

**REPORT NO. 96**  
of the  
**WINDSOR-ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (WECEC)**  
of its meeting held  
June 8, 2017  
at 5:30 o'clock p.m.  
Ojibway Nature Centre

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***Members present at the June 8, 2017 meeting:***

Councillor Paul Borrelli, Chair  
Councillor Fred Francis  
Aldo DiCarlo, Mayor, Town of Amherstburg  
Derek Coronado  
Debby Grant  
Mike Nelson  
Joe Passa  
Dr. Edwin Tam  
Radwan Tamr

***Regrets received from:***

Nelson Santos, Mayor, Town of Kingsville

Your Committee submits the following recommendations:

**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, 2017; and

**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): Include requirements for the pre-

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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;

- 1) Recognize public expectations for public safety by ensuring plans are in place to address Fukushima-scale accident;
- 2) Adopt a policy of meeting or exceeding international best practices in nuclear emergency response measures wherever feasible;
- 3) 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;
- 4) Include new requirements for transparency and regular public review, especially with affected communities;
- 5) Ensure awareness campaigns are in place to inform the residents of Southwestern Ontario on how to prepare for a nuclear emergency; and
- 6) 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.

And further, that a copy of this resolution be sent to:

The municipalities of Essex, Amherstburg, Lakeshore, LaSalle,  
Leamington, Kingsville, Tecumseh, Windsor, Chatham-Kent;  
Windsor Essex County 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)

**NOTE:** Background information is **attached.**

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CHAIR

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COMMITTEE COORDINATOR

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