

May 27, 2024

Deputation for C-K Council Meeting

Good evening Mayor Darrin, Chatham-Kent Councillors, Administration, News Media, and everyone in attendance tonight. Thank you for the opportunity to speak to all of you tonight about my profound concerns regarding York1's landfill proposal on the edge of Dresden.

My name is Martha Fehr. I am a 21-year-old business owner, active community volunteer, and proud resident of Dresden. You might recognize me from my restaurant, The Chip Co., or from my volunteer work with Christmas Town and various service clubs. However, my most recent involvement has been with Dresden C.A.R.E.D., a non-profit organization dedicated to opposing this proposal by a large GTA-based company seeking to exploit outdated permits to establish a large-scale landfill facility.

When news of this landfill proposal surfaced in February, I felt compelled to act. This was my opportunity to give back to a community that has supported me since my days of pouring coffee at the local Tim Hortons. I have created a website, launched social media campaigns, helped organize events, met with politicians, and spoken at public information sessions – all to inform and unite our community as I believe at the very least - our community deserves transparency and to know the true facts.

I'd like to thank everyone here tonight, for your transparency with me over the past months. That communication has given me the opportunity to personally vouch for this council, assuring a skeptical community that you have advocated for us these past couple months. I have put my hard-earned reputation on the line, believing in your commitment to our collective well-being. I have been harassed, threatened, and bullied for my advocacy on this issue but I know through the countless hours I have spent these past couple months that although I am a young woman, my voice on this matters which is why I am here today, because I know that this proposal is a danger to not only my future but the future of my community.

Vice President of York1, when asked by community members if his company would be willing to undergo a voluntary environmental assessment of the site to ensure the community of its safety, refused, stating that the site was chosen because it meant his company could circumvent current environmental standards that were implemented to safeguard ecosystems and communities. Just as one example, new landfill legislation mandates that any new landfill must be at least 3.5 km from a town line. This regulation exists because research shows that communities within this distance are negatively affected by landfill sites. From the proposed site on one end of town to my restaurant on the complete opposite end, we are just under this distance. And our public schools are less than that. The landfill license for this site should be revoked, as it now falls within an unsafe distance according to current standards.

The location of this landfill also poses severe environmental risks. There is a very real potential risk of contamination to the local water sources, two of which, Molly's creek and the Sydenham

river, run right by the site, dangerously close to the waste water run off and the potential leachate leakage that could cause the destruction of their natural ecosystem. The Sydenham River runs directly through my backyard, a place where I spent many cherished moments of my childhood. The negative impacts this could have on wildlife habitats, and the overall degradation of our natural environment are unacceptable. The proposed location is dangerously close to residential areas, schools, and businesses. The health, safety, and quality of life of our community are at stake.

The development of an urban waste facility in a small rural community has the potential for so much damage. I fear the loss of many things, perhaps foremost and close to my heart, is the impact this could have on our farmers. Since my childhood, I have seen firsthand how hard these farmers work and the passion and tradition they uphold. I am scared for the loss of prime farmland that supports and upholds the history and future of this community and provides for others far beyond it. The location of the site, so close to freshwater sources, that nourish our soil and ecosystem, pose unwarranted risks to the continual health of our soil and the growth it supports. According to an OFA study, Ontario is losing 319 acres of farmland every day. Our farmers, who are the backbone of our community, deserve our protection and support. They work tirelessly to feed our cities and preserve our rural way of life.

Recently, I had the honor of meeting with Tom Kerr and his son, whose family was the first to plant soybeans in Canada, just up the road from this proposed site. Tom and his family have been actively protecting this area for years - and with the help of the St. Clair Conservation Authority, he has planted 4,500 trees, around the waterways which this company is planning on discharging wastewater into. Additionally, Tom published a paper ten years ago titled "Let Farmers Farm," which discussed this very issue – the Greater Toronto Area taking advantage of rural communities by trucking their garbage here. This fight is not new - just bigger than ever and now it is in our own backyard.

I have a unique perspective on this issue, as I have dedicated the majority of my time since the news of the landfill became known to our community to meetings, research, and advocacy—all while working a full-time job. I have had the privilege of standing with and for my community. In that role, I have read through a substantial portion of the YORK1 filings, and I must be honest—this is terrifying. This location is unfit for a landfill and could cause irreversible harm to the ecosystem and all those it supports, from the plants that grow to the families it feeds.

