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**Subject:** Delegation Request- Regarding GFL Stoney Creek Landfill

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am writing this regarding the persistent and increasingly severe odor emissions from the GFL Stoney Creek Landfill site located in our community. The situation has deteriorated beyond just odor issues to include hazardous road conditions, airborne particulate matter, and chemical exposure. Despite logging several complaints, the situation remains the same.

There is a significant concern in the waste material being regularly scattered onto public roads surrounding the landfill site. Transportation vehicles leaving the facility consistently drop and spill waste onto First Road West, Mud Street and surrounding thoroughfares. This has created dangerous road conditions for vehicles and has made sidewalk use virtually impossible for pedestrians, including children and elderly residents.

The waste material on roadways produces severe dust clouds when disturbed by passing vehicles. This dust could permeate the air throughout residential areas, settling on vehicles, outdoor furniture, and playground equipment. Residents are effectively trapped indoors, unable to safely use public walkways or enjoy outdoor spaces due to fears of inhaling this particulate matter.

GFL representatives have confirmed to community members that the facility handles poisonous waste materials. However, they have provided no transparency regarding the specific types of toxic materials being processed at the site, the potential health impacts of exposure to these materials, whether the dust and particulate matter contains components of these hazardous materials and long-term health effects of chronic exposure to the site's emissions and dust.

Our concerns are compounded by the fact that GFL is utilizing commercial deodorizing agents to mask the chemical odors emanating from the facility. Essentially, they are using one set of chemicals to suppress the smell of another set of chemicals. We have received no information about the composition of these deodorizing agents, their safety profiles, or the potential health impacts of exposure to this chemical mixture, particularly for vulnerable populations such as children, pregnant women, the elderly, and those with pre-existing respiratory conditions.

Residents cannot use outdoor spaces or open windows, effectively becoming prisoners in their own homes. Our community recognizes the importance of waste management infrastructure, but we firmly believe that such operations must not come at the expense of public health, particularly that of children and vulnerable population.

Sincerely,  
Vijay