Moratorium on the Construction of any New Nuclear Power Plants within the Municipal Boundaries of the City Of Hamilton (7.1(a))

(Clarke/Merulla)
WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has indicated that the demand for electricity will continue to rise resulting in a need for an additional 15,700 megawatts by 2025.

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has indicated that the expansion of the Nuclear power generation plants will be required to meet the growing demands for electricity.

WHEREAS an established Hamilton company has suggested that some of their land, in Nanticoke, could be used for the construction of a new Nuclear Power Generation Plant.
WHEREAS the Haldimand County Mayor has indicated that any bid to build a nuclear power plant should be put to the people.

WHEREAS the following groups have publicly indicated their opposition to the construction of any new Nuclear Power Plants: Campaign for Nuclear Phase-out, Canadian Environmental Law Association, Concerned Citizens of Renfrew County and Area, David Suzuki Foundation, Ecology North, Greenpeace Canada, Humber Environment Action Group, Inter-Church Uranium Committee Educational Cooperative, Mouvement Vert de la Mauricie, Nuclear Awareness Project, Pembina Institute for Appropriate Development, Science for Peace, and Sierra Club of Canada.

WHEREAS Germany and Belgium recently legislated the phasing out of their nuclear reactors, in favour of green energy options and energy efficiency.

WHEREAS an April 2006 report released by Greenpeace predicted more than 270,000 cancers will be caused by radioactive fallout from Chernobyl, and of these, 93,000 will be fatal.

WHEREAS the Sierra Club of Canada advocates a sensible mix of solutions, involving the highest possible level of energy efficiency by North American households and businesses alike, the deployment of renewable sources such as wind and solar power, and a widespread shift to new, innovative technologies like hybrid and fuel cells to move people and goods around.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

(a) The City of Hamilton implements a moratorium on the construction of any new Nuclear Power Plants within the municipal boundaries of the City Of Hamilton.

(b) The City Of Hamilton informs Haldimand County about Hamilton’s concerns and objections to the potential construction of a Nuclear Power Plant within Hamilton’s air-shed.

(c) The City of Hamilton informs the Government of Ontario that the City will oppose the construction of a Nuclear Power Plant within Hamilton’s air-shed.

Moratorium on the Construction of any New Nuclear Power Plants within the Municipal Boundaries of the City Of Hamilton (7.1b)

(McHattie/Merulla)
That Item 7.1(b) respecting Moratorium on the Construction of any New Nuclear Power Plants within the Municipal Boundaries of the City of Hamilton be amended by inserting the following:

Additional Whereas

Whereas, coal-burning electricity generation at Nanticoke contributes significantly to poor air quality and adverse health effects - specifically respiratory and cardiac illness in Hamilton, and

Whereas, replacement of the coal burning equipment at Nanticoke with gas burning equipment would improve air quality in Hamilton and southern Ontario while maintaining capacity,

And the following as subsection (d):

(d) That the Provincial Government and Ontario Power Generation be requested to move with great speed to close Nanticoke or if it is to continue operations, to convert the facility to a gas-burning operation no later than 2009.