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Cc: <csaunder@london.ca>

Subject: RE: Urgent request for Mayor Brown to sign Great Lakes Mayors joint sign on letter to Minister McKenna re: OPG proposed nuclear waste repository

Dear Mayor Brown and Members of Council,

The City of London unanimously passed a resolution at the October 1, 2013 council meeting opposing Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) plan to construct a nuclear waste repository about 1 km from the shore of Lake Huron in Kincardine Ontario at the Bruce Nuclear Generating Station site and to bury and abandon in the repository all of Ontario's low and intermediate radioactive nuclear waste.

Specifically, the City of London resolution passed on October 1, 2013 "resolved that the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of London, in order to protect the Great Lakes and its tributaries, urges that neither this proposed nuclear waste repository near Kincardine, Ontario, nor any other underground nuclear waste repository, be constructed in the Great Lakes Basin, Inc Canada, in the United States, or on any First Nations property."

Please see attached.

Over the past 4 years our organization, Stop The Great Lakes Nuclear Dump, has undertaken an extensive outreach *effort* to encourage Great Lakes communities to pass resolutions opposing OPG's plan. Today, as a result of this very successful outreach *effort*, 224 resolutions representing over 23 million people opposing OPG's plan have been passed, including by the City of London. See <http://www.stopthegreatlakesnucleardump.com/resolutions.php> for a list of resolutions passed to date. Note, London was one of the early communities in Ontario to recognize and take action to this threat to the drinking water of 40 million people to pass a resolution.

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As noted in my original email to Mayor Brown in early May and subsequent communications (please see email trail below), working closely with Mayor Keith Hobbs (City of Thunder Bay) and Mayor Mike Bradley (City of Sarnia) our organization launched a new initiative encouraging Mayors of communities that have passed resolutions to sign an open letter to Minister McKenna. Our goal is to have at least 100 mayors sign the attached joint sign on letter and once this has been achieved, to send the letter to Minister McKenna.

When I originally contacted Mayor Brown, I was in the very early stages of approaching resolution community Mayors about the joint sign on letter. At the time I had secured signatures from 12 Mayors. Fast forward to today, 7 weeks later; I am very pleased to report that Great Lakes Mayors (or top elected official) whose communities have passed resolutions opposing OPG's plan, have very enthusiastically signed onto the open letter to Minister McKenna. **With 93 signatories in hand, we are very confident that we will soon meet or exceed our initial goal of 100 signatures on the open letter to Minister McKenna.** FYI, signatories are from communities in Ontario, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin. The latest listing of 93 signatories is attached, for your information.

Mayor Brown and Council (with a copy to City Clerk Saunders), today I am writing to formally request that the City of London Council pass a resolution endorsing Mayor Brown's name being added to the attached open letter to Minister McKenna.

In considering this request, I would ask that you consider the following:

- You should know that citizens of London are very engaged and strongly opposed to OPG's plan to bury nuclear waste on the shores of Lake Huron:
 1. Almost 2500 citizens from the City of London have signed the Stop The Great Lakes Nuclear Dump petition. After the City of Toronto, London is #2 in terms of the number of citizens signing our petition. Incidentally our petition is approaching 100,000 signatures. See <https://www.gopetition.com/petitions/stopthegreatlakesnucleardump.html>
 2. About 37% of Londoners who have signed our petition have taken the time to leave comments. Please see attached PDF which provides a selection of comments publicly displayed on our petition by citizens living in your community. Very clearly, the citizens of London feel very strongly that OPG's application to construct its proposed nuclear waste repository be rejected. Note: The name of the petitioner leaving the comment has not been provided for privacy reasons.
- The statement made in the open letter to Minister McKenna, namely "Signatories to this letter, all duly elected officials of Great Lakes communities that have passed resolutions, remain deeply opposed and united in opposition to the permanent burial of nuclear waste anywhere in the Great Lakes basin.." is consistent, aligned and supports the City of London resolution that opposed the construction of any nuclear waste repository anywhere in the Great Lakes basin.

