

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, May 7, 2010				Report Date	Tuesday, May 4, 2010			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	x	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
REPORT TITLE									
Support for CREATE Report 07/05/10/205									

Subject: Consideration of support to the CREATE groups proposal for AECL restructuring.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council adopt the following resolution supporting the CREATE group's proposal for AECL restructuring committing to a future for our community.

WHEREAS the Chalk River Employees Ad hoc Task Force (CREATE) for a national laboratory was formed in July 2009 in response to the on-going restructuring of AECL and Canada's need for a new multi-purpose research reactor that will surpass the current capabilities of the aging NRU reactor at Chalk River Laboratories (CRL);

AND WHEREAS AECL is being restructured to enable the Canadian nuclear industry to compete more effectively in domestic and international markets;

AND WHEREAS CREATE's concept for Chalk River as a National Laboratory envisages Chalk River National Laboratory (CRNL) as Canada's premier laboratory for nuclear and related sciences, and a resource for researchers from across a broad spectrum, from fundamental sciences to industrial applications;

AND WHEREAS CREATE's vision for the future CRNL is consistent with the federal government's statements on restructuring;

AND WHEREAS the restructuring decisions soon to be made by the federal government could have a significant impact on the future economy and well-being of Deep River and surrounding communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby strongly support CREATE's three main recommendations to the Government of Canada to:

- **PROCEED** with the restructuring of AECL to optimize the independent missions of AECL's commercial division and CRL for the benefit of all Canadians.
- **ANNOUNCE** the adoption of the CHALK RIVER NATIONAL LABORATORY concept for CRL's future mandate and mission, including a new multi-purpose research reactor.

- **IDENTIFY** a federal agency with broad science and industry experience to lead detailed planning of CRNL's future and a new multi-purpose research reactor.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to CREATE, the office of the Prime Minister, the Federal Minister of Natural Resources, the Federal Minister of Energy, our local MP Cheryl Gallant, our local MPP John Yakabuski, the Premier of Ontario, The Provincial Leader of the Opposition, the Federal Leader of the Opposition, the Federal Leader of the NDP, AECL Canada, Mr. Hugh MacDiarmid, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and The County of Renfrew and all local municipalities for support.

BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: I have included a print out of CREATE's presentation to Deep River Council last week. I have also posted it to our website under the Agenda and Reports to Council page.

CREATE also have a website at <http://www.futurecrl.ca/CREATE.php> which may be accessed for additional information. The resolution itself was supplied by members of that group. I have added the "forward" section.

In summary, the group has worked to respect actions taken to date by the Federal Government but has also suggested a viable plan for the future. With the amount of federal funding already spent to build and sustain the current infrastructure in Chalk River, there is hope that the government will consider a plan for the future. The CREATE group, consisting of some of the founders of AECL in Chalk River, have taken their knowledge, experience and foresight to create such a plan. They are now asking for local assistance and support in lobbying the government.

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact: May have significant financial implications for our collective future however; there is no budget impact for HCM currently.

Policy Impact: None. Simply providing support to local initiative to help create a viable future for the area.

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,

Municipal Clerk

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