Good morning members of council. My name is David Shier. I am the President of the CNWC. With me today is Mrs. Jo-Anne Usher and Mr. Tom Fraser. They are both executive members of the CNWC. Jo-Anne is a PWU Union Steward at the Pickering Power Station and Tom is an executive member of United Steel Workers local 13173.

The Canadian Nuclear workers Council {CNWC} was formed in 1993 by the major Unions that represent workers in the Canadian Nuclear Industry. The main goal of the organization is to speak out on behalf of workers in Canada's Nuclear Industry on a broad range of subjects including worker and public safety, regulatory affairs and public awareness of our industry.

I will provide you with a copy of our brochure which will provide you more information on our council, where our members work, the Unions that are members of the Council etc.

We are here today to provide you with information that we hope will assist you in making your decision on motion 7.1 (a) the moratorium on nuclear construction on the Nanticoke property

On reviewing the resolution that we are discussing here today it appears, we suggest, that the mover of the motion has been encouraged by and relied on the information from the organizations identified in the fifth “whereas”.

We respect the fact that these organizations bring a different perspective to the nuclear debate. However we wish to emphasize that the knowledgeable and experienced unionized workers in the nuclear industry disagree with many of the philosophies put forward by these organizations. In fact some past leaders of these organizations are now in full support of nuclear power.

We suggest that you seriously consider during your research and deliberations the views of groups that will provide you with the correct facts in regards to nuclear power and particularly the views of the workers from the industry.

The reality is that more nuclear power plants are required and will be constructed in Canada and around the world. Nuclear Power is a safe and economical means of producing large amounts of essential base load electricity while producing no pollutant emissions or green house gases.
We support wholeheartedly the pursuit of energy efficiency, conservation and economically viable renewable energy but the reality is that these efforts will not be near enough to meet the electrical needs of your community.

There are tens of thousands of well paying direct and indirect jobs connected to Canada’s Nuclear Industry. Many citizens and companies in the Hamilton area provide services to this industry.

The Power Workers’ Union that represents thousands of workers in Ontario’s nuclear industry has submitted both written and verbal presentations for your assistance and we urge you to give them the consideration they deserve as people who work entire careers in these Canadian made facilities. I will now turn the floor over to Mr. Fraser who is a Nuclear Worker from a company that provides fuel to the nuclear power plants in Canada and abroad.

My name as indicated is Tom Fraser. I am a Union representative at the Cameco Fuel fabrication facility in Port Hope. I have been employed there as a **STEEL FITTER** for the past **13** years.

From my perspective, and that of my colleagues our plant is a very safe place to work. We all live in the local communities and I can assure you that if any operation of the plant had the potential to harm a worker or the environment it will be brought to the attention of our employer and if necessary the Nuclear Regulator. We have a very active health and safety committee that consists of Union appointed workers and management staff which constantly audits the health and safety environment of the facility.

There are several United Steel Worker Union locals in the Hamilton area which are connected to and support our industry.

Thank you Tom.

I will now turn over our presentation to Jo-Anne Usher.

Thank You. As you have heard my name is Jo-Anne Usher and I work at the Pickering Power Plant. I wish to provide you with my views on Nuclear Power and why I believe that these plants are safe and good for a community.

I have worked at the Pickering Power Plant for 18 years. I work as a Building Mechanic and I replace insulation on pipes, valves etc. My daughter, **ELIZABETH** is also employed at this worksite as a Nuclear Operator.

I have lived in the community of Oshawa and Courtice, which are between Pickering and Darlington Nuclear Power Stations with my family, all of my life. Courtice is part of the Municipality of Clarington which is a strong supporter of the Darlington Nuclear Power Station.
As a shop floor worker and I should add as a mother, I believe that Nuclear Power Plants are very safe places to work and pose no health or safety threat to the public. The worker accident rate is very low in these plants due to the training that each worker receives and the policies and procedures that are in place to support the safety culture in the station. The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission has staff on site to monitor the operation to ensure that the facility is operated to very high safety standards.

The Nuclear industry provides many benefits to the local communities both directly through employment and indirectly by substantial investments and support to the people who live in the surrounding communities. As a member of the local labour council in Oshawa I can attest to this.

Thank you, Jo-Anne.

As we only have limited time I will conclude with the following remarks. I ask that you review the booklet that I have provided, as it provides workers' views on nuclear safety, environmental considerations, and economic benefits to communities from nuclear industries, etc.

We suggest that by adopting this resolution you will be doing a disservice to the citizens of Hamilton that you represent.

We encourage you to look at the true facts regarding this issue and defeat the motion before you.

We will be happy to answer any questions you may have now or at a later time. We are also prepared to arrange a tour of a nuclear facility for you where you will see for yourself that these workplaces are very safe and pose no threat to the community.

Respectfully submitted

David Shier
Jo-Anne Usher
Tom Fraser