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Subject: April, 23rd, 2012 Civic Works Committee Input

Betty,

Please include the following note with the agenda for the "Civic Works Committee" scheduled for this Monday, April. 23, 2012 for public record.

Thanks,

Chris Gupta

Dear "Civic Works Committee" members:

From the consent Item "WATER FLUORIDATION IN LONDON", agenda item 3, it is clear that the response to reasonable requests to show the science behind water fluoridation has been side stepped. Instead of showing the requested science we, yet again, see the continued use of miss statements from authorities, anecdotes, contradictory and incoherent responses reproduced without critical oversight! While concerns regarding water fluoridation are portrayed as unscientific or at the very best illiterate? The said report is unprofessional and is unable to allay concerns on health and the environment.

There are so many false statements, errors and contradictions in the Water Fluoridation report that it is not worthy to go over all of them. I will simply show a couple which are not necessarily the most glaring, that show the lack of competence shown throughout the report.

On page 3 it is stated:

"Fluoridation of drinking water is now practiced by water systems worldwide. The process consists of the controlled addition of fluoride to water with naturally low fluoride levels, thereby raising the fluoride content to an optimal level for the promotion of dental health."

The above statement is patently absurd most of Europe, Asia and Africa do not fluoridate their water. Even most of Canada does not fluoride. If the city Engineers with all their resources can't even get this simple fact straight then how are we to take anything stated in the report seriously?

On page 22 we are led to believe that hydrofluorosilicic acid (HFSA) is even more pure than USP and/or pharmaceutical grade Fluoride. This really takes the cake, pray tell then, why on earth should anyone waste their money and effort to use pharmaceutical grade Fluorides when the more pure HFSA is so cheaply and widely available??? Need more be said?

With the plethora of health concerns mentioned in the report one should think that at least the precautionary

principle should be applied, given that no one in Canada is even attempting to study even a few of the many health concerns mentioned. Instead of doing some studies we get nonsense like "unaware of any studies that suggest this possibility" well if you don't study and/or look then obviously you won't find any problems! "HFSA is the most widely used" (page 22), we are led to infer from this statement that HFSA must be safe because it is most widely used??? Or we are given assurances with this systematic or that review which look mostly at the benefits on teeth (invariably these never include toxicology and/or health specialists) and don't address the many concerns posed by the citizens. The fact that Fluoride is slightly more toxic than lead has conveniently been ignored! This alone tells all.

We are not persuaded at all by the "Safe and Effective" thoughtlessly echoed by the city administration, board of health, Health Canada, and the Dental Societies...Why are the toxicology experts and those who specialize in kidneys, diabetes, brain and so on conveniently missing during water fluoridation deliberations?

As you can see from the above, teeth are not the only thing that matters! As council members you have the right to demand to see proper safety, cost and efficacy studies, not assumptions and conjectures, as identified in this report, on the industrial wastes used to fluoridate our water. It does not matter what standards or certification HSFA meets. These standards and certifications must include proper toxicology/safety studies so why can't we see these? Without the basic safety studies water fluoridation simply amounts to the deliberate contamination of our water! The usual response to this concern is to try to convince the uninitiated that regardless of the impurities that these toxic waste turn into pure fluoride ions in the water! Hence no studies are needed. That's like saying that road salt magically turns into pure Sodium Chloride (salt) in cooking water and we should not waste our money buying food grade salt as it is not as pure hence, safe and cheap as road salt!

Fluoride has no known nutrient value (it is not even carried by health food stores! Fluoride tablets need a prescription - very safe indeed!), It is only a topical treatment, thus not to be ingested. It is unethical to disburse fluoride in our water as only the level in water, but not the dose, can be controlled. Hence, there will be adverse health effects on many people who are sick and those who drink excessive water due to work or health related needs and particularly infants (this is even cited on page 95 of the Health Canada's own review.)

Because the chemicals used are industrial wastes, adding them to the water violates environmental, fisheries, safe water, drug, and food laws. as well as medical ethics.

Clearly this report has more to do with marketing than science. Hopefully you will see through all the pro fluoridationist's arm waving and theatrics to deliberately market this outmoded practice. Please at the very least demand to see the proper safety studies before continuing this practice. The fact that Fluoride is slightly more toxic than lead should at least send alarm bells, not with standing so many identified health red flags that have never been studied. You have the right to demand the use of the precautionary principle at the very least.

You have now been made aware of some serious errors made by pro fluoridation proponents; it is incumbent that you do your due diligence and stop violating the said laws and ethics to help the environment and your fellow citizens to better health.

Thanks,

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