In conclusion, I stand here today to protect my town and my heart - my niece and nephews - They deserve to grow up in a community where the fish still swim in the river, airborne chemicals do not affect their health, and where driving past a field still means hearing my nephew shout excitedly at the sight of a tractor.

I plead and urge all of you to continue in your support. Thank you for your time and consideration, I am eternally grateful.

Good evening, everyone, I'm honored to address you today about the York 1 Facility trying to establish itself on the edge of the Dresden community.

I grew up in Dresden, and those years were some of the best of my life. Back then, we didn't have the electronic entertainment kids have today, so we spent most of our time outdoors, fishing and swimming in the Sydenham and building forts along the riverbanks.

Now, as an environmental professional, I've come to understand the vital role the Sydenham River plays in supporting diverse ecosystems. The river is home to at least 34 mussel species and 80 fish species, with many being Species at Risk. The region also supports other semi-aquatic species at risk, including amphibians, turtles, and snakes. Some of these species are exclusive to Canada or found in only a few global locations, making the Sydenham watershed a matter of global conservation concern.

Mussels are particularly critical to the river's health. They act as natural filter feeders, improving water quality by removing bacteria, algae, and pollutants. Additionally, their presence or absence can indicate the overall health of an ecosystem. Furthermore, mussel shells provide habitats for insects and plants, and empty shells serve as nesting sites for small fish.

These freshwater mussels are not just fascinating creatures; they are essential for maintaining healthy aquatic ecosystems. Protecting them is crucial for the well-being of our rivers and the species that rely on them. You can think of them as the kidneys to the waterways. Unfortunately, they are one of the most endangered group of organisms due to the negative impact of water pollution on their populations.

The proposed landfill site's proximity to the river poses a grave threat to the delicate ecosystem. Scientific evidence demonstrates that leachate from landfills contains heavy metals and harmful contaminants, risking the health of the Sydenham River and its inhabitants. This could lead to algae blooms and endanger sensitive species. Moreover, these contaminants may seep into the drinking water of nearby residents through runoff and ground infiltration. Additionally, York1's stormwater proposal to discharge into Molly's Creek raises serious concerns. The south and west portions of the York1

property are located in a flood plain, and the Sydenham River has a history of significant flooding events.

It is uncommon in my experience to find landfills in such close proximity to both a town and a waterway. Most sites I have visited are situated at a considerable distance from communities and water bodies.

Although I no longer reside in Dresden, I remain connected to many family and friends in the area. It is clear that York1's actions are unjust. As someone who regularly engages in due diligence in my line of work, it is evident that York1 is neglecting its responsibility to the residents of Dresden. If York1 genuinely valued the well-being of the people and the environment, they would take every measure to ensure their safety. Unfortunately, this has not been the case based on my observations thus far.

I would like to Thank you mayor Caniff and Councillors for taking the time to hear our concerns.

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To: [CKclerk](#)
Subject: York 1 deputation.
Date: May 27, 2024 11:37:16 AM

Deputation
York 1

May 27 2024 item # 17

I am reaching out to bring attention to the matter of the proposed York 1 recycling facility/landfill. As a grandmother of 8 and with many great nieces and nephews residing in the Dresden area and neighboring communities, I am deeply concerned about the potential impact of this facility on their health and safety, as well as that of my entire family. Our family has been actively involved in farming in the Dresden area for over 75 years, cultivating a variety of crops including tomatoes, beans, sugar beets, and others.

One of my concerns pertains to the significant increase in truck traffic that the York 1 facility could generate. The proposal indicates a potential influx of up to approximately 700 trucks per day, which raises serious safety concerns for our farmers, students, and residents, particularly during the tomato season. Additionally, the discovery of methane gas pockets in the surrounding area, along with its presence in residents' water wells, is a cause for alarm. Methane emissions from landfills are known to be a significant environmental issue, and I am deeply troubled by the potential impact of both naturally occurring and landfill-produced methane gas on our community and the environment.

