Evanston Environment Board
Thursday, March 12, 2015
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Room 2200

AGENDA

I. Call to Order/Declaration of Quorum

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes from February

III. Citizen Comment/Follow-Up (Please sign-in) (5 mins.)

IV. Staff Updates (C. Hurley, S. Robinson) (10 mins.)

V. Environmental Justice Committee Report (K. Glynn) (5 mins.)

VI. Energy Efficiency Programs-Citizens for Greener Evanston (C. Hurley) (10 mins.)

VII. Multi-Family Recycling Project (S. Robinson) (10 mins.)

VIII. Star Communities Policy Update (C. Hurley) (10 mins.)

IX. Ongoing Topics (10 mins.)
   • 2015: Looking Ahead
   • Other Items of interest

X. Roundtable (5 mins.)

XI. Adjournment

NEXT MEETING – April 9, 2015
Memorandum

To: Evanston Environment Board
From: Suzette Robinson, Public Works Director
       Catherine Hurley, Sustainability Programs Coordinator
Subject: Staff Report
Date: March 11, 2015

Summary:
The following memorandum summarizes staff updates from the City of Evanston for the Evanston Environment Board for the March 12, 2015 meeting.

Draft Resolution 11-R-15 Opposing the Construction of a Nuclear Waste Repository in the Great Lakes Basin
The Evanston City Council approved Resolution 11-R-15 based on recommendations from the Evanston Environment Board. The final version of the resolution is attached. The Board’s recommendation about adding language regarding the transport of nuclear waste on the Great Lakes was added and included in the final approved resolution.

Training and Coordination for City’s Boards, Committees & Commissions
Last week invitations were sent out for Orientation & Training for members of Evanston’s Boards, Committees and Commissions that were appointed in the last two years. The training is scheduled on 2 dates – April 21st or April 24th. Members are asked to select a date and RSVP by April 13th to Ylda Capriccioso, Assistant to the City Manager at ycapriccioso@cityofevanston.org. Please see the attached invitation for complete details.

Final Two Weeks for Voting in Earth Hour City Challenge
Evanston’s efforts to be the most livable city are being recognized by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) through their Earth Hour City Challenge. Two weeks remain for public voting on the “We Love Cities” campaign, where people are asked to select their favorite city of the contending locations to get involved in the voting process and show the world how much they love their city. Evanston is currently in 4th place and Board members are asked to show their support. To support Evanston’s bid to win, please consider:

- Visiting WeLoveEvanston.org to vote and provide feedback on ways Evanston can become more sustainable;
- Following and tweeting @GreenEvanston using the hashtag #WeLoveEvanston;
• Following and tagging @CityofEvanston on Instagram to share photos of your favorite Evanston places, “green ideas,” and more using the hashtag #WeLoveEvanston.
• Spreading the word with your daily e-mails by updating your e-mail signature with the We Love Evanston information (visit cityofevanston.org/sustainability/ for logos)

Each time a person votes, tweets, Instagrams and/or shares their suggestions, Evanston becomes one step closer to becoming the world’s most loved city. You do not need to live in Evanston to participate.

Voting on the website is limited to once per person, per day, per city. However, you can make multiple submissions via Twitter and Instagram using the hashtag #WeLoveEvanston along with making multiple suggestions per day on WeLoveEvanston.org. Please note that all Twitter and Instagram profiles must be public in order for votes to count.
A RESOLUTION

Opposing the Construction of a Nuclear Waste Repository in the Great Lakes Basin

WHEREAS, Ontario Power Generation (OPG) is proposing to construct a deep geologic repository (DGR), which is an underground long-term burial facility, at the Bruce Nuclear Generating Station site in Kincardine Ontario Canada, and bury and abandon in the DGR all of Ontario’s low and intermediate level radioactive nuclear waste, some of which remains highly radioactive and toxic for over 100,000 years. The proposed site is approximately one Kilometre inland from the shore of Lake Huron and about 400 metres below the lake level; and

WHEREAS, Ontario Power Generation did not consider or evaluate any other actual sites for the location of the proposed DGR; and

WHEREAS, fresh water is the nation’s and Canada’s most important resource and should be protected and managed prudently; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes are an irreplaceable natural resource and provides the vast majority of the fresh water in North America; and

WHEREAS, Lake Michigan and Lake Huron are hydrologically connected as one continuous water body and any contamination resulting from a leaking nuclear waste repository located on Lake Huron could affect Lake Michigan’s waters, the source of drinking water for almost 7 million residents of 11 northeastern Illinois counties (Boone, Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, McHenry and Will); and
WHEREAS, Lake Huron and connecting waters including Lake St. Clair, are a source of drinking water for millions of people downstream in Canada and United States of America; and