Mayor Brown and Council, the open letter to Minister McKenna seeks to leverage the 224 individual resolutions passed by Great Lakes communities and provides a vehicle for these communities (including London) to stand shoulder to shoulder in expressing their opposition to OPG's plan. In our view, a document with 100 signatures from communities that have formally passed resolutions is a very potent document that can be used to increase media and public awareness and ramp up political pressure on the Canadian government to reject OPG's plan. In our view, the joint letter demonstrates that the interests of Great Lakes communities are aligned, and that these communities remain committed and united in their opposition to OPG's plan to bury nuclear waste beside North America's most precious resource. We believe this sends a powerful message to Minister McKenna and the Canadian government that will be difficult to ignore.

Given that a decision on this matter could occur in the summer of 2017, we feel it is very important and urgent that communities who obtain their drinking water from the Great Lakes, such as London, continue to apply political pressure on Minister McKenna to reject OPG's plan.

Mayor Brown and Council, as we approach the 100 signature mark, we are hoping you will, at your earliest opportunity, pass a resolution endorsing Mayor Brown's signature being added to the open letter to Minister McKenna.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Most Respectfully,

Frank Fernandez
Stop The Great Lakes Nuclear Dump

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----- Original Message -----

Subject: RE: Request for Mayor Brown to sign Great Lakes Mayors joint sign on letter to Minister McKenna re: OPG DGR

