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Dear Committee;

Hi there. I am a resident living at Stoney creek on. Not too far from the gfl landfill in the old satellite city area . I've lived here for 26 years. My home is a modest semi-detached. We literally bought this house because of the extra large back yard and when we moved in we had 6 small children so I'm sure you could see the appeal of a large yard.

Our 6 kids have grown and now have many children of their own 19 to be exact. So we now have an even bigger use of a large yard! We are very involved with our grandchildren. We love having large family dinners bbq movie nights out side camp outs (kids love tents!) I tell you all that to give you the idea of how much my out door space means to me. It's not uncommon to be at my house on any given Saturday or Sunday and have 24/25 people in our yard.

Until the last three years. Last year I planned a large event with my grand kids "camp grandma" being exactly what it sounds like. We made calls back and forth and planned games and who was in who's tent and what games and what movies and night swims etc. only to have the smell from the dump most of the weekend chase us all in the house. The kids and I were all heart broken. We did the best we could to salvage the weekend and we're hoping to try again this year but that was a huge expense for not much reward. Memories ruined and lost. My daughter and her husband came all the way from Tobermory with 5 kids in tow for this event it was heart breaking.

We installed a in ground pool 2 years ago for our family to enjoy. It's often, very often too gross outside to use but I guess it looks nice from the window.

It's now to the place where we are not inviting people other than family over as we don't know if we can be outside to bbq or enjoy a swim.

I used to ride my bike 4/5 times a week out side I've since bought indoor bike. It's not the same. But cycling outside is not always option.

All of this has taken a huge toll my family mentally that's for sure. It's just so draining working all day thinking I'm going to go home and have a swim, walk the dog or just enjoy a coffee on my back deck to be hit with stench and you draw closer to the place that's supposed to be your refuge.

Please help us. I helped collect names for a petition going door to door hearing story after story of asthma being worse during odours. Headaches etc. and ruined birthday parties. Bbq and depression. People are tired of complaining as it gets them no where. Gfl saying wasn't us. (like who else creates that distinctive odour). Despite protests hours and hours spent in community meetings hours upon hours on a petition. There are no fines. There's no impact to gfl.

These people need to be hit financially it's the only thing they understand. I just don't understand why they are allowed to continue to receive loads when it's very clear they are having issues with what they have going on over there. I am asking that you

consider cease and desist from them receiving any more truck loads. Until there current problems are fixed. And not until they are able to do so without impacting their neighbours.

We coexisted the first 23 years I lived here in fact I didn't know it was a landfill. They were great neighbours. We need to get back to that and they need to finally be held accountable.

I would also like to ask to have a reduction in my city taxes for the past two years and until the situation is fixed as the enjoyment of my property is definitely been affected in a negative way.

My last ask would be a health study done in our area it was alarming hearing how many people have illness they are attributing to this. It would be nice to know if I should move or not and if people need to be warned.

Thanks so much for considering all this and reading my long wordy letter.

Have a wonderful Day

Kathie Faraway.

Sent from my iPhone