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Dear Council

I was a resident in 1996 in Upper Stoney Creek near Valley Park. NO Odour events. I moved to Lower Stoney Creek in 2011 and live up from Battlefield Park on

. I am so thankful for my home in this beautiful area with the escarpment and Bruce trail at the end of my street.

Let's recap. shall we? There were NO Odour events prior to the summer of stink of 2023 then it all changed.

The smell I will never forget the first time I smelled it and I live 3 km away from the GFL landfill! The stink made it impossible to stay outdoors and enjoy my backyard.

The odour events have been ongoing for 2 years now and more alarmingly now, in the dead of winter. I drive each and every day up Centennial and the unbearable stench when you reach Green Mountain Road is disgusting and alarming. What is festering in this dump? What will the warm months of summer be like? I live in fear of yet another summer of stink like 2023! I feel like I am Erin Brockovitch and no-one is listening as that these are REAL daily odour events (and not nuisance and fleeting odours as GFL claims them to be) and I am beyond exasperated by GFL brushing it off, claiming it is not from the landfill activity, it is the fast foods in Desi's corner etc, you pick the excuse depending on the day. More importantly, what is causing these putrid odours? GFL refuses to do deep core earth testing and air quality testing. Why? Even if the tests are being done, as GFL reports they are, GFL has acquired air testing companies and soil remediation companies in their portfolio! HOW CONVENIENT for them but helping the residents feel more at ease. I have tried but hold no faith whatsoever in GFL being accountable and truthful to the residents about what they are actually breathing in each and every day,

Often, I and my neighbours here (3 KM AWAY) smell a deodorizer smell in the air. It smells like a cheap Bounce dryer sheet. I ask you, this should not even be in the air acting as the masking agent to the stench, When asked if the deodorizer is non- toxic, GFL once again claims it is.

I am out of faith, understanding and patience. This is the air we and our children breathe. GFL promised to " Do better" however, they continue to belittle resident's concerns during their monthly community meetings when they choose to have them. I do not understand that the MOE (Minister of the Environment) representative did not even bother attending the last online meeting in January. Donna Skelly has NEVER been in attendance (AND THIS IS HER WARD) to these monthly zoom meetings but I do applaud Brad Clark who has been the voice of the residents. Thank you Brad!

AS a retired teacher for HWDSB, I am sickened that they are now going ahead with the Nash school located less than 100 feet from this landfill. The delegation were given a tour of the site last Fall and were told by GFL that there were no odours anymore as GFL knows what is causing them and they will not occur again. Please, stop this madness.

The school board put this school on pause during 2023 due to the odours and now, all is still not well. I ask that this landfill closes or at the least, refuses to accept any more truckloads of waste until they can handle the stink that they have already. GFL, can you be truthful to the residents about what is really causing these odours today? The residents are tired and sickened by your conduct, WE deserve better and our City Council needs to support us as we , the taxpayers of Stoney Creek support you!

Sincerely and without prejudice,
Helen Louise Thompson