

3RD REPORT OF THE
CIVIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Meeting held on January 25 and January 26, 2012, commencing at 7:04 PM, at Centennial Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor H.L. Usher (Chair), Councillors J.L. Baechler, S. Orser, P. Van Meerbergen and S. White and B. Mercier (Secretary).

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors M. Brown, D. Henderson and B. Polhill; J. Braam, D. Huggins, L. Marshall, D. O'Brien, R. Paynter, J. Simon, R. Welker, B. Westlake-Power and L. Wilcox.

I. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

1. That Councillor S. White disclosed a pecuniary interest in clause 3 of this Report relating to a communication from M. Ponti, Pediatrician, with respect to the City's water fluoridation program, by indicating that Ms. Ponti's communication is on her employer's letterhead.

II. SCHEDULED ITEMS

2. Drinking Water Fluoridation in London

Recommendation: That following actions be taken with respect to the matter of drinking water fluoridation in the City of London:

- a) the comments and submissions received at the Public Participation Meeting held on January 25, 2012 with respect to drinking water fluoridation in the City of London **BE REFERRED** to the Civic Administration for review, in consultation with the Middlesex-London Health Unit, and report back at a future meeting of the Civic Works Committee with a recommendation and information clarifying the following matters:
 - i) the legal issues around 'informed consent';
 - ii) alternatives, other than nutrition, when water is not fluoridated;
 - iii) the toxicity of HFSA (hydrofluorosilicic acid), the product used to fluoridate London's water; and,
 - iv) whether the Municipal Council has the legal authority to make the decision to cease fluoridation of the water supply; and,
- b) in the event that a recommendation is put forth that the fluoridation of the City of London's drinking water should cease, the Civic Administration **BE REQUESTED** to address the necessary steps and associated implications of moving in that direction given that the Elgin Area and Lake Huron Primary Water Supply Systems are jointly operated by municipalities in addition to the City of London, and, further, the City of London has agreements in place for the provision of water to other municipalities from its own secondary water supply system; and,

it being noted that the Civic Works Committee heard the attached presentations from the Director of Water and City Engineer, Dr. G. Pollett, Medical Officer of Health and Dr. Bryna Warshawsky, Associate Medical Officer of Health, Middlesex-London Health Unit, and Dr. P. Cooney, Health Canada, with respect to this matter;

it being pointed out that at the public participation meeting associated with this matter, the following individuals made an oral submission in connection therewith:

- Dr. Arlene King, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, 80 Grosvenor Street, 11th Floor, Hepburn Block, Toronto, ON – providing comments as outlined in the attached communication.

