

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Delegation to Public Works Committee - November 28, 2022

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To: McIntosh, Carrie <Carrie.McIntosh@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Re: Delegation to Public Works Committee - November 28, 2022

Hi Carrie,

I have had some unexpected challenges today at work and will be unable to attend the meeting this afternoon as scheduled.

I would like to submit a written submission in lieu of my in-person attendance.

Thank you for your patience with me,

Warmest regards,

Sam Jennings

Dear council members,

Thank you for taking the time to review my comments. I would like to speak about the new sewage spill discovered last week. My understanding is that this was a decades-long spill, is not necessarily the fault of the City and has since been actioned for resolution. I was disappointed to learn of this spillage, but I am heartened that the Minister of the Environment has required a review of the issue and other potential issues to our sewage and waterway systems. What disappoints me is that we haven't learned from the Coote's Paradise sewage spill that occurred a few years ago. At that time, a systematic review of our sewage and waterway systems should have been initiated, however, we waited for another accident to take action.

I am encouraged that there are so many new faces on the council and this committee: I am hopeful this new team dynamic will favor proactive assessment and maintenance. I hope that you, as a group, can focus on real problem-solving instead of political posturing. There was a lot of grass-roots, energetic, community-based energy in the election last month and I hope you as a group can harness that energy and carry it through this term.

I would like to quickly advocate for air quality monitoring stations on Hamilton mountain. there are, to my knowledge, no stations set up to measure the air I breathe at my home on the mountain, or at the Juravinaki Hospital where I work. I love looking out at the harbor from Sam Lawrence Park and beyond the harbor I see a cloud of smog that sits not too far off the top of the brow. I also sit at eye level with all the factory smokestacks. The industry might say it is safe for them to pump waste gas and exhaust from the heights of their stacks, however, I'd much prefer knowing the air we have is safe. I would like to encourage this group to expand the air-quality monitoring across the entirety of the Greater Hamilton Area.

Thank you for your time and I wish you every success in your new positions,

Warmest regards,

Sam Jennings