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To: Fontana, Joe
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Dear "Built and Natural Environment Committee" members:
In particular, Joe Fontana

Consent Item "UPDATE REGARDING WATER FLUORIDATION IN LONDON", agenda item 2 of 9 for closure is premature and inappropriate. There has not been a proper public consultation of this item to date and many questions posed to the City have not been answered.

The said document sent by the City Engineers is clearly side stepping the questions asked by many constituents. Our concerns on the safety of the products used (Hexafluorosilicic acid and Sodium silicofluoride) for water fluoridation are still unanswered. We get continued circular passing off of responsibility to Middlesex-London Health Unit and Health Canada endorsements without any demonstration that these products are safe. Health Canada then states that the decision to fluoride with these products belongs to the municipalities; the municipalities, can't say it is safe either and refer us to Middlesex-London Health Unit and round and round we go with no proof and no accountability.

Deliberately contaminating our water, is not a requirement regardless what Health Canada or Middlesex-London Health Unit say. Since the final decision to fluoride with an untested product rests with the city.

Dan Huggins from the city water department has often been cited by the Middlesex-London Health Unit when questioned on the scientific and legal determination of safety of fluoridation products used is questioned. He is unable to provide any animal studies (toxicology studies) and human studies (randomized, controlled clinical trials). But claims that the city conforms to NSF/ANSI 60 standards, which upon further investigation also do not have any such safety studies.

From the above it is clear that the city has not done its due diligence on water fluoridation and is simply following directives from other parties who are not responsible for any consequences from their actions. This realization is why other cities are able to eliminate this untested product from their water. Thus removing them from any wrong doing (liability) and continued injury to their constituents should they knowingly continue to add untested products to the water.

It is incumbent of you as elected representatives to do your due diligence and provide evidence of safety for hydrofluorosilicic acid as requested or seize this practice until such evidence is provided.

Even though I live in Dorchester, my children and now my grandson live in London. I study in London and I have clients in London who are being educated by us Holistic Nutritionists that Fluoride in the water poses many health risks and London Natural Environment committee members are choosing to ignore this concern or to stay uneducated about it. We urge you to STOP contaminating the water we, our loved ones and YOU are drinking.

Thank you so much for your time.

To your good health,

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