

City of Kingston – Council Motion

RE: URANIUM MINING IN EASTERN ONTARIO

I would confirm that at the regular meeting of Kingston City Council, held on November 20, 2007, the following Motion (4) was approved:

(4) Moved by Councillor Matheson

Seconded by Councillor Schmolka

WHEREAS the Rideau Canal System has been recognized internationally as a UNESCO world heritage site, and we have a corresponding duty to protect this site, the surrounding area, and our citizens from harm; and,

WHEREAS our neighbouring communities – Lanark Highlands, Lanark County, North Frontenac, Central Frontenac, South Frontenac, Tay Valley, and Beckwith – have already passed motions petitioning the province for changes to the Ontario Mining Act and/or a moratorium against uranium exploration and mining in our part of Ontario; and,

WHEREAS the Community Coalition Against Mining Uranium, a local group of concerned citizens, is working to preserve our environment, homes, health, and well being, and are asking for support from the City of Kingston; and,

WHEREAS a significant number of landowners in the rural area of the City of Kingston may not own the mining rights to their properties where claims can be staked without their permission;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Kingston strongly encourage Premier Dalton McGuinty and the Government of Ontario and Prime Minister Stephen Harper and the Government of Canada to support a moratorium on all uranium mining in Eastern Ontario and to settle related native land claims;

- and further -

THAT the City of Kingston strongly encourage Premier Dalton McGuinty and the Government of Ontario to initiate an immediate public review of the Mining Act to protect property owner rights against unwanted incursion, exploration, mining, and development.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

Yours truly,
Sunni Rideout

Acting City Clerk /ki

Cc: Councillor R. Matheson

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