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21 June 2005

Right Honourable Paul Martin  
House of Commons  
OTTAWA, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Sir:

This is Resolution No. 2005-479 which was passed by Council at its Regular Meeting held Monday, June 20, 2005.

Resolution No. 2005-479:

**“WHEREAS** high level radioactive waste contains over 100 different radioactive isotopes and even low doses of radiation emitted by the waste can cause cancer, birth defects and other health problems;

**AND WHEREAS** nuclear waste is lethal and must be strictly isolated from the environment for a million years and if the wastes leak into the environment, the radioactive elements will contaminate the soil, water and air;

**AND WHEREAS** the transportation of high level radioactive waste through our City would have a negative impact on our quality of life, along with economic ramifications;

**AND WHEREAS** nuclear reactors will continue to generate and store high-level nuclear waste on-site for decades into the future, and the waste shipments will take place over several decades, which will provide no relief of negative effects on communities along transportation routes for the foreseeable future;

**AND WHEREAS** we generally oppose radioactive waste transportation through the City of North Bay;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the City of North Bay is on record as opposing any and all radioactive waste transportation near or through the City bound for any centralized storage facility or geological repository;

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the City of North Bay supports the creation of an independent commission involving the public and all levels of government (municipal, provincial and federal) to re-examine our nation’s radioactive waste management options and report to each level of government, including a body of the Federal Parliament, on its findings; and

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**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister, the Federal Ministers of Environment, Transportation and Natural Resources, the Premier of Ontario, the Provincial Ministers of Northern Development and Mines, Transportation and the Environment, the Nuclear Waste Management Organization, and to the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities for distribution to its member municipalities.”

Sincerely,

Catherine Conrad,  
City Clerk.

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