

On Aug 18, 2011, at 9:53 PM, "chris@"
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wrote:

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I hope that you will read and consider my thoughts on this issue, and I would ask that this letter be included with the agenda for the August 22nd meeting.

The decision not to fund a Green Bin program speaks volumes. Shelving the program sends lots of messages, and they are all negative.

To the students and young people that we should be encouraging to stay in London, this decision says "London doesn't care about the future. London doesn't value the things that you care about, like sustainability."

To the rest of Ontario and Canada, this decision says "Here in London we can't be bothered to clean our own messes. We'll use up our landfills as fast as we want."

To the average family, who may grumble at first but ultimately wants to do the right thing, this decision says "Don't pay any attention to what you waste or throw away. What difference does it make?"

To the children that we should be teaching about responsibility and consequences, this decision says "It's OK to just keep putting off a tough decision or pretending a problem doesn't exist"

To me, a voter and taxpayer here in London, this decision says "London's City Council believes that honouring a rash and reckless election promise of 0% tax increases is more important than any other considerations."

Like it or not, I think that's what you're saying if you vote against the Green Bin program.

I hope that instead, you'll do the right and responsible thing. I hope you will choose to say: "We've got to look after this place. We're going to stop dumping our problems on future councils and future generations."

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