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**CHIEFS OF ONTARIO
ONLINE SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY
February 3-4, 2021**

**RESOLUTION 21/08
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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR ENERGY DISPOSAL AND USE
MOVER: Chief Duncan Michano, Biigtigong Nishnaabeg Nation
SECONDER: Chief Wilfred King, Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek
DECISION: CARRIED
Abstained: Chief Carrie L. Boshkaykin, Seine River First Nation


WHEREAS:

1. Radioactive waste can survive for hundreds of thousands of years and is known to cause permanent damage to all living organisms and to the environment;
2. The Anishinabek Nation Chiefs have been united in their stand to oppose deep geological disposal of radioactive wastes produced by the nuclear industry within the Anishinabek Nation Territory since 2010, when their resolution in opposition to the practice was passed by the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs;
3. The Anishinabek Nation and the Iroquois Caucus issued a Joint Declaration in 2017 on the Transport and Abandonment of Radioactive Waste, establishing five principles that are agreed upon as essential in dealing with the radioactive waste materials that have already been created;
4. Experience in Canada and elsewhere has demonstrated that when radioactive waste materials are introduced into a community, it is extremely difficult to have them all removed.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Chiefs in Assembly:

1. Demand that the Government of Ontario, the nuclear industry, and related organizations respect the desires of First Nations leaders across Ontario to minimize the production of radioactive wastes by halting the multi-billion dollar life-extension "refurbishment" of Ontario's nuclear power reactors.
2. Demand that the Government of Ontario invest in the necessary infrastructure to meet Ontario's energy needs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by further investing in and supporting existing and potential First Nation alternative energy solutions, importing surplus power from Quebec in a timely manner, rapidly deploying renewable sources of energy and initiating comprehensive energy efficiency measures.
3. Demand that all nuclear energy power plants be phased out and renewable power generation and storage solutions alongside efficient energy transmission and distribution be utilized in place of nuclear energy.
4. Demand the Government of Ontario store all nuclear waste on the site of each nuclear station in above-ground, attack-resistant, reinforced vaults, pulled back from the water's edge, until an acceptable, permanent and safe method to destroy or neutralize the waste is found.

Certified Copy of a Resolution dated February 4, 2021.



RoseAnne Archibald, Ontario Regional Chief