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Subject: Input for the Nov. 28th, 2011 "Built And Natural Environment Committee"- Item 2

Heather,

Please include the following note with the agenda for the "Built And Natural Environment Committee" on the Nov. 28th, 2011.

Thanks,

Chris Gupta

Dear "Built and Natural Environment Committee" members:

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.

Steve Klose - Director of the Standards Development Branch, Ministry of the Environment has responded to our questions as follows:

"1. Are the products which are used in Ontario for artificial water fluoridation (Hexafluorosilicic acid and Sodium silicofluoride) regulated specifically under the Fluoridation Act of 1990?"

Answer: The *Fluoridation Act* (1990) does not regulate products used for artificial water fluoridation.

2. Are the products which are used in Ontario for artificial water fluoridation (Hexafluorosilicic acid and Sodium silicofluoride) regulated specifically by the Ministry of the Environment under the Safe Water Drinking Act of Ontario?"

Answer: The products used for artificial water fluoridation are not regulated by the *Safe Drinking Water Act* (2002).

3. Does the Ministry of the Environment have any jurisdiction over the manufacture and sale of products used as a medical treatment?"

Answer: No. The manufacture and sale of products used for medical treatment do not fall within the scope of the Ministry of the Environment's mandate.

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 in question. 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 cease this practice until such evidence is provided.

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