Furthermore, I am troubled by the potential release of particulate matter, silica dust, and the acceptance of 500 tonnes a day of asbestos-containing material at the facility. Multiple studies have highlighted the heightened health risks faced by individuals living in close proximity to landfills, including an increased likelihood of cancer, respiratory illnesses, and asthma. Given the proximity of our high school that is within 1 km, downtown core, and public school are within 2 kms of the facility, the health and well-being of our children should be our utmost priority and not

compromised for the sake of cost-saving measures of trying to avoid having an assessment completed.

As farmers, the quality of our crops directly impacts our livelihood. The proximity of my farmland one property backs immediately to the York1 property and other properties in close proximity to the proposed facility raises concerns about the potential effects of contaminants on the quality of our produce. Moreover, the potential increase in pests, rodents, and wildlife drawn to the site's odors poses a threat to our farming operations. Additionally, Dresden has a food processing plant nearby.

The potential repercussions on our family's livelihood are substantial. I am pleading with everyone to please help stop this facility. Our collective efforts are crucial in preventing this unwanted neighbour from becoming a reality.

Presentation to CK Municipal Council by

Marie Carter, Dresden History Group (founder/co-chair)

Mayor Caniff, Councillors and CK Staff

Thank you, first of all, for all you've already done to support Dresden in its efforts stop the York 1 development by insisting on an environmental assessment. It is appreciated.

As you are aware, environmental assessments are about more than the impact an industrial development would have on the natural environment. It is also about the impact on quality of life, human activity and industry. In this regard I wanted to highlight for you today the impact York 1s development would have on our History. . . and especially on our ability to continue to be a destination for educational groups and also for heritage tourism if the York 1 project proceeds.

This concern for education and heritage has an economic component as tourism is a multi-billion dollar industry in our Province, and Heritage Tourism represents the largest and fastest growing segment of the tourism industry today. At Dresden you have only to walk through our flower lined business core, and see the many investments our business people have made to know that Dresden's unique and rich heritage has the potential to tap into heritage tourism and is significant in its role of revitalizing of our downtown core. Not only business investment, but several years of hard work by our community volunteers and the work of historical researchers and educators have gone into developing Dresden to be the kind of place school bus tours and heritage tourists will flock too. We have gone in the past 20 years from being a place that only featured on historical site to a heritage community which exudes an atmosphere and offers the kinds of amenities to make it not simply a place people pass through to go somewhere else. . . but a destination.

We are fortunate at Dresden to have a unique and rich history which has left us with an abundance of heritage sites people are eager to explore. We have, of course, been blessed for over 80 years with the presence of the internationally known and nationally and provincially recognized Josiah Henson Museum of African-Canadian Heritage (formerly Uncle Tom's Cabin Historic Site) as our key attraction which annually draws thousands through student tours and conferences, bus tours and casual traffic. For the past 20 years, Dresden's people have worked hard to create complementary attractions that augment visitors' heritage experience through projects like the Trillium Trail Historical Walk, the Dawn Settlement Tour, Building Heritage guides, and the Into the Dawn Barn Quilt Trail. Beautification of our parks and gardens and the investment of business people in creation of amenities and services geared to tourist traffic has also resulted in the creation of three air bnbs, two specialty bakeries, an ice cream parlour, a candy shop, an art gallery and a variety of boutique shops. Special needs of cycling tourists and kayakers have also been addressed with the addition of repair stations, and rentals of equipment and a cabin on the river. The total effect has been increased visitor traffic that has resulted in a revitalization of Dresden's business core. Not insignificantly this increased activity has also opened up new opportunities for historical education and proved resulted in the attraction of new residents.

You will hear it argued that all our communities have history, but as a historian, I know that Dresden's history is especially rich and unique and I believe that our history and our history sites in and of itself should be safeguarded and their significance understood by residents and visitors alike.

Encouraging heritage tourism has the important benefit of ensuring education of our young people and general population on the important themes of multiculturalism and civil rights found in Dresden through encouraging further exploration and preservation of that history.

How important is Dresden's history? Academics I interact with regularly understand its uniqueness. They write about it regularly in various academic journals, papers and books because of our unique roots in the historic Dawn Settlement. In recent years I've personally toured several academics and filmmakers drawn by this heritage. But Dresden is not only about its Black History, significant as that is. And in recent months other unique aspects of our diverse history have drawn documentary maker Eric Philpott to film his Dresden, 1957 feature length documentary highlighting Dresden's unique role in shaping health and safety legislation in Ontario. The PBS documentary filmmaker Jared Brock also came to Dresden in recent years to do a PBS special on Josiah Henson called The Road to Dawn, and has since become a patron of the local museum. Other authors who have toured here have included the CBC's Stuart McLean (Welcome Home: Travels in Small Town Canada), and Governor General Award Winner Karolyn Smardz Frost (I've Got a Home In Gloryland) and more than a dozen others that I've met personally and taken on tours and who universally comment not only on the importance of what they find here. . . but on the general atmosphere and charm of the community which draws many of them back for additional visits.

