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MEMORANDUM

To: MARY T. NORDSTROM, SENIOR PLANNER
TOWN OF CALEDON

From: JOE GROGAN, CALEDON RESIDENT, 1978 to
PRESENT

Subject: PROPOSED ASPHALT PLANT - COLERAIN DR.
BOLTON

DATE: DECEMBER 27, 2018

As per the notice of Dec. 20 - 2018 from the Town of Caledon, I wish to register again my opposition to this proposal.

Attached is a note sent on Oct 12, 2018 that accurately summarizes the conversations I had with many Bolton area residents at the October 12, 2018 public meeting. I support all of the comments made & summarized in the earlier e-mail.

I am opposed to this proposal since it will affect the Quality of Life already decreased by earlier Caledon decisions, most notably the Caledon Fire decision of June, 2013.

Please circulate these remarks & my note of Oct 12, 2018, referred to above, to all Council members.

Thank you.

Joe Grogan

Copy to Angela Panacci.

Fw: MEETING LAST NIGHT RE: ASPHALT PLANT-SOUTH BOLTON-COLERAINE DRIVE

joe grogan

Fri 2018-10-12, 12:30 PM

*Copy given to Tony Rosa
on 3/10/18*

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For personal file. JG

From: joe grogan

Sent: October 12, 2018 12:06 PM

To: barb shaughnessy; [REDACTED] ALLAN THOMPSON

Cc: MARY.NORDSTROM@caledon.ca

Subject: MEETING LAST NIGHT RE: ASPHALT PLANT-SOUTH BOLTON-COLERAINE DRIVE

I am sending this letter to you as a citizen of Bolton, to you as a citizen who is choosing to run for political office on Oct. 22/2018.

Here are my comments on the meeting that I attended from about 6:15 to 8:30 PM. During the evening I spoke to 35 people individually and not 1 person was in favour of this proposed asphalt plant. The following comments reflect the conversations I had and are an accurate reflection of the discussions.

1/ The 35 people that I talked to told me that they are totally opposed to such a facility in South Bolton on Coleraine or anywhere else near or in Bolton.

2/ Many objected to the fact that there were no handouts for the public that reflected the information prepared on the display boards. They wanted the identical info in handout material.

3/ A significant number who attended only had Italian language skills. They could not then comprehend the material prepared. Moreover, they could not complete their remarks on the Comment Forms provided. Others were reluctant to register their opposition in writing. They were afraid to do so.

4/ Some wondered why the info boards were only printed in English.

5/ Two spokesperson who identified themselves when asked by me for their business cards could not produce business cards which I personally found quite surprising. They identified themselves when asked as Dennis Hunt an American consultant from Florida and Rob Bowerman who said he is the construction business, possible owner of the proposing firm.

6/ Dennis Hunt said that when functional the plant would bring 40 to 80 trucks a day over a 5 day work week (200 to 400 trucks in a typical work week).

7/ Many people saw the session as a public relations exercise only.

8/There was no scientific basis provided for the comments on Air Quality nor any references indicating the basis of the estimates shown on the display boards. The specific effects of such a plant on the Quality of Life were not provided by the estimates shown.

9/Independently yesterday in contact with Planning at the Town, I was informed that the proposal for this plant was filed at the Town on or about July 31/2018 during the summer vacation period when Town Council normally does not meet. That timing is rather interesting.

10/Many residents told me that they had these questions:

10-1>What happens to the waste products associated with the processes used?

10-2>Who will pay for the damages to our infrastructure such as bridges and roads caused by the additional loaded trucks associated with the plant? How does this additional truck traffic reduce the present dangerous Bolton traffic conditions?

10-3>What are the smells, fumes and noise risks associated with such a plant? Where is the scientific-based data?

10-4>Why did some residents only receive the notice of the meeting on the day of the meeting while others only learned of the meeting from the comments/questions of their neighbours?

10-5>What are the chemical risks that will produce hazards for women who are in pregnancy condition?

10-6>How can we depend on the Ministry of the Environment to monitor conditions at the plant when there are an insufficient number of inspectors employed now due to cutbacks by the Province which means existing or future laws and regulations cannot be enforced?

10-7>Is this proposal another "done deal", similar to the Canadian Tire processes in 2012 and 2013?

I am opposed to this proposal as are the overwhelming majority of people who attended the information session last evening that I talked to. I am copying these remarks to Mary Nordstrom who I believe has responsibility for this file in the Planning Department.

As citizens we must protect our Quality of Life. Please take note of this important information.

What happens now to the sign sheets that I and others signed requesting to be kept informed of future meetings and discussions connected to the is proposal? These were completed as we entered the meeting place.

Thank you for your attention. I'd appreciate your written response by return-e-mail.

Joe Grogan/Bolton Resident, 1975 to present