions have been passed by communities in the States of Michigan, Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio and Indiana and in the Province of Ontario representing 21 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 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 and share a responsibility and an obligation to protect the Great Lakes from contamination from various sources of pollutions, including the leakage of nuclear waste repository;

AND WHEREAS in April 2015 resolutions HR 194 and SR 134 were introduced respectively in the US House of Representatives 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 Lakes 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 sites location in the Great Lakes Basin and as a result of significant Canadian opposition, Joe Clark, then Secretary of State for External Affairs, intervened and the US government honored Canada's request to exclude any sites within 40 kilometers of the Canadian border;

AND WHEREAS placing a permanent nuclear waste burial facility so closed 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 risky by storing radioactive nuclear waste underground so close to the shoreline;

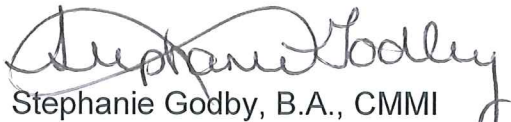
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Norfolk County Council THAT:

1. In order to protect the Great Lakes and its tributaries, Norfolk County Council 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. Norfolk County Council urges the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario to reject (and seek alternatives to) Ontario Power Generation's proposal to bury and abandon radioactive nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin.

3. A copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada, Leona Aglukkaq, Canada's Minister of the Environment, Robert Nicholson, Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Thomas Mulcair, MP and leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada and the Official Opposition, Justin Trudeau, MP and leader of the Liberal Party of Canada, Elizabeth May, MP and leader of the Green Party of Canada, Patrick Brown, leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario, Jim Wilson, Ontario MPP and Leader of the Official Opposition, Andrea Horwath, MPP and leader of the New Democratic Party of Ontario, Mike Schreiner, leader of the Green Party of Ontario, Toby Barrett, MPP Haldimand-Norfolk and Diane Finley, MP Haldimand-Norfolk."

Trusting this is satisfactory.

Yours truly,



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