

MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY GIVEN

MOTION NO 49/6

Moved by Councillor T. Kavanagh

Seconded by Councillor C. McKenney

WHEREAS Ottawa City Council is aware of the intention of the privately-owned Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) to build a Near Surface Disposal Facility (NSDF) for low and intermediate nuclear waste, including plutonium and high-activity cobalt-60, at the Chalk River Laboratories on the Ottawa River; and

WHEREAS we are on unceded Algonquin, Anishinabek territory; and

WHEREAS in May of 2017, the Anishinabek Nation and the Iroquois Caucus issued a Joint Declaration that stated their opposition to the abandonment of radioactive waste on their territory as they have an “intimate relationship to the land [and] waters” and believe that they “need to protect the lands, waters and all living things for future generations”; and

WHEREAS these planned waste facilities are likely to be increasingly subject to large-scale flooding and are located in an active earthquake zone; and

WHEREAS the NSDF “engineered mound” would cover an area the size of 70 NHL hockey rinks and hold 1,000,000 cubic metres of radioactive waste, including waste transported from former reactors and nuclear research sites in Manitoba, Quebec and Ontario, as well as highly-radioactive industrial wastes from private companies; and

WHEREAS CNL also proposes to entomb the Rolphton Nuclear Power Demonstration (NPD) reactor and its nuclear components in grout and concrete, less than 200 metres from the Ottawa River; and

WHEREAS the International Atomic Energy Agency says entombment is not an acceptable strategy for decommissioning nuclear waste; and

WHEREAS radioactive pollutants increase the risk of congenital disabilities, genetic damage, cancer and other chronic diseases in current and future generations; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ottawa City Council oppose the creation of an above-ground mound for permanent disposal of radioactive waste less than one kilometre from the Ottawa River, our primary source of drinking water, and the plan to entomb the former Rolphoton Nuclear Power Demonstration nuclear reactor in grout and concrete; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Ottawa City Council 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 official opposition to the two proposals in their current form, given the location and proposed designs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council direct the General Manager, Public Works and Environmental Services (or his designate), to present the City's opposition at the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission's hearings prior to final the consideration of the NSDF and NPD projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Clerk be directed to share Council's opposition with the Anishinabek Nation as well as the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

The above motion was referred to the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection and Waste Management by the following motion:

MOTION NO 49/7

Moved by Councillor T. Kavanagh

Seconded by Councillor C. McKenney

WHEREAS pursuant to Subsection 59 of the *Procedure By-law*, a Notice of Motion was submitted for consideration at the City Council Meeting of February 24, 2021 seeking Council's approval of a resolution opposing the Chalk River Nuclear Waste Facility; and

WHEREAS, further to discussions with the Chair of the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management (SCEPWWM), it would

be appropriate for this matter to receive further review and consideration by the Standing Committee before Council takes a position on this matter; and

WHEREAS referring this matter to the Standing Committee would allow for the opportunity to receive delegations from residents and other interested parties; and

WHEREAS the next meeting of the Standing Committee is scheduled to take place on March 30, 2021;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Kavanagh/ McKenney Motion re: Chalk River Nuclear Waste Facility be referred to the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection and Waste Management for review and report back to Council with recommendations.

CARRIED

The following motion was put to Council as it relates to the motion above:

MOTION NO 49/8

Moved by Councillor R. Brockington

Seconded by Councillor M. Luloff

WHEREAS pursuant to Subsection 59 of the *Procedure By-law*, a Notice of Motion was submitted for consideration at the City Council Meeting of February 24, 2021 seeking Council's approval of a resolution opposing the proposed Chalk River Nuclear Waste Facility; and

WHEREAS this matter will be further referred to the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management for review, including receipt of delegations; and

WHEREAS Council has received a letter from Canadian Nuclear Laboratories to the City with regard to their project and requesting the opportunity to speak to the Motion; and

WHEREAS Council also received a letter from the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission expressing that they are available to provide additional information to Council on the Commission's environmental assessment and licensing

process, including public outreach and consultation and engagement with Indigenous peoples; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Clerk or his designate be directed to invite officials from Canadian Nuclear Laboratories and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission to appear as delegations at the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection Water and Waste Management to speak to the proposal and answer questions from Members of Council.

CARRIED