

NOTICE OF MOTION

To: Mayor and Council

From: Councillor Jesse Wright

Date: November 28, 2024

Subject: Nuclear Energy in British Columbia

The date for this motion to be considered is the January 13, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council write a letter to the new Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions Adiran Dix, CEO of BC Hydro Chris O'Riley and Premier of BC David Eby to request a review of the current prohibition on Nuclear Energy in British Columbia and all this communication be copied to Mackenzie's MLA Kiel Giddens and MP Bob Zimmer to keep them in the loop.

AND THAT Council directs staff to submit resolutions to both the NCLGA and UBCM advocating for a review of the Clean Energy Act, specifically to study the feasibility of a reversal on the current prohibition on nuclear energy in British Columbia.

BACKGROUND:

Rationale:

1. The District of Mackenzie has declared a climate emergency, as have numerous other municipalities across BC. Nuclear Energy is a GHG free source of electricity.
2. BC Hydro has put a call out for electricity production, the first time it has done so in over a decade. This is on top of the new electricity production coming online from the Site C Dam and the announced twinning of the Highway 16 Northwest Electricity Corridor. The province needs mor electricity, full stop.
3. The District of Mackenzie is in an ideal location to be home of Nuclear Energy in British Columbia. We are
 - i) ideally located close to existing electricity corridors,
 - ii) directly beside Williston Reservoir, an already BC Hydro controlled body of water, iii) a plethora of land,
 - iv) an economy hurt by the downfall in forestry looking to diversify,
 - v) distance from the seismically unstable/risky coastal regions



BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Nothing, all these motions require is staff/council time.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Environmental Sustainability

- The way we operate has an impact on the environment. We are committed to integrating sustainability and Environmental, Social and Governance factors (ESG) into our decision-making.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Councillor Jesse Wright

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer