

City Council**Notice of Motion**

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Risk of transporting liquid radioactive waste in the Greater Toronto Area - by Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Joe Cressy

** 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 Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Joe Cressy, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Office of Emergency Management, in consultation with the Medical Officer of Health, to report on the risk of liquid radioactive waste travelling in the Greater Toronto Area, specifically, the transportation of highly enriched uranium from Chalk River Laboratories into the United States.

Summary

In 2017, the Region of Niagara and the Iroquois Caucus condemned a plan to transport 23,000 litres of liquid radioactive waste over public roads and bridges. A plan that would have seen hazardous material being transported through the Greater Toronto Area, over and around waterways that lead to Lake Ontario, Toronto's drinking water supply, putting public and environmental health at risk. The Great Lakes basin itself provides drinking water to 40 million people in the United States and Canada.

More worrisome is that it is unclear whether Toronto's first responders are made aware of materials that are transported through the Greater Toronto Area. At minimum, there needs to be full transparency with local first responders about what and when materials are being transported through a jurisdiction.

Background Information (City Council)

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