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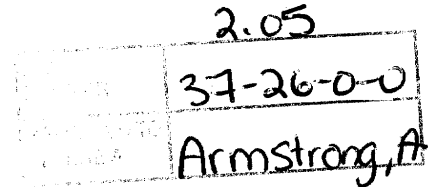
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

April 6, 2009

Dr. Michael Binder
President
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
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280 Slater Street
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear President Binder:



Re: FARE Letter of March 31, 2009

I am in receipt of a copy of a March 31, 2009 letter to you from FARE regarding a Cameco report (Soil Characterization and Evaluation Study at Port Hope, SENES Consultants, April 2008). Appendix J of the report shows uranium above the guidelines for soils at five sampling sites in Port Hope with the approximate location of the sampling results provided. I wish to express my disappointment that information on soils conditions on Municipal properties was not specifically highlighted and provided to the Municipality by Cameco or subsequently by the CNSC staff when that information was available to them.

We have referred this information to Health Canada. They advised that the criterion for uranium is very conservative and that the uranium levels identified in Appendix J do not pose a human health risk. Health Canada offered to assist further by conducting a detailed assessment of the information when the full report is available. In addition, we have been advised that SENES Consultants have also concluded that the levels of uranium do not pose a human health risk. We have also asked the Port Hope Area Initiative (PHAI) to look into the matter and to report back to us as soon as possible.

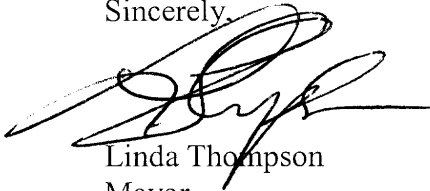
I understand that the levels of uranium identified in the Cameco report are consistent with those found in Port Hope soils by other agencies over the past two decades and that the soils were considered to be safe but that a cleanup should occur. These sites, and all other properties in Ward 1, will be re-surveyed for the full range of potential

contaminants associated with the historic low level radioactive waste as part of the PHAI exercise. All sites with levels of uranium and heavy metals associated with the PHAI above the cleanup criteria will be cleaned up by the federal government as part of the Port Hope Project.

I would welcome the CNSC's comment on the health implications of any exceedances for uranium or heavy metals at any of the sites sampled by Cameco, within the larger context of the PHAI. Perhaps this matter can be addressed by your staff during their presentation to the Commission on Port Hope health studies on April 29 and again when they are in Port Hope to provide the report locally.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Thompson', written over a horizontal line.

Linda Thompson
Mayor

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