



Oxford People Against the Landfill

Winter 2019

What do you think?

Does Walker really need 4 surveys to understand how our citizens feel about their dump?

You were clear enough on the phone for their first one. Now businesses and home owners are again being surveyed. In the 2018 survey OPAL conducted face-to-face in every Oxford municipality, Board Member James Howard plainly heard “Stop the dump”!

Let's be sure Walker and Queen's Park know we are NOT willing hosts!

Answer any questions on Walker's current surveys very carefully. If concerned that your answers might be used to support the dump, refuse to comment on those questions.

Sign letters of opposition made available at local events, including OPAL's weekly sign-wavings. We will make sure they get to Queen's Park for you. **Our current letter count is 113, 659!**



When I was in opposition we showed the importance of the landfill issue by repeatedly raising it in the Legislature and by demonstrating our concerns.

Talk To Ernie Hardeman!

Make your views on the dump known to MPP Hardeman so he can continue to share them with his cabinet colleagues. Send an email to hardeman@execulink.com reminding him you expect him to continue opposing the dump and of Doug Ford's statement during the election that a dump “should not be rammed down the throats” of our community.

Take Action!

Contribute to the mass communication efforts OPAL has sustained to the 4 successive Ministers of the Environment.

Send your email to tell Rod Phillips to stop the dump now at Minister.mecp@ontario.ca or call him toll-free about your concerns at 1-800-565-4923!





All Across Ontario!

Demand the Right. Over 70 municipalities in Ontario have passed resolutions against Walker's planned dump and asked the government in Queen's Park to give us the right to decide. Every time provincial cabinet ministers attend an event with local mayors or supportive ones from elsewhere, they hear about the need to stop the dump.

Recently, OPAL president, Bryan Smith, joined Ingersoll's Mayor Ted Comiskey on a trip to Ajax to ask the Minister of the Environment to stop the dump. This is not the first time OPAL board members have taken action to represent you. Nor will it be the last. **Just ask John Jooose.**

Lawyered Up! Expert Testimony! A Road Map to Success...

OPAL is represented by the **Canadian Environmental Law Association**. Highly qualified lawyers, **Theresa McClenaghan** and **Rick Lindgren**, are taking an active role in our fight against the dump. Recently, Theresa had an hour's conversation with MPP Hardeman on our collective behalf.

Ontario's leading water scientist, **Dr. Wilf Ruland**, is retained by OPAL to explain to the Ministry of the Environment the risks to our drinking water before any work is allowed to commence to build a dump with a liner that federal science says is bound to leak.

The lawyers are volunteering their valuable time but OPAL covers expenses they incur in researching and representing us. Dr. Ruland, however, will need to be paid. This is why OPAL continues to ask members of the community for donations. Cheques can be mailed to OPAL Alliance, c/o S. Fleming, 205 George Street, Ingersoll, ON N5C 1Z5. **Your support will help stop the dump. Donations of any size make a difference!**



Wilf Ruland



Rick Lindgren



Theresa McClenaghan

OPAL is a volunteer organization that represents you! Oxford People Against the Landfill are numerous, determined and strong, because you are! For more information, visit

www.demandtheright.ca and www.opalalliance.ca

The dump is not a done deal! Follow us on Facebook!