WHEREAS, individuals, citizen and environmental groups and municipalities and counties in both Canada and the United States have expressed concern and opposition to the proposed nuclear waste repository; and

WHEREAS, as of September 22, 2014, one hundred thirty-three (133) resolutions have been passed by communities in the States of Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio and Indiana and in the Province of Ontario, which collectively represent 11 million citizens opposing the proposed nuclear waste repository, with the vast majority of the resolutions opposing any permanent underground nuclear waste repository anywhere in the Great Lakes basin; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Senate has expressed serious concern over the failure of the siting process in Ontario for the proposed OPG DGR to fully account for all potential impacts of the proposed facility by passing a legislative package urging intervention by the Great Lakes Commission, the International Joint Commission and a special legislatively created advisory board. SB 948, SCR 16, SCR 17, SR 150 and SR 151 all have been passed unanimously by the Michigan Senate; and

WHEREAS, under the 2012 Protocol Amending the Agreement Between Canada and the United States of America on Great Lakes Water Quality, the governments of Canada and the United States acknowledge the importance of anticipating, preventing and responding to threats to the waters of the Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, the Governments of Canada and the United States share a responsibility and an obligation to protect the Great Lakes from contamination from various
sources of pollution, including the leakage of nuclear waste from an underground nuclear waste repository; and

WHEREAS, in September 2014 resolutions HR 716 and SR 565 have been introduced respectively in the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate expressing the sense that (1) the Canadian Government should not allow a permanent nuclear waste repository to be built within the Great Lakes Basin; (2) the President and the Secretary of State should take appropriate action to work with the Canadian Government to prevent a permanent nuclear waste repository from being built within the Great Lakes Basin; and (3) the President and the Secretary of State should work together with their Canadian Government counterparts on a safe and responsible solution for the long-term storage of nuclear waste; and

WHEREAS, placing a permanent nuclear waste burial facility so close to the Great Lakes is ill-advised. The potential damage to the Great Lakes from any leak or breach of radioactivity far outweighs any suggested economic benefit that might be derived from burying radioactive nuclear waste at this site. The ecology of the Great Lakes, valuable beyond measure to the health and economic well-being of the entire region, should not be placed at risk by storing radioactive nuclear waste underground so close to the shoreline,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

SECTION 1: The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein by reference as though fully restated.

SECTION 2: That in order to protect the Great Lakes and its tributaries, the City of Evanston of Cook County, Illinois urges that neither this proposed nuclear waste
repository at the Bruce Nuclear Generating Station site nor any other underground nuclear waste repository be constructed in the Great Lakes Basin, in Canada and the United States property.

SECTION 3: That the City of Evanston urges the Canadian government to reject (and seek alternatives to) Ontario Power Generation’s proposal to bury and abandon radioactive nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin.

SECTION 4: In addition, the City of Evanston opposes the shipping of nuclear waste associated with this or any other nuclear waste facility on the Great Lakes.

SECTION 5: That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne, Canada’s Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Canada’s Federal Minister of the Environment Leona Aglukkaq, President of the United States, The Majority Leader of U.S. Senate, the Speaker of U.S. House of Representatives, the members of U.S. Congress representing Cook County, the Governor of the State of Illinois and any other appropriate elected officials.

SECTION 6: That this Resolution 11-R-15 shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

_________________________________
Elizabeth B. Tisdahl, Mayor

Attest:

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Rodney Greene, City Clerk

Adopted: __________________, 2015
Orientation & Training for Boards, Commission, Committee Members

Please plan to attend one of the following orientation dates held at the Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, Parasol Room:

Tuesday, April 21, 2015  
6:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Friday, April 24, 2015  
8:30 A.M. –10:00 A.M.

RSVP to Ylda Capriccioso, Assistant to the City Manager by Monday, April 13, 2015, ycapriccioso@cityofevanston.org or (847) 448-8032.
March 3, 2015

Dear New City of Evanston Board, Commission, and Committee (BCC) Members:

On April 21 and April 24, 2015 the City will host a New Members orientation and training seminar. The City is committed to ensuring that you as a BCC member are provided the necessary training and orientation to assist you in understanding your role and responsibilities.

All newly appointed BCC members and members appointed within the last two (2) years will be provided an orientation on rules and procedures. The orientation will also include the following topics:

- Government Overview
- Guiding Principles for Governance
- Roles & Responsibilities

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We thank you for your service and commitment as a City of Evanston BCC member.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth B. Tisdahl
Mayor