

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM19.7	ACTION			Ward:All
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Request for the Government of Ontario to Close Pickering Nuclear Station in 2018 - by Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker, seconded by Councillor Gord Perks

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker, seconded by Councillor Gord Perks, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Government of Ontario to direct Ontario Power Generation to close the Pickering Nuclear Station on August 31, 2018 when its existing Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission licence expires.

Summary

The Pickering Nuclear Station was expected to shut down on August 31, 2018 when its existing Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission licence expires. The Ontario Power Generation wants to extend its operation until 2024.

The Pickering Nuclear Station is the 4th oldest nuclear station in North America and the 7th oldest in the world. It is surrounded by more people – 2 million people within 30 kilometres – than any other nuclear plant in North America. Ontario has a large electricity surplus and no longer needs the Pickering Nuclear Station to keep our lights on. In 2015, Ontario exported more electricity than the Pickering Nuclear Station produced.

The Pickering Nuclear Station is one of the highest cost nuclear plants in North America. Closing the Pickering Nuclear Station will reduce Ontario's electricity costs by \$900 million per year. The decommissioning and dismantling of the Pickering Nuclear Station could create 16,000 person-years of employment between now and 2030.

Ontario's future electricity needs can be met at a lower cost by water power imports from Quebec, energy efficiency investments and cost-effective Made-in-Ontario green energy. Closing the Pickering Nuclear Station will increase public safety for the residents of Toronto, Pickering, Ajax, Whitby, and Oshawa.

Background Information (City Council)

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