Dresden's historical importance is also recognized by our government who have installed ONE National and FOUR Provincial heritage plaques on historically significant sites. A Chatham-Kent Heritage Plaque will soon be added to Jackson Park. Our rich industrial history that includes airplane manufacturing can also be found on the Trillium Trail Historical Walk and a memorial plaque on Sydenham Street raised by the survivors of the Dresden Cave-In disaster marks that provincially important location. The main intersection of the town features five of eight panels we have developed as part of the Dawn Barn Quilt Trail and a Japanese Canadian Association has created a storyboard at the Dresden fairgrounds featuring the Japanese workcamp of WWII that was located there. The Ontario Heritage Trust also recently created seven You Tube videos highlighting seven significant artifact buildings in Dresden six of which have not yet been designated.

Dresden's downtown also features a number of historical business locations including the three storey business block built by its first mayor, and two Underground Railroad era churches founded by important abolitionists linked to important emancipation efforts in England and Detroit.

The bottom line is. . . Dresden is an important heritage community . . . and the significance of its history draws a wide range of people with many interests from canoists who wish to explore the natural history of the Sydenham, to nationally academics, to elementary and secondary school students to casual tourists. They are drawn here not only by our heritage, but by the charm and beauty that the community – volunteers and businesspeople and municipal works employees – have developed here and work hard to maintain. Some don't simply visit. They return and stay. (And I can attest that many of the new Dresden residents I've talked to cite the overall atmosphere and our history were an important factor in their choosing to permanently settle here.)

All of this will be jeopardized if York 1 is allowed to create a dump only several hundred yards from our town and that would bring a dramatic increase in heavy truck traffic. Imagine coming to Dresden to enjoy our parks and downtown, or to take part in a historical walking tour, or visit to one of our heritage sites only to have the intrusion of the inevitable dust and noise of a major industrial

operation only yards from town. York One's trucks, which would come through the area at a rate of one every seven minutes would not be seen as a friendly development by bus tour operators who maintain tight schedules and would similarly be counter to the interests of school tour buses concerned with traffic safety.

We should give primary consideration to encouraging and supporting the efforts that have made Dresden a heritage tourism destination because it is important to create inviting spaces that provide education about our nationally important history, and because its important that business people who have invested heavily in Dresden can continue to ensure the future of our main street. . . something that is not easy for rural communities in the age of big box stores and internet buying. The potential negative impact of York 1s development on our heritage-based economy needs full consideration. .. and ideally should be a deal breaker.

Thank you for helping us ensure that Dresden remains known for its heritage and not as the site of a mega dump.

The Dresden History Group operates under the sponsorship of the Catherine McVean Chapter of the IODE. The group has two main objectives: to encourage awareness of Dresden and area's unique heritage through special events and the preservation of heritage through projects like the Dresden Archives. The group's local working committee meets monthly. Their Dresden Virtual History Group discussion group (on Facebook) has over 2,000 members.

The presenter is also a historian and author of: Stepping Back In Time along Dresden's Trillium Trail; William Whipper's Lands Along the Sydenham and a New Lens on the Dawn Settlement in The Promised Land (University of Toronto Press). In the Light of Dawn: The History and Legacy of a Canadian Black Community (pending Feb 2025, University of Regina Press), 100 Years of the IODE and Building Heritage: a walking tour featuring 40 Dresden Historical Homes.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CKclerk](#)
Subject: Dresden landfill
Date: May 27, 2024 10:46:28 AM

Can the clerk please read my following statement out loud.

May 27, 2024

As a long time resident of Dresden, Ontario, I am deeply concerned with the fact that York1 intends to build a megadump 1km from our small town.

New laws from the Ministry of Environment state that 3.5 km is the required distance. The Ministry of Environment also states, that anything under 3km may cause adverse effects. Our entire town will be within a 3km radius of this megadump. I am concerned about asbestosis, silicosis, asthma, breathing issues, odours, cancer, fine particles floating throughout our town etc.

