



The Corporation of the Town of New Tecumseth

Moved by:	Councillor F. Sainsbury	Resolution No:	2016-004
Seconded by:	Councillor M. Biss	Date:	January 18, 2016

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the correspondence received from Alice Rodd and Sylvia McGowan be received;

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 in the DGR all of Ontario's low and intermediate level radioactive nuclear waste, some of which remains highly radioactive and toxic for over 100,000 years. The proposed site is approximately (1) one kilometre 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 the nation's and Canada's most important resource and should be protected and managed prudently; and,

WHEREAS the Great Lakes are an irreplaceable natural resource, containing twenty one (21%) percent of the world's, and ninety five (95%) of North America's fresh water, vital to human and environmental health and economic and agricultural well-being of both Canada and United States of America; and,

WHEREAS Lake Huron and 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 as of September 22, 2015, one hundred seventy three (173) resolutions have been passed by communities in the Province of Ontario and States of Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio representing over 22 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

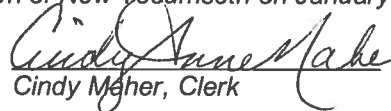
WHEREAS placing a permanent nuclear waste burial facility so close to the Great Lakes is ill-advised. The potential damage to the Great Lakes from any leak or breach of radioactivity far outweighs any suggested economic benefit that might be derived from burying radioactive nuclear waste at this time. 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;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT;

- 1) In order to protect the Great Lakes and its tributaries, the Town of New Tecumseth 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) The Town of New Tecumseth 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 be forwarded to Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, Canada's Minister of the Environment, Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada, Leader of the Green Party of Canada, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario, Jim Wilson, MPP Simcoe-Grey, Kellie Leitch, MP Simcoe-Grey, the Provincial Minister of the Environment and Climate Change and the International Joint Commission.

CARRIED

I, Cindy Maher, Clerk, certify that this is a true and accurate reproduction of Resolution No. 2016-004, passed by the Council of The Corporation of the Town of New Tecumseth on January 18, 2016


Cindy Maher, Clerk