- Dr. Natalie Archer, The Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario, 6 Crescent Road, 3rd Floor, Toronto, ON – providing comments as outlined in the attached communication.
- Ron Moss, 1 Redmond Lane - providing comments as outlined in the attached communication.
- David W. Holdsworth, Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry, University of Western Ontario - providing comments as outlined in the attached communication.
- Judy Melville, Executive Director, Ontario Dental Assistants Association, 869 Dundas Street - providing comments as outlined in the attached communication.
- Michelle Atkinson, RDH, Ontario Dental Hygienists' Association, 201-3425 Harvester Road, Burlington, ON – noting the points addressed in her submission, included as item 2f) on the CWC agenda.
- Dr. Peter Fendrich, Ontario Dental Association, 4 New Street, Toronto, ON - providing comments as outlined in the attached communication.
- Victoria Leck, Canadian Dental Hygienists Association, 96 Centrepointe Drive, Ottawa, ON – providing comments as outlined in the attached presentation.
- Brenda Davidson, RPN, 110 Deveron Crescent - providing comments as outlined in the attached communication.
- Jeffrey Richmond, 746 Baseline Road East - providing comments as outlined in the attached communication.
- R. Bohay, DMD, Acting Director, Dentistry, Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry, University of Western Ontario, Dental Sciences Building, Room 1003, London, ON - noting the points addressed in his submission, included as item 2k) on the CWC agenda.
- Pam Killeen, 93 Hillsmount Crescent - providing comments as outlined in the attached presentation.
- Professor Joe Cummins, University of Western Ontario - noting the points addressed in his submission, included as item 2m) on the CWC ADDED agenda.
- Paul Connett, PhD, Professor Emeritus of Environmental Chemistry, St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY - noting the points addressed in his submission, included as item 2n) on the CWC agenda and in the attached presentation.
- Chris Gupta, 919 Plantation Road - noting the points addressed in his submission, as included as item 2o) on the CWC agenda and in the attached presentation.
- Carol Bennett, 11 Constable Street – presenting a video by Dr. Hardy on the use of industrial waste to fluoridate water.
- Jan Pringle, 15 Naomee Crescent – presenting a video by Dr. Beck on fluoridation of public water supplies and providing his comments included as item 2q) on the CWC ADDED agenda.
- Kallie Miller, 19-925 Lawson Road - noting the points addressed in her submissions, included as item 2r) on the CWC agenda and the CWC ADDED agenda.
- Christie Kramberger, 9 Stuart Street - presenting a video by Dr. Burk on fluoride.
- David Cline, 167 Centre Street – indicating that this subject is very important, fluoride is an extremely toxic poison, so stop putting fluoride in the water; noting that looking at the facts would be good for the common objectives; further indicating that it is all about the dosage, you can't control how much water people drink; stating that we have to stop putting fluoride in our water, it has been shown to decrease the IQ in children; further noting that we seem to be just talking about white teeth here – are white teeth really worth it; and asking that Council prove that it is not harmful – as he hasn't seen that yet.
- Robert Guthrie, 109 Somerset Road – providing comments as outlined in the attached communication and presentation.
- Dan Caron, 169 Cecilia Avenue - noting the points addressed in his submission, included as item 2v) on the CWC ADDED agenda.
- Juliette Medeiros, 169 Cecilia Avenue - noting the points addressed in her submission, included as item 2w) of the CWC agenda and as outlined in the attached communication.

- Malorie Knoester, 503 Colborne Street – providing comments as outlined in the attached communication.
- Glen Emery, 283 Sarnia Road – providing comments as outlined in the attached communication.
- Dr. Maria van Harten, Ontario Association of Public Health Dentistry, 50 King Street - providing comments as outlined in the attached communication.
- Sam Maloney, 56 Duchess Avenue - providing comments as outlined in the attached communication.
- Jessica Merucci, 147 Meadowridge Road – indicating that she is disgusted with this panel of experts – and asking the Mayor for a vote.
- Michael van Holst, 46 Manitoulin Drive - providing comments as outlined in the attached presentation.
- Morgan van Holst, 46 Manitoulin Drive - providing comments as outlined in the attached communication.
- Evelyn Kooistra, 1185 Guildwood Boulevard - providing comments as outlined in the attached communication.
- Kevin Fangrad, 11-869 Whetherfield Street - providing comments as outlined in the attached communication.
- Peter J. Veel, 571 Donegal Drive - providing comments as outlined in the attached communication.
- Dr. Drew Smith, President, London and District Dental Society, 602 Oxford Street East - providing comments as outlined in the attached communication.
- Dr. B.J. Hardick, 331 Queens Avenue - providing comments as outlined in the attached communication.
- Bonni Dennison, 3380 Georgeheriot Lane – providing comments as outlined in her submission, included as item 2aj) on the CWC agenda
- Kenneth Logan, email – noting the points addressed in his submission, included as item 2ak) of the CWC agenda and as outlined in the attached communication.
- Conrad K. Odegaard, 40 Linwood Street - noting the points addressed in his submission, included as item 2al) of the CWC agenda.
- Gary Brown, Energy Chair, Council of Canadians London Chapter, 59 Ridout Street, Apt. 35A - providing comments as outlined in the attached communication.
- Nicole Kuzmanovich, 16-7222 Clayton Walk - providing comments as outlined in the attached communication and presentation.
- David Shaw, 1906-340 Colborne Street - presenting a video by Dr. Doris Rapp, MD, entitled “Can Fluoride Cause Severe Depression”, and providing the attached communication.
- Jitka Demelo, 1629 Sharon Drive – noting the points addressed in his submission, included as item 2ap) on the CWC agenda.
- Jenn Keller, 358 Ashland Avenue – providing comments as outlined in her submission, as included as item 2aq) on the CWC agenda.
- Sarah Pittao, 166 Inverary Crescent - providing comments as outlined in the attached presentation.
- Gordon Payne, 70 Orkeney Crescent, Certified Specialist, Paediatric Dentistry Adjunct Clinical Professor Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry, University of Western Ontario - providing comments as outlined in the attached communication and presentation.
- G. Gordon, 22 Brooklan Place – providing comments as outlined in the attached presentation.
- S. Burch, 9 San Fernando Drive, Hamilton, ON – providing comments as outlined in the attached communication.
- S. Bonello - providing comments as outlined in the attached communication.
- D. McColl – 379 Vesta Place – indicating that he does not want fluoride in his water and neither does his mother; noting that he is an athlete and drinks a lot of water; further noting that he uses fluoride toothpaste to prevent tooth decay; stating that he is respectful of the experts’ opinions but doesn’t want fluoride in his water.
- C. Etheridge, 167 Walmer Gardens – indicating that she is a mother and that is her career; she relocated to London in 1988 from Montreal; noting that her daughter had blood in her urine and subsequently had her water tested and found that it had lead in the water; we know how dangerous