Our roads are not built for this type of traffic, they are already in rough shape. Our children are bussed in these roads, I fear for the safety of the children with all this added traffic. Farm equipment frequents our community at a very slow harvest and planting season can be chaotic on the roads. Some farm equipment can take up the majority of the road and I cannot imagine adding in up to 700 trucks daily(one way).

I am concerned with the ecosystem, there are many endangered species at risk in our Sydenham. There is a marsh, naturally fed spring, creek and the aquifer is beneath the property. The waterbed is also shallow, not fit to have a landfill. I am concerned with contamination of the Sydenham from wastewater and leachate.

The property is located in a flood plain which is of huge concern. What happens when we get a 100 year storm and the leachate gets into the waterways due to flooding.

There are two schools within 1km of the YORK1 property. This causes great concern for the health of our children.

Conagra is also a food processing facility in Dresden. This seems irresponsible to say the least, to process food in such a close proximity to a dump.

Noise pollution is a huge concern as well. This is so close to our town that houses are definitely going to hear the trucks coming and going, as well as the equipment working.

The Josiah Henson Museum of African Canadian History is a historical site located in Dresden as well. Dresden is rich with history and recognized locally, provincially and nationally as an important historic site. There is a possibility that this site could hold archaeological evidence of First Nations people. There is ongoing research regarding this area being done.

This is a NEW dump, Bill 197 needs to be applied. We are not willing hosts.

Michelle Ross

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Dresden, ON

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: [CKclerk](#)
Date: Deputation - Dresden Landfill
May 27, 2024 10:16:00 AM

Hi, I'd like to make speak to council in a deputation for tonight's council meeting on May 27th, 2024.

My deputation will speak to:

- Thank council for their excellent support
- Call out members of our council who have really come through for Dresden
- Advise them of York1's poor communication to residents about this project.

Thank you,

Mike Yankovitch

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Robert Simpson

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My Wife and I live in Wallaceburg on the Sydenham. Our property has flooded several times during high water events in many years past. I wish to speak about the York1's proposed dump/landfill in Dresden. I strongly disagree with this project being allowed to move forward. I wish to state this dump/landfill must be shut down now.

First off, the land that it would be on is bordered by both the 4th Concession Drain and Molly's Creek. Which I wish to point out are both environmentally sensitive waters which drain into the Sydenham which is an **AT-RISK RIVER**. Both Molly's Creek and the 4th Concession Drain are breeding grounds for the Soft-Shell Spiney Turtle and Gar. Both are **AT-RISK** species.

With York1s proposed dump/landfill, their storm water ponds and their washing of contaminated soil all of which would be running off into these two streams thus wiping out their habitat and many other **AT-RISK** species. This contaminated water would then run into the Sydenham River which is an **AT-RISK** River. This water from the soil washing and storm run off as it goes downstream towards Tupperville, Wallaceburg then to Walpole Island and into Lake St Clair would affect over 80 **AT-RISK** species. As well the loss of these species would affect both

the fisheries and Water Fowl along the Sydenham and Lake St Clair would be affected. Thus, ruining the fisheries and fall hunts of Walpole Island, Mitchell's Bay and surrounding communities which would be causing the loss of their source of income. Also Eagles and other birds of prey which eat fish and wild life would be impacted greatly.

I ask Chatham-Kent Council to use every means they can to urge the province of Ontario to shut this dump/landfill down and Save Molly's Creek, save the 4th Concession Drain and **TO SAVE THE SYDENHAM RIVER** including all the waterways along the way!

Thank You.

May 27, 2024

Deputation for C-K Council Meeting

Wendy -Jeff Verauteren

Good evening Mayor Darrin, Chatham-Kent Councillors, Chatham-Kent Administration, New Media, and everyone in attendance. Thank you for the opportunity to speak to all of you tonight about my concerns about York1's Landfill proposal, on the northern edge of Dresden.

Myself, and my husband, Jeff, have called the north side of Dresden our home for 34 years. We have raised our 3 adult sons in our town. I work in Dresden, and Jeff operates a business in town, as well. We do everything we can to support the small business community, as well as volunteering with various organizations and causes, over the years, in and around Dresden.

