



CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Agenda Number: 6.1
Title: Stop the Great Lakes Nuclear Dump Inc.
Date: Monday, January 20, 2014

Moved by: Steve Butland
Seconded by: Joe Krmpotich

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 kilometre inland from the shore of Lake Huron and about 400 metres below the lake level; and

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

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; and

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

Whereas the Governments of Canada and of 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; 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 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 City of Sault Ste. Marie, 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 Canada, the United States, or any First Nation property.

Further Be It Resolved that the City of Sault Ste. Marie 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.

Further Be It Resolved that copies of this resolution be provided to Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne, Canada's Prime Minister Stephen Harper, and Canada's Federal Minister of the Environment Leona Aglukkaq.

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Debbie Amaroso