

City of
PICKERING

Notice of Motion

Decommissioning of the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station

Date: December 16, 2019

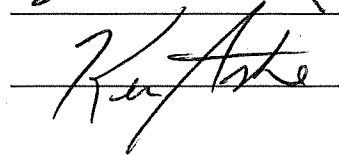
Moved By: Councillor Brenner

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Seconded By: Councillor Ashe

Signature:



Whereas, September 11, 1965 was the sod turning and groundbreaking for the construction of North America's fifth largest nuclear plant - the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (PNGS);

Whereas, today the PNGS is the oldest and third largest Candu Nuclear Reactor Station in North America utilizing approximately 600 acres of Pickering's Waterfront, Lake Ontario Shoreline;

Whereas, after 53 years the PNGS will shut down and cease operations in 2024;

Whereas, the PNGS can become the first Candu Nuclear Power Station to be decommissioned in the world, and has the potential for creating 16,000 person years of direct employment, including employees currently working at the plant and provide a catalyst to attract scientists and engineers from around the world to learn from the decommissioning process as a Centre of Excellence;

Whereas, the decommissioning and dismantling of the PNGS will provide an opportunity for the City of Pickering and its residents to work together to create a future vision for the use of the 600 acres on our waterfront including the interim safe storage of radioactive waste;

Whereas, once operations cease, there is potential to repurpose the north/south Hydro Corridors that currently provide high voltage connectivity to the PNGS for rapid transit and/or recreational uses;

Whereas, Ontario Power Generation (OPG) is seeking a deferral of the dismantling process that would result in a white elephant on the Pickering Waterfront for up to 30 years serving no benefit to the City of Pickering;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Pickering:

1. Supports the commencement of the decommissioning and dismantling of the PNGS as expeditiously as possible after it is shutdown in 2024, in line with the recommendation of the International Atomic Energy Agency that immediate dismantling is “the preferred decommissioning strategy” for nuclear plants.
2. City of Pickering’s Economic Development staff be directed through the CAO to commence work on creating and promoting Pickering as a Centre of Excellence for the decommissioning of the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station
3. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Durham Region municipalities for their endorsement and to Ontario Minister of Energy, all Durham Region MPs and MPPs seeking their support in their respective roles.