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Good Morning

In preparation of the upcoming meeting tomorrow I would like to very quickly include my experience over the last almost 2 years.

I have been a resident in the Upper Stoney Creek area for over 6 years now.

I spent the first 4 years fully unaware of any active landfill around us. There were no smells, no mess, no debris, no noise, nothing.

It was about this time 2 years ago I became aware of what was happening behind the black lined fence. We started to see piles building up over the fence line and over the hill line on Mud street.

In spring of 2023 we started to notice some odd smells as we would go for our nightly walks. We couldn't put our finger on what it was and often thought it was the pond on Trafalgar and Mud. We started avoiding that area because of it.

The smell started to get stronger and stronger almost daily up near my house almost 1 km away from the dump.

In August I came to learn that the smell was actually from the GFL dump. At this point the best way I could describe the smell would be like that of 10 cats spraying in a little room for weeks on end, it was almost unbreathable.

It was late in the month of August that I finally had enough. At about 11pm Aug 30th I woke from a dead sleep gagging as I woke up. Imagine your body waking you up about to be physically sick because of a smell so bad coming from almost 1 km away.

It was that night that I wrote to the city including Mr Clark, I was fed up and something had to be done.

We spent that entire summer unable to have our windows open, unable to be in our yard and even just to go for a walk we had to drive out of the area.

Our air conditioning was on 24/7 but even with closed windows there were nights that it still got in the house.

We spent the remainder of the year dealing with this, being told by GFL that they didn't know what the cause was or that it wasn't that bad. Even the MOE would gaslight us. In fact we were told by one of the MOE reps that we should have "done our due diligence" before moving there.

Here we are almost 2 years later and we're still fighting. And while it might not be AS bad or AS often it is still bad and more often than it should be.

The stress this has put on my mental health is very real.

The increase in asthmatic episodes, are very real.

The inability to live happily and peacefully in my home is very real.

Yet 2 years later they are still gaslighting us.

It's time to stop holding their hand and shut them down. Over 4000 people signed a petition expressing concern for our health and safety. The community has been very clear about what we not only expect but what we NEED.

Please help us finally put an end to this.

Thanks

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