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Subject: RE: Fluoridated water issue

Hello Mr. Fontana & City Coucillers,

Mr. Fontana, I want to take time away from my work to thank you for trying rid our council of the January 25th meeting with the Anti-Fluoridation movement. I am sick and tired of hearing from this movement, and while I don't generally write to politicians I wanted to thank you for trying to move past this ridiculous movement.

For all the hot air the antifuoridation folks are creating, one simply must ask themselves, where are all the deaths, illnesses and lawsuits generated from the decades of alleged nefarious plots by Health Canada and perpetrated by city council?

How many casualties of "death from tap water" have their been?... where are all the bodies?

How many people have died this year from drinking Hydrofluosilicic acid in their Dihydrogen monoxide?

The last question is a good example of what the anti crowd likes to do, they like to create and utilize "Weasel Words". These words or descriptions of simple everyday items are phrased in a manner to cause alarm and concern: Hydrofluosilicic Acid is a Fluoride compound used in drinking water, while Dihydrogen Monoxide is the scientific name for water. This is how they sway the general population to getting onside with their cause.

The anti-crowd (antitfluoridation, antivaccination, antialternative energy etc) have been fed a steady diet of narcissistic kibble and at times like these it shows. They are all too self absorbed and preoccupied coining alarmist soundbites like "forced medication", instead of considering their neighbours.

As you know, the reason for adding Fluoride to water is to prevent cavities. At a time with relatively high unemployment, I'm sure there are a lot of our fellow citizens (Men, Women and Children) who don't make it to the dentist as often as they should and as we know an ounce of prevention now is worth more than a pound of cure in the future.

The anti crowd is a small yet vocal minority, and in my opinion wasting a lot of people's time (and time is money) with their nonsense and bellyaching. Waterloo turned off their Fluoridation with a 50.3% to 49.7% vote count (I do not know what the voter turnout was)... Small potatoes in my mind. The anti crowd could simply purchase a inexpensive water filter to filter their own water and letting the rest of us get back to work and leading our lives.

Might I suggest the following for the January 25th meeting? : before these me-centric people take to the microphone and recite their colourful fallacies (ie: toxins in our water, fluoride causes cancer, stop dumping industrial waste in our water) kindly provide them with a small and brief history of Fluoridation in water or have Dr. Graham Pollett or Dr. Bryna Warshawsky present to discuss how it works, what the benefits are and why they aren't concerned about it.

I am a tax paying employed father of 3 children (4th on the way), my wife (also full time employed) and I won't be able to make the January 25th meeting. I support fluoride in water because I understand why it's done, why it's safe and it's benefits. I'm not the smartest of men in this city, but I know how to find solid and reliable information and understand the difference between science and pseudoscience.

In a nutshell, this free podcast is an accessible way to understand the history, safety and the recent resurgence in the anti-fluoridation movement. <http://skeptoid.com/episodes/4058>

I beg of you, my elected officials, to move on to more pressing issues, I'm sure there are lots. Thank you for listening (reading) to this citizen.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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