Most recently, since February 2024, we have been actively involved within the town, with the campaign to stop York1's agenda to erect a landfill, a short distance north of the Dresden town limit. As a member of Dresden C.A.R.E.D, we have been dedicated to gather the facts about the property that York1 purchased, as well as reviewing and analyzing pertinent documents regarding York1's plans for their proposed landfill, at 29831 Irish School Road. As we are all aware, York1 has submitted Environmental Registries to the province, in an effort to have the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks amend the Environment Compliance Approvals (aka ECA) that are associated with the property, they purchased. York1 has repeatedly referred to the property as a dormant landfill, however as we all have been made aware, the property is currently zoned as M2-365 – Extractive Industrial.

Now, let's talk about Dresden. The town is a beautiful town...a diverse town...a historical town...a heritage town. It is home to the ever popular and very successful Night Markets...one in late July and one in late November. The downtown business core, is almost full with flourishing businesses. Not too many years ago, while strolling through the downtown core, you would find yourself walking past many empty storefronts. Now, every window has an operating business, in the stretch of connected buildings from Queen Street to the Main and Brown Streets intersection. And, it doesn't end there...around the corners onto Main and Brown Streets, the storefronts are filling up. Seeing all this, brings so much pride to this quaint little town, which has also been dubbed as Southwestern Ontario's Christmas Town.

Then add in all the other activities and groups. We have minor soccer and baseball...lawn bowling...hockey...figure skating...Girl Guides and Pathfinders...to name a few. Then we have the Dresden Kinsmen...Dresden Rotary...Catherine McVean IODE...Dresden Agricultural Society...Dresden Horticultural Society...Dresden Shines...to name a few...and all of these groups do so much in and for the town of Dresden.

If we lose this fight against York1's landfill proposal, we risk to lose all that this town has gained through the years. But, I feel that the loss will have more far reaching consequences. You see, back in February when I learned of the York1 landfill proposal, I did some research on Landfill sites in the province of Ontario, because I was looking for the ECA numbers that York1 acquired with the property at 29831 Irish School Road...but could not find them anywhere on the Landfill listing. But, what I did discover, was that there are 805 Landfill sites in the province. I looked further, for Chatham-Kent locations, and in Chatham-Kent, there is currently only one landfill open...and 13 that are closed. And those closed sites, are ones that have ECA numbers, that were classified as Landfills. The ECA numbers that York1 acquired with the Irish School Road property, are not listed. Why is that? Is it perhaps that because it was never deemed as a landfill, according to the province? The ECA numbers, and the property, predated any requirement of an Environmental Assessment...as quoted by Minister Khanjin on March 15th. So, how many other sites, that are not listed on the Landfill listing (that anyone can access and download from Ontario.ca) with ECA numbers that may have been alleged to be

landfills? Great question. My concern...if York1 gets this approval, how many other closed landfill sites, could York1, or any other waste management company, want to try to purchase, and attempt to do the same thing, as Dresden...that may be just as close to a town, just like this one is to Dresden...and there are many that are listed as closed in the province.

We need to all work together to halt York1's proposed landfill in Dresden. And, being here tonight, talking about this and working as a TEAM. Did you know that TEAM is an acronym? It means:

T – together

E – everyone

A – achieves

M – more

So, let's do this, and succeed to suppress any possibility of York1, bringing a landfill to Dresden.

And, last but certainly not least...I cannot thank each and everyone of you here tonight, for your ongoing support in this fight. Showing up and speaking up, means more than you could ever know.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CKclerk](#)
Subject: Deputation opposing York1's proposal to open a landfill and recycling operation
Date: May 27, 2024 2:31:49 PM

Attention Chatham Kent Clerk:

The following is a deputation which I would like read at the CK council meeting on May 27th/2024 held at the John C Bradley Centre.

I am writing this deputation to express my objection to York 1's proposed of expanding the landfill and building a recycling facility at 29831 Irish School Road, Dresden.

