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Sent: February 10, 2025 8:06 AM
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Subject: Fw: Subject: GIC Agenda of February 26th

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Additional resident complaint

Dear GIC Committee,

I am writing in absolute frustration, anger, and desperation regarding the GFL landfill site near Green Mountain Road West, Stoney Creek Hamilton. The situation is beyond unacceptable—it is a full-blown crisis that is destroying our community's quality of life, and the inaction from those responsible is nothing short of disgraceful.

1. **The Stench of Negligence:** The revolting stench emanating from the landfill is unbearable, making it impossible to live, breathe, or even step outside. Every single day, we are forced to endure the nauseating, toxic mix of gas leaks, rotten eggs, and decaying matter. The stench is overpowering that it invades our homes, turning it into an unlivable hell. This is not a minor inconvenience—it is an environmental disaster that has been ongoing since 2023, despite relentless complaints. The complete disregard for our well-being is appalling.

2. **Blatant Noise Violations:** On top of the choking odor, residents are now being bombarded by noise pollution from the landfill site. Hammering and chiseling noises—clearly violating local noise bylaws that prohibit such disturbances before 7:00 AM. This is not an isolated incident; GFL repeatedly ignores regulations and continues to operate with impunity. Why are they allowed to get away with this blatant disregard for the law?

3. **Empty Promises and Gaslighting Responses:** Since Summer of 2023, I and the whole community have tirelessly lodged complaints, desperately seeking a solution. What have we received in return? Generic, meaningless template responses from both GFL and the Ministry of Environment, as if we are mere statistics to be brushed aside. We have logged hundreds if not thousands of pollution reports on the Ministry of Environment's website, as well as on GFL website, yet NOTHING has changed. The odorous nightmare persists.

GFL officials in fact have repeatedly insulted our intelligence with laughable responses like: "the landfill was not operational during the time the smell was reported." OR "GFL staff drove to your home and conducted a perimeter check. A strong wood-burning odor was evident. We assessed the situation and determined the odors did not correlate with landfill activities."!!!!!!!!!!!!.Are you kidding me? The smell the community is being suffocated with is gas, sulfur, rotten eggs, cat urine—not wood burning. This is an outright mockery of the residents suffering day after day. GFL is drowning us in

chemicals to cover up the real issue, likely exposing us to even more hazardous substances.

4. The Impact: Financial Ruin and a Public Health Crisis The sheer irresponsibility of extending the landfill's operation instead of shutting it down is infuriating. Home values have plummeted by at least \$100,000 to \$150,000 due to this disaster. We cannot sell or rent our homes—who in their right mind would want to live in a sewer? This isn't just about inconvenience; it is about the destruction of lives, financial security, and mental health. And the story is now repeating itself, to make matters worse, a school is set to open in the area in 2027. How can children be expected to learn and grow in an environment filled with toxic fumes?

We are DONE waiting. The only viable solution is to shut this landfill down immediately. Enough with the band-aid fixes that clearly do not work. We demand immediate, decisive action, not another empty statement or bureaucratic delay. The health, (both physical and Mental) and safety of thousands of residents are at stake.

I am attaching a Word document detailing my several email efforts to escalate this urgent matter to multiple authorities, all of which have been met with inaction. Despite repeated attempts to demand real solutions, no meaningful action has been taken to date.

Please consider this serious desperate plea. We demand answers, we demand accountability, and we demand results.

On behalf of a disappointed, exhausted, and desperate community

Begin forwarded message:

[On Saturday, February 8, 2025, 1:08 PM, Sharon Moran wrote:](#)

Dear GIC committee,

I am writing to formally lodge a complaint regarding the ongoing issues with the GFL landfill site located near 65 Green Mountain Road West. The situation has been unbearable, and I am deeply concerned about the impact it is having on our community.

****1. Horrendous Odor:****

Yet again, the smell emanating from the landfill is absolutely horrendous. It resembles a mix of a gas leak and the foul stench of a dead animal, making it impossible to enjoy our homes or even keep windows open. Countless reports have been filed to date with no

real lasting resolve, the odour has been so overpowering that it seeped into my house and garage creating an intolerable living environment. This is not an isolated incident but a ****daily occurrence**** that has been reported multiple times since 2023 and continues to persist to this day.

****2. Noise Violations:****

In addition to the unbearable smell, I sited loud banging, hammering or chiseling noises coming directly from the GFL site. These activities are random in nature and ongoing throughout this ordeal. The mountain of landfill pile is also an eyesore and embarrassing to me when I have visitors that question it.

****Request for Action:****

I urge you to:

1. Investigate the source of the foul odor and take immediate steps to mitigate it.
2. Address the repeated noise violations and ensure GFL complies with the local noise bylaws.
3. Consider imposing fines or penalties for these ongoing violations. Also tax relief for immediate residents in close proximity to the site that have not been able to enjoy reasonable and normal use of their property and surrounding area since 2023.

This situation is causing significant distress to our community, and we expect prompt and effective action to resolve these issues. Please keep me updated on the progress of your investigation and the steps being taken to address these concerns. I have also been experiencing lots of mucus issues whenever I go outside and in the vicinity. Even at night and I believe there is a strong possibility that it is related to the dump. I have reported this to my family doctor recently. We/she are very concerned. My teen has experienced nosebleeds also since 2023. We attribute it to this area and the odours etc. from GFL.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your prompt response and an immediate resolution to this issue.

Sincerely,

Sharon Moran

Resident