

**WHEREAS** the Government of Ontario has asked for the public and municipalities to provide recommendations on how it should update the province's Provincial Nuclear Emergency Response Plan (PNERP) before July 15<sup>th</sup> 2017;

**WHEREAS** Essex County and the City of Windsor are in close proximity to the Michigan-based Fermi nuclear station and Ohio-based Davis-Besse nuclear station; and

**WHEREAS** over forty civil society organizations, including the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO) and the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment (CAPE), have called on the provincial government to address gaps in current emergency plans by strengthening transparency, protecting vulnerable communities, meeting best practices and protecting drinking water;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that City of Windsor and County of Essex Council submit the following recommendations to the Government of Ontario to ensure communities living in proximity to the Fermi and the Davis-Besse nuclear stations be accorded the same level of public safety as communities living near the Ontario-based Bruce, Darlington and Pickering nuclear stations.

Recommendations to the Government of Ontario regarding the Provincial Nuclear Emergency Response Plan (PNERP):

- 1) Include requirements for the pre-distribution and availability of potassium iodide (KI) pills for communities living in proximity to the Fermi and Davis-Besse nuclear stations equivalent to requirements for Ontario-based nuclear stations;
- 2) Recognize public expectations for public safety by ensuring plans are in place to address Fukushima-scale accident;
- 3) Adopt a policy of meeting or exceeding international best practices in nuclear emergency response measures wherever feasible;
- 4) Require provincial and municipal authorities to regularly identify vulnerable communities within provincial nuclear response zones and prepare emergency measures adapted to the needs of such vulnerable communities;
- 5) Include new requirements for transparency and regular public review, especially with affected communities;
- 6) Ensure awareness campaigns are in place to inform the residents of Southwestern Ontario on how to prepare for a nuclear emergency; and
- 7) Ensure adequate measures are in place to protect drinking water in the event an accident at a Canadian or American-based reactor contaminates the Great Lakes.

**Further, BE IT RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to:

- The municipalities of Essex, Amherstburg, Lakeshore, LaSalle, Leamington, Kingsville, Tecumseh, Pelee, Windsor, Chatham-Kent;
- WEC Health Unit
- City of Toronto
- City of Toronto Office of Emergency Management
- Hon. Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario
- Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services
- Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
- Members of Provincial Parliament
  - Lisa Gretzky
  - Percy Hatfield
  - Taras Natyshak)