fluoride is, our health should be our first concern, and it should be yours as well – don't wait until 2014.

- M. Dandy, 1688 Phillbrook Crescent – asking that Council make their decision not based on fear but on the facts; requesting that Council look at British Columbia and other cities opposed to fluoridation in water.
- M. Bergen, 316 Griffith Street – providing comments as outlined in the attached communication.
- A. Baron, 70 Orchard Street - providing comments as outlined in the attached communication.
- R. Croden, 329 Salisbury Street – noting that what he has learned today is if the PH levels in your body are acidic you are more able to get cancer.
- S. Unwin, 12 Fenwick Court, St. Thomas - providing comments as outlined in the attached communication.
- C. Matis, 426 Stockton Street – indicating that they are a very passionate group; there are a lot of unknowns; there are cancers from our food; noting that fluoride is used to make atomic bombs, along with the food we eat, it is all poison to you; asking that this matter be investigated.
- J. Lovell, 75 Ann Street – noting that there doesn't seem to be too much information on how fluoride works on your teeth.
- B. Garton – 190 Fleming Drive – indicating that he has lived in London since May; noting that the City is courageous in allowing this public participation meeting to happen – and that he is opposed to fluoridated water; and singing a song entitled 'Lime to our Teeth', that he composed.
- D. Madry, 73 Stroud Crescent – expressing that fluoride is a poison and we should get it out of our water.
- H. Dennison, 3380 Georgeheriot Lane – indicating that some of the comments make sense and some don't; noting that if you want change then these are the guys who will do it; lastly, regarding informed consent , you don't have it, so please stop putting fluoride in our water.

III. CONSENT ITEMS

3. Continuation of the City's Water Fluoridation Program

Recommendation: That the communication dated January 11, 2012, from Michelle Ponti, Medical Director, London-Middlesex Children's Aid Society, with respect to the continuation of the City's water fluoridation program, **BE RECEIVED**.

4. Fluoridated Water Issue

Recommendation: That the communication dated December 20, 2011, from Pat S., Viscount Road, with respect to the fluoridated water issue, **BE RECEIVED**.

5. Support for Continuing Water Fluoridation in the City of London

Recommendation: That the communication dated January 15, 2012, from Karen Campbell, Assistant Professor, Division of Pediatric Dentistry, Department of Oral Health Sciences, Faculty of Dentistry, University of British Columbia, with respect to support for continuing water fluoridation for the City of London, **BE RECEIVED**.

6. Scientific Evidence that Water Fluoridation is Dangerous, Unnecessary and Unethical

Recommendation: That the communication dated January 17, 2012, from Barry Wells, 408-109 Cherryhill Circle, with respect to the dangers of water fluoridation, **BE RECEIVED**.

7. Water Fluoridation

Recommendation: That the communication dated January 19, 2012, from Dr. Gerry Uswak, Dean, College of Dentistry, University of Saskatchewan, Canadian Association of Public Health Dentistry, with respect to water fluoridation, **BE RECEIVED**.

IV. ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

None.

V. DEFERRED MATTERS/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:07 AM. On Thursday, January 26, 2012.