From: <fjf@stopthenucleardump.com>

Date: Wed, May 10, 2017 8:52 am

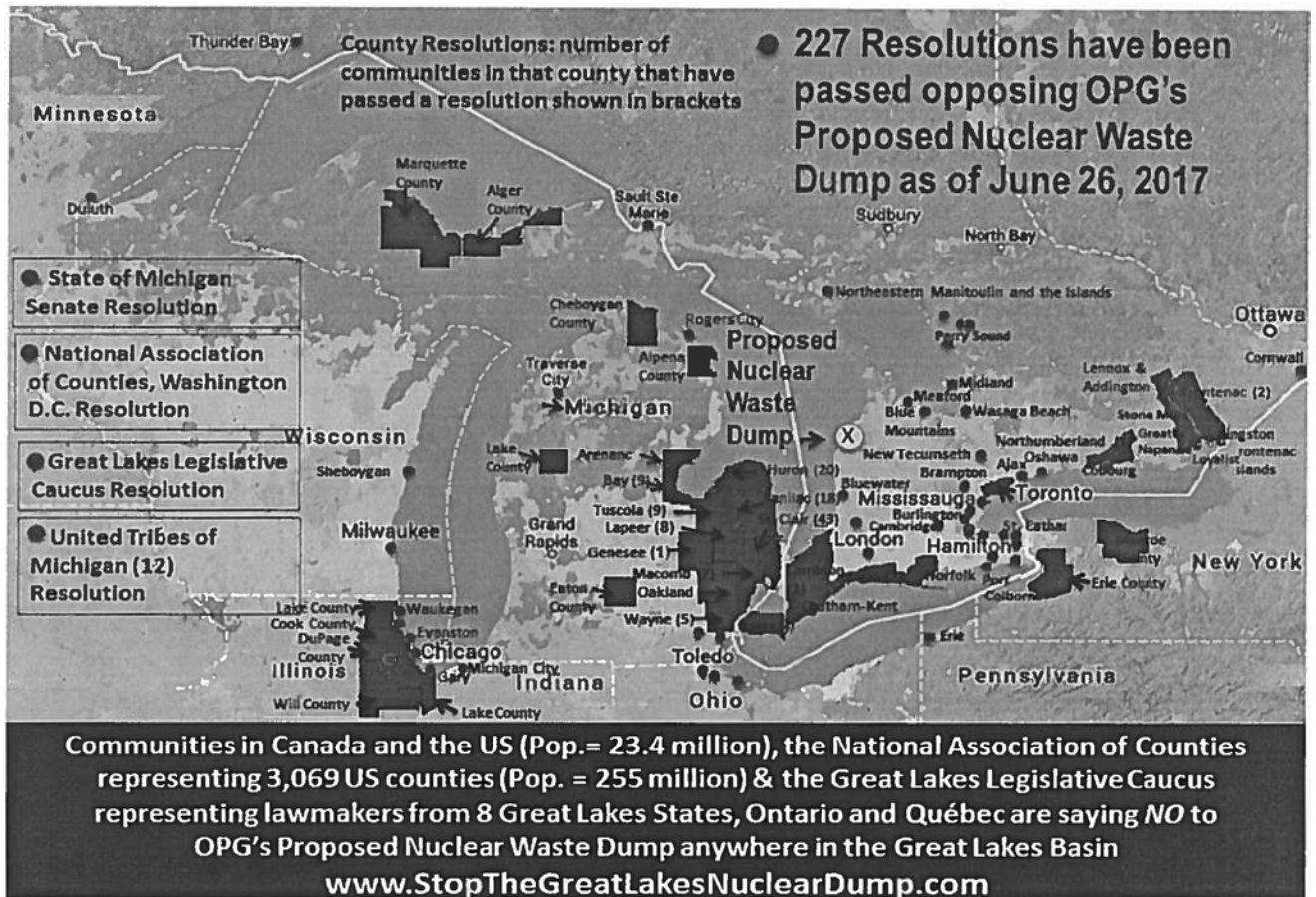
To: mayor@london.ca

Hello Christine,

A quick update:

- 16 Mayors have now signed on to the Joint Sign on Letter to Minister McKenna. See letter with latest signatories attached.

- The number of communities who have passed resolutions opposing OPG's plan to bury nuclear waste beside the Great Lakes stands at 214. Here is our latest resolution map



You mentioned that your staff is gathering additional information concerning this matter. Here is some information that may be of assistance:

- Submission to the Joint Review Panel by the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (GLSLCI), a group of 114 Great Lakes Mayors representing 16 million people living in the Great Lakes region, of which Niagara Region is a member. GLSLCI's Executive Director, David Ullrich, testified at the public hearings and formally expressed GLSLCI's concerns and opposition to OPG's plan. See <http://www.ceaa.gc.ca/050/documents/p17520/92802E.PDF>
- Submission to the Joint Review Panel by Dr. Duinker, an independent expert in environmental assessments engaged by the Joint Review Panel to review OPG's analysis. He states that OPG's analysis is **not credible, not defensible, unclear, not reliable, inappropriate** See <http://www.ceaa.gc.ca/050/documents/p17520/94202E.pdf>
- Written submissions and oral testimony to the Joint Review Panel by Stop The Great Lakes Nuclear Dump. See <http://tinyurl.com/obha8wk>, <http://tinyurl.com/nupwhz9>, <http://tinyurl.com/m49dev7> and <http://tinyurl.com/prcx53z>

- Informational Youtube videos by Stop The Great Lakes Nuclear Dump. See https://youtu.be/_s6C4CIH17U and <https://youtu.be/iH9fSBtXLF4>
- Letter from Congressman Paul Mitchel with 12 Members of Congress asking President Trump to urge Canada to halt OPG nuclear waste repository project. See <http://tinyurl.com/j733ba2>
- Letter from Congressman Dan Kildee and 22 Members of Congress to Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs urging Canada to explore nuclear waste repository options outside of the Great Lakes basin. See <http://tinyurl.com/zyShuks>
- Bill and Resolutions package introduced by Michigan State Senator Pavlov [R-MI] passed unanimously by the Michigan Senate demonstrating Michigan's bi-partisan opposition to the proposed nuclear waste repository. See <http://tinyurl.com/laj96yg>
- Press release and letter to Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs by U.S. Representative Kildee[D-MI]. See <http://tinyurl.com/mggtwvg> and <http://tinyurl.com/kxpbff4>
- The Canadian government objected when US underground nuclear waste repository sites were being considered in the Great Lakes Basin in the 1980's, stating it *opposes any development that could present a transboundary threat to the welfare of Canadians or the integrity of the Canadian environment*. The precedent set when the US eliminated these US nuclear waste repository sites from consideration should apply to OPG's proposed nuclear waste repository. See <http://tinyurl.com/lyjosvu>

I trust this is of assistance.

