

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks,

Ferguson Block, 11th Floor,

77 Wellesley Street West, Toronto, ON, M7A 2T5

Dear Minister Phillips,

In the 1960's a satirical song warned us "Don't drink the water/ And don't breath the air". That humorous song isn't funny now.



Daily dust fills the air and fills the lungs of residents of Oxford County, school children among them. Now Walker wants to add to the visible dust and to the dangerous PM 2.5 fine particulate matter by hauling and dumping trash into Carmeuse's Beachville Lime Quarry, by bringing

contaminated soils in to cover it in untold quantities, and to push all of that around with bulldozers.

Research tells us (and you, and the Minister of Health) that fine particulate matter bypasses the sinuses, damages the lungs, travels to the heart and brain, and wreaks havoc with those and other vital organs. Walker's planned dump is unnecessary and could have negative human health impacts on residents of Oxford County and other people downwind.

It is up to you to stop it.

Sincerely,

Name:

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The Promise:



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Dear Minister
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Keep the Premier's

promise! He's been clear that Oxford County should not have a dump foisted on it. So have local residents.

I am writing today to ask you to stop the dump.

It's a promise made in the election.

It's a promise multiple of your colleagues have endorsed, speaking in front of Queen's Park during the election a year ago.

It's a promise that MPP Hardeman tried to extract from the previous government to act on; I hope that you will keep that repeated promise.

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Dear Minister Phillips,

Check out the core sample of rock.
You can see that it is fractured and

you know that means that water will spread through it easily. It's from where Walker proposes to put a dump. That is a dangerous idea.

You see, where rock is fractured, water passing from any leak in Walker's dump will carry pollutants into the water which local residents drink. The Clean Water Act requires that no reasonable person should have doubts about the quality of their drinking water. Looking at this sample and federal research on how all dump liners leak, means any reasonable Minister of the Environment would say "No" to Walker's dump project.

Evidence shows and reason knows that dumps are not a solution to Ontario's litter and waste. You have a "made-in-Ontario plan" to stop waste. Start by saying "No" to Walker.

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Dear Minister Phillips,

Ah! Summer! It's a great time for being outside, having BBQ's with the family and friends.

Recently, the Premier issued an invitation to the famous annual Ford picnic. Unfortunately, it is in Markham, which is a long way for me to travel, and unless MPP Hardeman consents to carpool with many of us, difficult for us to attend.

On the other hand, it's not far from your home riding of Ajax so I assume you will be there. I am hoping that many cabinet ministers will also attend, especially Mr. Hardeman, so that you two and the Premier can use the occasion to announce that your government will put a stop to Walker's dump plan.

Can you imagine a picnic with the stench of rotting garbage wafting by? Residents of Ingersoll, Beachville and Centreville can. Woodstonians shudder at the thought. Some Londoners and residents of the Oneida reserve could tell you what it is like. In fact, they'd likely invite you to come and sniff the breeze.

That's why I ask you to stop Walker's dump. It will adversely affect the quality of life for many people around the dump site, along the haul routes, and downwind.

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Dear Minister Phillips,

I join other residents of Southwestern Ontario in sending you this letter.



People of all ages have attended many events to learn about how to reduce waste and litter in Oxford County. Not only have people learned, they have done something about it.

- People collect waste along trails they hike
- ReuseapaloozAHAs keep goods out of dumps or ditches and put them in the good hands of people who will put them to good use
- Recycling is done with care
- Zero Waste Oxford is planning massive garbage reductions.

Nobody in Southwestern Ontario wants to be like Malaysians or Filipinos, to have trash dumped on them. The 103 container loads of mixed waste are heading back to Canada after Duterte threatened war. Those 103 loads accumulated over two years, no thanks to “Chronic Plastics”, exporters of waste. Why would anyone accept 170 truckloads of trash per day? Residents of Southwestern Ontario think that Walker’s plan to dump garbage in the headwaters of the Thames River makes no sense. Stop it before it starts!

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