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By e-mail

Re: Ottawa City Council Resolution – Canadian Nuclear Laboratories Chalk River Nuclear Waste Near Surface Disposal Facility

On behalf of Ottawa City Council, I am writing you regarding the City of Ottawa's position and call to action regarding Canadian Nuclear Laboratories' proposal with respect to its Chalk River Nuclear Waste Near Surface Disposal Facility and related activities.

Further, Council directed that I reach out regarding this matter to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, which are copied accordingly on this letter.

To that end, at its meeting of 14 April 2021, City Council approved the following resolution as recommended by the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management:

That Council:

- 1. Approve that the City of Ottawa urge the Canadian Nuclear Laboratories and its regulator, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, to take action on the City of Ottawa's concerns related to the proposed Near Surface Disposal Facility (NSDF), Nuclear Power Demonstration (NPD) and related activities, including:**
 - a. stopping current and future import or transfer of external Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (AECL) waste from other provinces (e.g. Manitoba);**
 - b. increasing safeguards to protect the river during site demolition and waste transfer activities;**
 - c. preventing precipitation from entering the NSDF;**
 - d. providing the City of Ottawa with timely access to ongoing environmental monitoring data on the Ottawa River; and**
 - e. committing to prompt notification of spill/release events to City of Ottawa, and;**
- 2. Direct the Public Works and Environmental Services Department to provide an update to the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management on City concerns being submitted through the NSDF Environmental Assessment process, and provide an annual update on radioactivity as part of the Drinking Water Summary Report that is issued to Council in fulfilment of the *Safe Drinking Water Act 2002*, and;**
- 3. Request that the Minister of Environment and Climate Change initiate a regional assessment of radioactive disposal projects in the Ottawa Valley under the Impact Assessment Act, as amended in 2019, and;**
- 4. Direct the Mayor to write to the Ministers of Natural Resources, Environment and Climate Change, Infrastructure and Crown-Indigenous Relations, as well as the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission and the Canadian Nuclear Laboratories to express the City of Ottawa's concerns and call for action; and,**

- 5. Direct the City Clerk to share Council's position and call to action with the Iroquois Anishinabek Nuclear Alliance as well as the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.**

Mayor Jim Watson has also written to the Federal Ministers of Crown-Indigenous Relations, Environment and Climate Change, Infrastructure and Communities, and Natural Resources, as well as to Canadian Nuclear Laboratories, and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission to express the City of Ottawa's position and call to action.

Linked for reference is a copy of the full [report from the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management](#).

Thank you, in advance, for your attention to these important issues.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Rick O'Connor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

M. Rick O'Connor, CMO, LLB
City Clerk