

Kingston City Council Meeting No. 2013-24

Tuesday, November 19, 2013

(2) *Moved by Councillor Neill*

Seconded by Councillor Osanic

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, at a site approximately one km inland from the shore of Lake Huron and about 400 metres 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 vital to human and environmental health; and*

WHEREAS *concern has been expressed by individuals, citizen and environmental groups and municipalities and counties in both Canada and the United States; including recent motions of opposition from London, Mississauga, Oakville, Hamilton, Blue Mountain, Essex and Lambton Counties, among others;*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT *the City of Kingston, 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; and*

THAT *the City of Kingston urges the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario to reject Ontario Power Generation's proposal to bury radioactive waste in the Great Lakes Basin; and*

THAT *copies of this resolution be provided to Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne, Opposition Leader Tim Hudak, NDP Leader Andrea Horwath, Kingston and the Islands MPP John Gerretsen, Canada's Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Canada's Federal Minister of the Environment Leona Aglukkaq, and Kingston and the Islands MP Ted Hsu, Leader of the Opposition Tom Mulcair and Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau.*

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