As a member of the Dresden BIA, and the Dresden Horticultural Society, we have worked hard to create and brand our town with the tag line, "**the charm, the beauty, the lifestyle.**" Our goal has been to create a vibrant, welcoming and caring community honoring our heritage, always aiming to collaborate and work together. We have been successful in attracting new residents to our community and are proud of two new housing developments in town. As well, we are excited with 2 new businesses recently opening downtown. As a member of the Dresden Horticultural Society, we work to beautify the community and promote good environmental practices. The charm, of our town is the quiet, friendly surroundings, the beauty, our parks and Sydenham river which flows thru town, and our lifestyle, is families feeling safe raising their children who enjoy a variety of sports and cultural activities. Our beautiful river offers recreation and sanctuary for many endangered species.

I have grave concerns that York 1's proposal would destroy what we have worked hard to build. 700 trucks coming thru town would destroy our peaceful and quiet main streets, would create pollution and be a safety hazard for everyone, especially our children attending the two schools which are in such close proximity to the proposed site. The leaching of waste from the toxic materials, will harm the ecosystems in Molly's Creek and the Sydenham River. Many endangered species could become extinct.

Another upsetting concern is that York 1 representatives did not engage in discussion with CK or the community when the property was first purchased to discuss their proposed plans. This lack of respect for our concerns is not a good way to initiate a relationship and I am worried that our future goals for our town will not be honored.

I ask that the Chatham Kent Council continue to support Dresden Citizens Against Reckless Environmental Disposal. by objecting and not supporting York 1's proposals.

Yours Sincerely,
Liz Kominek

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CKclerk](#)
Subject: Dresden Landfill : Deputation
Date: May 26, 2024 9:51:12 PM

As I am unable to attend I would like the clerk to read this deputation.

I am a permanent resident of British origin, I came to Canada 20 years ago and chose to live in Dresden. I would not choose to live in a small town with a dump. If this landfill passes it will turn many people like me off coming to the area.

I have raised a family, started a successful business and bought property in the area. All of these things generate income for Chatham-Kent. Income that wouldn't have been generated had Dresden had a dump when I came to Canada.

There are others who will move to Canada after me and be massively more successful than I, the idea that they would select a small town with a large dump to live in doesn't hold water.

The dump will limit the future opportunities of the town and it's residents. Lots of people and business will be put off moving here, with a dump right at the end of town.

Diminished property prices will diminish the tax base, Diminished opportunities will encourage the young to leave and not return. Small town already struggle keeping populations, turning Dresden into a truck stop to support an environmentally, town and societally damaging unwanted dump isn't going to help and only exacerbate the problems already at play in Chatham-Kent.

Regards

Billy Maguire

May 27, 2024

C-K Council Meeting – Deputation

Good evening Mayor Canniff, Councillors, Administration Staff, News Media and everyone else in attendance.

My name is Jim Coutts. I am a lifelong resident of Dresden. I started working in Dresden as a mechanic in 1962, and then to working for Chatham Township, and then to building inspector with Chatham-Kent, until I retired about 13 years ago.

I have been in Dresden, through various floods. I have included photos of flooding that happened, various times, through the years. Of course, I was not alive for very early recorded ones, but I have photos that I have included as well.

I am very concerned about the possibility of this dump in Dresden. With the flooding of the 4th Concession Drain, Molly's Creek, and Sydenham River, that regularly happens, due to spring thaws and heavy rainfalls, I am concerned about the chemicals from a dump that would drain into these waterways. I am an avid fisherman in the area, and having a dump, that is proposing to do storm drainage into Molly's Creek, is very concerning to me. We have to save the fish and all wildlife that lives and thrives in the Molly's Creek and Sydenham River watersheds.

One photo I have included is from the St. Clair Conservation Authority for the 29831 Irish School Road property, that shows, in red, what is the regulated area, that surrounds the property. St. Clair Conservation Authority has done what they can do, but I know that the Ministry can override them.

At the end of the day, I do not want this dump and I am fighting that there be no new dumps in Chatham-Kent.

Please continue to help us fight to not allow York1 to build a dump in Dresden.

Thank you for your time.

Jim Coutts

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CKclerk](#)
Subject: Deputation for Tonight's Council Meeting
Date: May 27, 2024 11:59:41 AM

Hello,

Hopefully this makes it to you prior to the 12:00pm deadline, but I would like this deputation to be read by the clerk at tonight's council meeting. See below.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know!

Thank you!

