

# EX10.37.4 briefing note



**Date:** November 30, 2015

**To:** Mayor Tory and other Executive Committee  
Members

**From:** Franz Hartmann, Executive Director

**Re:** EX. 10.37 Darlington Nuclear Generating Station Licence Renewal, Toronto's  
Emergency Response, and International Best Practices

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## **Recommendation:**

That the Executive Committee adopt the recommendations set out in the November 16, 2015 letter signed by Scarborough City Councillors and Councillor Layton.

## **Background:**

In recent years, City Council has requested studies and taken positions on emergency response in relation to pipelines, train transport of hazardous substances and erratic weather. For example, Council passed several motions directing city staff to review and recommend improvements to the City's emergency response plans following the Ice Storm in 2013. After the Lac Mégantic disaster, Council passed a series of motions in 2014 calling for better emergency response and transparency for hazardous substances shipped by rail through the city. The City also took a position on emergency preparedness for pipeline accidents in response to the proposal to reverse the flow of Line 9.

There are ten reactors in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). The Pickering nuclear station is just 30 km from Yonge St and the Darlington nuclear station is 50 km from Broadview Ave. Given Toronto's proximity to these nuclear stations, it is only prudent and responsible for the City to regularly review and improve municipal nuclear emergency response plans.

The request made by Scarborough Councillors and Councillor Layton for City staff to review and update emergency responses in the unlikely case of a nuclear accident is appropriate, timely and necessary. Accordingly, we urge Committee members to support their fellow Councillors and adopt their recommendations.