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**Cc:** John Neal  
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Good Morning Everyone,

It was brought to my attention over the last couple weeks that Hard-CO has sent through a request to open another clean fill site in the area via a letter to the city. The last clean fill site was directly adjacent to my families property and was only closed approximately 4 years ago which brought major disruptions to residents in the area including the increased truck traffic, which was constant throughout the hours of 7am to 5pm, noise levels for some where the dumping occurred (residents working nights were especially effected) not too mention the safety aspect drivers who are not staying focused while operating the trucks. I have reviewed the preliminary votes for the “yay” or “nay” for the proposed site and of course, the three “nays” are the north councillors which does not surprise me. For the other councillors, I think you need to take yourselves outside the fact that it is currently not in your zone and relate to the facts. If not, how about another area take this one since the last site just closed a short time ago?

I do understand that fill needs to be dumped somewhere and logistically the per capita uproar you will face from residents that reside outside of rural subdivisions will be much less, but having the following concerns as noted below and I feel that the “stigma” of living in Oshawa is beginning to show it’s true colours. This deal is being pushed through (before environmental reviews are complete from a recent document just received) and the appearance is that this is as a “back room deal” which is shady especially when publicly appointed individuals are involved. Case in point, when applying for a simple variance to my property I had to have the permission of CLOCA and the city to allow for the addition of a garage which included any required reports to be completed. Additional requirements by the city was the requirement for a sign on my front lawn for passerby’s indicating the request submitted along with notification to residents in the area by mail regarding the public hearing. For this, I have not seen or heard anything until our councillor stopped by our house on Wednesday November 25th to advise us that a town hall was taking place in Columbus for the Columbus phase 2 expansion and also to discuss the proposed clean fill dump site. To support the above lack of communication, residents within the area that I have discussed this with are unaware of the current pending request that was submitted. To note, the area in question is also part of the Greenbelt and CLOCA which is protected land, not sure if I

have to remind anyone of the backlash the provincial government received over a year ago when they discussed allowing development on protected land.

In relation to the above, the following questions come to mind and I am certain more will develop if communication and conversation occur openly and publicly

Can we assume that only Hard-Co will be dumping clean fill at this location which is not contaminated to any degree and is this a risk the city, CLOCA and other environmental organizations are will to take?

Will Hard-Co contract to other excavation companies, for a profit of course, the ability to dump at this location as well? If so, who will police this?

How will the city, CLOCA and other environmental organizations ensure that what is being dumped at this location in no way will effect underground aquifers that supply water to many residents?

Has any concern been addressed regarding the wildlife in the area as we are now seeing the return of wild turkeys, coyotes with pups, foxes and the birds which are stunning in the area?

What penalties will be introduced to Hard-Co or a contracted 3 party, (if they contract out to a 3 party they are also responsible as they hold the contract and ability to dump here), simples fines that they will brush off, closure of the site, cleaning of the fill at their expense, remuneration for residents in the area for land value decrease or contaminated wells, etc.?

Safety of the roads to ensure that drivers are held to a higher level of responsibility in the area(s), will an increased police presence be mandated for the duration of the fill site or only temporarily?

Will 3<sup>rd</sup> party environmental groups be allowed “surprise” visits to site to inspect and take soil samples for testing at any time, no notice required?

Some of the noted questions are of the highest concern as rumours surfaced that approximately 5 wells on Ritson road became contaminated causing serious health issues for some residents. Whether this was in relation to the last fill site or not will likely never be known and, if known, never disclosed to anyone for liability reasons but should be brought to light before Wilson road is or isn't approved. Currently the water my family drinks is cleaner than any municipal water around and even cleaner then what the majority of bottled water companies pull from larger aquifers, less then 50 PPM, which is astounding. We, as a family, are working hard towards not using plastic water bottles as they are devastating to the environment and I expect the above noted parties will agree.

Moving forward if this receives approval I will personally be testing my water quarterly with a 3rd party facility to provide in-depth analysis of what we consume presently and in the future. With the above being said, how will the city address if the water quality

decreases and what is acceptable? I don't believe what the city considers acceptable drinking levels to be in this case apply due to how lean the water currently is and any deviation from this would show a direct impact of the dump

Overall my main concerns are for the safety of my family (15-month old son and wife currently) for traffic along the road along with our well water. At the end of the day, I am not completely against the clean fill site but the above noted items, in my personal opinion, must be addressed and policed to ensure any party involved are accountable if an unfortunate incident occurs.

On a parting note, I would like to recommend one harsh penalty for Hard-Co if well water is contaminated, regardless of how little, for residents effected by the possible site. If my current is valued at 1m+ then Hard-Co pays double to have us relocate to another area. This is a steep enough penalty that Hard-Co should have no issue agreeing to legally if they are following the guidelines above and beyond.

Thank you -

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