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At the bottom of the page under the section Motions of Which Notice has Been Given Previously you can read the following motion as CARRIED by Ottawa City Council:

MOTION

Moved by Councillor Marianne Wilkinson
Seconded by Councillor Diane Deans

That the Rules of Procedure be suspended to consider and approve the following motion, as groups will be meeting on this item in November.

WHEREAS Since 1957 MDS Nordion, an Ottawa-based company, has supplied over half of the world's medical isotopes used in some 50,000 procedures per day worldwide, 5,000 of which are in Canada, to better diagnose and treat a multitude of diseases including cardiac and several types of cancers; and

WHEREAS over the past two years MDS Nordion has attracted more than \$20 million in R&D to Ottawa and Canada; and

WHEREAS MDS Nordion is investing an estimated U.S. \$2.2 million with the University of Ottawa Heart Institute (UOHI), Canada's largest cardiovascular health centre, to establish a Molecular Imaging Centre of Excellence to advance cardiology research; and

WHEREAS MDS Nordion has invested over \$350M to construct and deliver two nuclear reactors and a processing facility (the MAPLE project), intended to replace the 52 year-old National Research Universal (NRU) reactor and provide for a secure, long-term supply of medical isotopes; and

WHEREAS On May 16, Atomic Energy Canada Limited (AECL) announced its intention to discontinue the MAPLE project and that the Government of Canada supported this decision without sharing a new plan for long-term isotope supply after the NRU; and

WHEREAS the National Research Universal (NRU) has been shutdown since May 2009 and isn't expected to return to service before the end of Q1 2010; and

WHEREAS the Prime Minister of Canada said publicly on June 10, 2009 that Canada will eventually be out of the isotope business; and

WHEREAS The Canadian Medical Association passed a resolution at their Annual General meeting in Saskatoon on August 19, 2009 calling on the federal government to retain Canada's leadership and ability to produce and export medical isotopes and reconsider its decision to withdraw from their production; and

WHEREAS on June 12, 2009 officials at the Ottawa Hospital said that the global shortage of medical isotopes has caused them to delay some medical tests for cancer patients; and

WHEREAS Ottawa City Council currently acts as the Board of Health and has the responsibility to ensure the responsiveness of our local community health needs; and

WHEREAS Ottawa City Council has the responsibility to support local companies and promote economic development in the Nation's Capital in order to create jobs and prosperity in the region;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct the Mayor and the City Manager to write to the Prime Minister and the Minister of Natural Resources to:

- 1) Communicate City Council's support for Canada's leadership role in the world in the production of medical isotopes.**
- 2) Inform the Government of Canada that the production of medical isotopes in Canada results in important investments in research and development (R & D) in Ontario and our Nation's Capital and of the need to support the continuation of such investment in R & D.**
- 3) Ask the federal government to take measures to retain Canada's leadership and ability to produce and export medical isotopes and rescind its decision to withdraw from their production.**
- 4) Request the Government of Canada, as did the Canadian Medical Association, to immediately appoint an international expert panel to thoroughly review the decision to abandon the MAPLE I & II nuclear reactors at Chalk River, Ont., which would have produced a domestic and international supply of medical isotopes and come up with recommendations on how to complete the reactors as an ongoing source for medical isotopes.**

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) requesting that they support this resolution in support of Canada's leadership role in the production of medical isotopes and nuclear medicine.

CARRIED