

Sackville

Motion to Ban Uranium Exploration and Mining in New Brunswick

Whereas uranium exploration and mining can cause permanent harm to our quality of life; and

Whereas even just drilling for uranium during exploration can release radiation and radioactive chemical toxins, to contaminate both air and waterways; and

Whereas airborne and waterborne radioactive, chemically toxic wastes from uranium mining can permanently harm the health of soil, plants, wild game, pets and humans; and

Whereas the dust and tailings from uranium mines can contaminate watersheds, wells, streams, and oceans; and

Whereas the growing body of science indicates that uranium has even greater carcinogenic potential than recognized ten years ago; and

Whereas there is no known method to contain and isolate the releases and tailings from uranium mining to provide short-term and long-term safety; and

Whereas the exploration and mining companies would leave with the short-term profits while the present and future generations of New Brunswickers would be left with the radioactive toxic wastes and their continuing health, environmental, and economic burden; and

Whereas the Province of British Columbia and many other governments worldwide have banned the exploration for and mining of uranium because of the extreme dangers it poses; and

Whereas our close neighbours in Moncton, due to high activity of uranium exploration companies within their watershed, have already passed a motion requesting that the Province of New Brunswick ban the exploration for and mining of uranium in New Brunswick;

Be it resolved that the Town of Sackville request that the Province of New Brunswick ban the exploration for and mining of uranium in the Province of New Brunswick.