



September 9, 2014

Notice of Motion

Moved by Councillor Jennifer O'Connell

Seconded by Councillor Colleen Jordan

WHEREAS exposure to gaseous radioactive iodine following a nuclear reactor accident is a serious concern because it increases the risk of thyroid cancer;

WHEREAS there are 10 operating nuclear reactors in Durham Region;

WHEREAS the timely ingestion of Potassium Iodide (KI) can block radioactive iodine from entering the thyroid gland and thereby significantly reduce the risk of thyroid cancer following a reactor accident;

WHEREAS other Canadian provinces with nuclear reactors (New Brunswick and Quebec) and other countries such as France and Switzerland pre-distribute KI to all residents, schools and businesses in proximity to their nuclear stations;

WHEREAS the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) has proposed a new requirement for KI to be pre-distributed along with educational materials to all residents within the 10-km evacuation zone by the end of 2015;

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has objected to the new requirement on jurisdictional grounds;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT Durham Region requests the Government of Ontario, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, the Durham Emergency Management Office and Durham Region's Chief Medical Officer of Health to collaborate and ensure that CNSC's proposed KI pre-distribution requirement is implemented by the end of 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Durham Region requests the Government of Ontario and the CNSC to seek input from Durham Regional governments and their citizens on future changes to off-site nuclear emergency plans.

FINALLY, note that a copy of this resolution will be sent to:

- Durham Region
- All Durham Region municipalities
- Durham Nuclear Health Committee
- 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
 - Granville Anderson (Durham)
 - Joe Dickson (Ajax-Pickering)
 - Christine Elliott (Whitby-Oshawa)
 - Jennifer French (Oshawa)
 - Mitzie Hunter (Scarborough-Guildwood)
 - Tracy MacCharles (Pickering-Scarborough East)