If you have any questions or require any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Frank Fernandez
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Subject: Request for Mayor Brown to sign Great Lakes Mayors joint sign on letter to Minister McKenna re: OPG DGR

From: <fjf@stopthenucleardump.com>

Date: Fri, May 05, 2017 11:06 am

To: mayor@london.ca

Hello Christine,

Thank you for taking time to speak with me today.

As mentioned, I am contacting Mayor Brown concerning Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) plan to construct a nuclear waste repository on the shore of Lake Huron in Kincardine Ontario at the Bruce Nuclear site.

Over the past 4 years our organization, Stop The Great Lakes Nuclear Dump, has undertaken an extensive outreach effort to encourage Great Lakes communities to pass resolutions opposing OPG's plan. Today, as a result of this very successful outreach effort, 187 resolutions representing over 23 million people opposing OPG's plan have been passed, including by the City of London. See <http://www.stopthegreatlakesnucleardump.com/resolutions.php> for a list of resolutions passed to date. FYI, I have attached a copy of the resolution passed by the City of London in October 2013.

Working closely with Mayor Keith Hobbs (City of Thunder Bay) and Mayor Mike Bradley (City of Sarnia) we have recently launched a new initiative that seeks to leverage the 187 resolutions that have been passed opposing OPG's plan. Specifically, we are encouraging Mayors of communities that have passed resolutions to sign an open letter to Minister McKenna. Our goal is to have at least 100 mayors sign the attached joint sign on letter and once this has been achieved, to send the letter to Minister McKenna. I am in the very early stages of approaching resolution community Mayors about the joint sign on

letter. I currently have signatures from 12 Mayors and many more in the works. See attached.

With a decision on this matter expected in 2017, we feel it is very important that Great Lakes communities continue to apply political pressure on Minister McKenna to reject OPG's plan. We believe the joint sign on letter will send a powerful message to Minister McKenna that opposition from Great Lakes communities remains strong and united.

Christine, I would appreciate it if you could bring the attached joint sign on letter to the attention of Mayor Brown.

After reviewing the joint sign on letter, I am hoping Mayor Brown will agree to add his signature.

If you have any questions or require any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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October 2, 2013

Deep Geologic Repository Project
Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
160 Elgin Street, 22nd Floor
Place Bell Canada
Ottawa, ON K1A 0H3

RE: Deep Geologic Repository Project- Reference No.17520

I hereby certify that the Municipal Council, at its session held on October 1, 2013 resolved:

WHEREAS the Great Lakes are a connected water system;

AND WHEREAS the Great Lakes Basin is home to 90% of Ontario's population;

AND WHEREAS the Great Lakes contribute an estimated \$180 billion to Canada-U.S. trade;

AND WHEREAS the Great Lakes support 45% of Canada's industrial capacity;

AND WHEREAS the Great Lakes sustain a \$100 million commercial fishing industry;

AND WHEREAS the Great Lakes sustain a \$350 million recreational fishing industry;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Council, on January 29, 2013, requested further information and consultation which has not been forthcoming, nor has a consultative approach been taken regionally, though the Joint Water Boards;

AND WHEREAS the City of London is concerned that the proposal for a nuclear waste repository near Kincardine, Ontario may set a precedent for possible future expansion of Deep Geological Repositories (DGR) for high level nuclear waste, without full engagement and consultation with Great Lakes Basin municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the Clean Water Act of Ontario demands that Municipal Councils uphold a high standard of care in order to protect water quality;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London, in order to protect the Great Lakes and its tributaries, urges that neither this proposed nuclear waste repository near Kincardine, Ontario, nor any other underground nuclear waste repository, be constructed in the Great Lakes Basin, in Canada, in the United States, or on any First Nations property.

C. Saunders
City Clerk
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cc: A. Zuidema, City Manager
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