

Dear Mr. Dea,

My husband and I are very much against the dump proposals for Russell and Carlsbad Springs put forward by Taggart Miller Environmental Services (TMES). It is truly shocking that TMES or any other waste management facility would consider such an industry in the middle of our agricultural and dairy farms, in an area with a very high water table and within spitting distance of established and, currently, rapidly growing residential communities. Even one waste management facility in either Russell or Carlsbad Springs is too much of a risk.

At the Carlsbad site, the water table is so high that many residents supply their homes with water from shallow wells. We know that the groundwater level at the Russell location directly affects local wells. Water pumping in previous years by owners caused the water in many surrounding wells to turn red. Also, the rare Queenston shale at the proposed Russell location is highly fractured and its condition is compounded by a century of blasting. Who will take responsibility when a breach of any technology used to offset these difficulties fails and leachate seeps into the high water table and into the nearby esker that services seven communities?

The Russell and Carlsbad Springs proposed sites have different soil bases, very different ground elevations, and their surrounding features are very different, e.g., the Russell site has a lake on it. Two such very different locations should require TMES to put forth two different Terms of Reference and in both official languages since both sites are situated in areas with both Anglophone and Francophone populations.

Another landfill proposal to increase the number we already have in our area is absolutely unnecessary. Why does TMES feel the need “to extend the services it offers elsewhere and be part of the solution to both short term and longer term waste management needs in Eastern Ontario” when we currently have local landfills that are not receiving or filling their annual capacity of waste? It appears that TMES is more in the business of creating waste where it does not exist so that they can dispose of it. According to TMES, *“If the environmental assessment process is successful and approval is received for this proposal, the proponents commit to make significant investments to build diversion and recovery facilities in anticipation of provincial regulations requiring increased diversion of commercial waste; construction & demolition waste processing; hydrocarbon contaminated soil treatment; surplus soil management; anaerobic digestion of organic waste from commercial sources; a drop off for separated materials or separation of materials; and, leaf and yard materials composting (if there is enough material available).”* Can you enlighten us as to what is the meaning of these anticipated *“provincial regulations requiring increased diversion of commercial waste, etc., etc.”*?

We would also like to advise you that Mr. Hubert Bourque stated publicly that if our communities did not want a waste disposal site, he would respect our wishes and decline from pursuing the project. We now have to ask whether Mr. Bourque will stand by his statement?

In closing, my husband and I would like to reiterate that we are very strongly opposed to any waste management facilities being proposed for an agricultural and residential

community with such high risk factors. Find some industrial sites in Eastern Ontario away from farming and residents. For further information on the adverse effects this dump will have on our community please refer to the following web site HYPERLINK "http://www.dumpthedumpnow.ca/index.php?page=why" <http://www.dumpthedumpnow.ca/index.php?page=why>

Yours sincerely,

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