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The GLF landfill has been detrimental to our community and our living conditions. When my first daughter was born in June of 2022 I would look forward to going outside and going for walks to benefit the both of us, but almost everyday we were bombarded by the awful smell of the landfill. It was unbearable. I felt guilty for keeping my daughter inside during the summer because the smell was too overwhelming to go out in our backyard or to the neighbourhood park, and I wasn't sure what we were breathing in. So I started driving us to places further away, down the mountain to go for our walks, or to play in the park.

After all of our complaints of what I would describe as the worst summer ever, there seemed to be some improvement in the late Fall, early Winter. However it was short lived. The same smell would come back over and over, no matter how many complaints I have submitted, nothing has changed, to my knowledge GFL hasn't even been fined.

I now have another daughter and I fear that this will be another awful summer where we can't use our backyard, our front yard, open our windows, or go to the park because GFL has continued to ignore our concerns and to carry on, business as usual. The stench is unbearable, frequent and unrelenting. I cannot enjoy being in my own home, my own property that I have worked so hard to buy. Nothing has changed on the GFL front and it seems like no one cares, this all seems like a precursor to a Netflix documentary. This Spring and Summer, I anticipate that I will have to take my kids on a 30-40 min car ride just to be able to enjoy the outdoors.

At the very least, please consider the notices of motion filed by Councillor Clark, it has now been years of this with no end in sight and our community is becoming tired, frustrated and hopeless as we continue to go unheard.

Kindest regards,
Izabela Wozniak