Kait Pataki

York 1's proposal to situate a dump in close proximity to Dresden is very concerning to me as a resident in Chatham-Kent. My husband and I moved to Dresden last year and we both work in healthcare. We have many concerns with this dump, but I wanted to highlight the grave impacts that we can expect to see on our local health system. It is well researched that living within a 5km radius of a landfill can cause major health impacts due to the gas emissions. From a population health perspective, this will significantly cost our local health system as this is likely to increase a type of hospitalization called Ambulatory Care Sensitive Condition (ACSC) Hospitalizations. These types of hospitalizations are typical of COPD and asthma. Chatham-Kent already has high rates of these and a landfill in close proximity to our community will only increase this. Additionally, ACSC hospitalizations are very costly to our local health system. Both in time and health human resources and both being in high demand yet short supply.

Living in such close proximity to the proposed dump, we will expect to see an increased prevalence and incidence rates of mental health and addictions due to varying factors of the effects of the landfill: decreased property values, unclean or littered town, and polluted environment. This will further the demand and strain on our local health system.

Additionally, Chatham-Kent, and specifically Dresden, is experiencing a healthcare provider shortage specifically for primary care providers - physicians and nurse practitioners. If a landfill goes in, it will make recruitment and retention of primary care providers to this area even more difficult. Further exasperating the effects and prevalence of ACSC hospitalizations.

Lastly, a construct that is very related to population health is Material Deprivation. Material Deprivation is a measure of poverty and inequity and those who experience higher levels of Material Deprivation are more likely to experience poorer health outcomes. Chatham-Kent has substantially higher material deprivation rates than that of the province and Dresden is no exception. With a landfill being built 1km from our community it is expected for residents' property value to decrease. Given that most have their investments in real-estate, this will

only further increase levels of material deprivation being experienced in Dresden. This is compounded by the notion that even if the landfill does produce jobs, they will not be high paying, as York 1's c-Suite and Executive Leadership will not reside here. As such, it can be predicted that those living in material deprivation rates will rise, which results in poorer health outcomes and higher health system costs. It is well documented that those with the highest levels of material deprivation in Chatham-Kent have the highest ACSC hospitalization rates. Furthermore, living in such close proximity to a dump will increase the rates of mental health and addictions.

This proposed landfill is not a Dresden problem. This is truly a Chatham-Kent problem as we all share the same healthcare system. This is a systemic issue that every resident in Chatham-Kent will be affected by either in the immediate or downstream future. We cannot have a prosperous community and Municipality if the population who lives here is not healthy.

This same methodology of systems thinking can be applied to the environment, roadway safety and infrastructure, and local economy. The effects on the Chatham-Kent population will be great and inherited by future generations to come.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Darrin Canniff](#); [COUNCIL](#); [CKclerk](#)
Subject: flag raising policy
Date: May 27, 2024 12:05:41 AM

Dear Mr. Mayor, Council Members and Clerk:

I read your proposed flag raising policy with interest.

Maintaining the 3 government flags in front of the Civic Centre represents all of the citizens of C-K, and is a good decision.

A single community flag pole at King and Second St could work if all groups have equal opportunity to be represented there.

Having 1 pole only at the Civic Centre for community flags is a cost savings.

It seems the Mayor can choose to fly a flag for a visiting dignitary and/or related government promotions.

It seems the Manager of Corporate Communications decides which community flags will fly, and for how long. (unless the Manager's decision is superseded at the discretion of council.)

It appears that initially the Manager of Corporate Communication decides if a group is "hateful", and therefore does not deserve to have its' flag fly.

Meaning no disrespect to the Manager, there is a danger that this decision being made by one person could become a personal judgement call, verging on political motivations, leading to discrimination against positive community groups.

Flying an organization's flag appears to be tied to an event. Is there a chance a community group could have more than 1 event in a year that they wish to promote with a flag raising? If so, some groups could get more representation than other groups in the community. I

recommend in the name of fairness and equity that groups are allowed to request a flag raising for 1 event a year only. ONCE A YEAR per group

is sufficient to represent, celebrate, and advertise for a community group, especially with so many community groups potentially wanting and deserving the opportunity.

While not specifically mentioned, a community group should receive a reply from the Municipality to their flag raising request, as a common courtesy.

That would be an improvement from the past, as is the right for a group to appeal the decision to Council.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jane Wright

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(**PS** for the **Clerk** – I have a conflict, and am unable to make a deputation by zoom or in person. If something changes for me, I will e-mail you before noon on Mon.)