

Notice of Motion

Ontario Power Generation (OPG) Proposal for a Deep Geologic Repository (DGR) for Low and Intermediate Radioactive Waste in Kincardine

WAIVING OF PROCEDURE

Moved by Councillor Johnston Seconded by Councillor Duddeck

That in accordance with Section 1.2(2) of the Procedure By-law, the Rules of Procedure be waived to permit consideration of the Notice of Motion regarding Ontario Power Generation (OPG) Proposal for a Deep Geologic Repository (DGR) for Low and Intermediate Radioactive Waste in Kincardine to be considered upon its introduction at the Council meeting of October 28, 2013.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Johnston Seconded by Councillor Robinson

WHEREAS Ontario Power Generation (OPG) proposes to manage current and future low and intermediate level waste from its Bruce, Pickering, and Darlington facilities in a Deep Geologic Repository (DGR) near Kincardine 680 metres below the surface of the ground in limestone one kilometre from Lake Huron;

WHEREAS OPG asserts that the DGR is more secure than the current near ground storage;

WHEREAS the United States of America (U.S.A.) has identified and constructed a permanent depository for nuclear waste and the Government of Canada has not;

WHEREAS this proposal will set a precedent for the long term management of low and intermediate level radioactive waste from nuclear power generating facilities in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence basin;

WHEREAS the municipality of Kincardine came forward as a willing DGR host in 2002, and there has been extensive community outreach in the immediate area as well as extensive information available online, OPG did not sufficiently consult with the broader Great Lakes and St. Lawrence community;

WHEREAS there are concerns that Kincardine is the right location as no other sites were considered;

AND WHEREAS the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (Cities Initiative), an organization of over 100 cities from Canada and the United States representing over 16 million people that work together for the protection, restoration, and long-term sustainability of the largest body of surface freshwater, opposes the DGR proposal by OPG in Kincardine at this time;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Oakville support the Cities Initiative's position and oppose OPG's proposal for a DGR for low and intermediate radioactive waste in Kincardine at this time;

THAT the Town of Oakville call upon the federal government to find an appropriate location and funding for a safe and permanent nuclear depository in Canada; and

THAT this resolution be forwarded, for immediate attention and action, to:

the Cities Initiative, Chair, Mr. Keith Hobbs, Mayor of Thunder Bay 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, and all local Members of Provincial and Federal Parliament.

CARRIED