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I am writing to express my concern regarding the GFL dump located at the corner of Green Mountain and Centennial Parkway.

I have lived in this neighbourhood for 8 years and there had been no concerns regarding this facility until quite suddenly beginning in April 2023, a noxious odor was very noticeable outside my home repeatedly and as far away as Felker Falls Conservation Area. This was not a slight odor detected by few, rather a stench perhaps comparable to being in an enclosed room with cat spray. The contrast of scenic walking trails and a smell that required a hand over your mouth and nose to breathe was extremely unsettling.

Equally upsetting has been the seeming lack of response from appropriate officials. Not only has the Ministry of the Environment not been responsive to my (and many others) expressed concerns, but GFL has been flippant in their reply to my emails expressing concern. "There were no odors detected on Thornbury Court or the surrounding neighbourhoods."

GFL are very skilled in their dealings with complaints and their pretense of wanting to hear about issues. This company does not appear to have any respect for odor management timelines and guidelines. It appears they are able to negotiate an alternate plan that works for their interests with no consequences being imposed.

I would expect to see City of Hamilton officials putting pressure on the Ministry of the Environment to become much more actively involved in enforcing policies with GFL. The stance should be: No more waste can be accepted until this problem is rectified.

This has now been an ongoing issue for almost two years. Please take action so that we can be outdoors enjoying beautiful Stoney Creek this spring.