The Right Honourable Stephen Harper  
Prime Minister of Canada  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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November 27, 2013

Re: Nuclear Waste Dump at Bruce Nuclear

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Ajax adopted the following resolution at its meeting held November 25, 2013

WHEREAS Ontario Power Generation proposes to construct an underground storage facility (Deep Geologic Repository) for all of Ontario’s low and intermediate level radioactive nuclear waste on the Bruce Nuclear Generating Station site near Kincardine; and

WHEREAS the scope of the Environmental Assessment (EA) has been limited to considering only the Bruce Nuclear Generating Station site in which the proposed facility is located near and below Lake Huron, even though the area is underlain by permeable limestone; and

WHEREAS potential sites located beyond the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin which are underlain by impervious bedrock have not been investigated; and

WHEREAS the proposed design and depth of the underground storage facility may have been predicated on existing conditions at the Bruce Nuclear Generating Station site, but alternative designs may be feasible if different sites and geologic conditions had been considered; and

WHEREAS the consultation process with the public and municipalities across the broad Basin area potentially affected by the underground storage facility has been insufficient;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a precautionary approach be taken to select a preferred site for the underground storage facility by revising the EA’s scope to evaluate the best potential sites with the appropriate geologic conditions on lands located beyond the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin, as well as considering other matters such as accessibility and a receptive community; and
FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a more comprehensive consultation process be undertaken across the expanded geographic area, including the Cities Initiative, its member cities and other municipalities in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin, and detailed reporting be provided on a regular basis to all interested parties for the duration of the EA; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to, Canada's Prime Minister Stephen Harper, and Canada's Federal Minister of the Environment Leona Aglukkaq.

The correspondence, from Mr Frank Fernandez of Stop the Great Lakes Nuclear Dump, that prompted this action is attached. If you require further information please contact Kevin Heritage at 905-619-2529 ext 3261 or kevin.heritage@ajax.ca

Sincerely,

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Cc: Federal Minister of the Environment Leona Aglukkaq
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