

*The Oshawa Express – Letter to the Editor*

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## **Citizens need to stand up against harbour industry**

Dear Editor:

Citizens of Oshawa, please wake up!

Our waterfront is under attack by large industrial business. Big business is dictating to the city their needs for our waterfront: our city is now faced with a new and larger rail spur line that is slated to enter into our harbour lands; a request to rezone the pioneer cemetery on Gifford Hill to permit the construction of an ethanol plant; and a proposed garbage incineration facility.

Should these projects proceed, we can say goodbye to the Second Marsh and wildlife reserve, Lakeview Park (as we know it), Darlington Provincial Park

(who would want to camp between an ethanol plant and an incinerator?). The recreational marina would never return to public use. The city's vision for residential/commercial development on the harbour lands would be scrapped. We as citizens have a chance to save our waterfront.

Speak up.

Call your federal member of parliament, your provincial member of parliament, the mayor, your city council member, the chamber of commerce and the harbour commission. Tell them of your concerns; voice your opinion.

Demand the release of the Crombie report.

Request the city's business plan for the harbour and waterfront. It is our right to know what is what.

Five years is enough time. All levels of government owe our city a decision. No more lip service please.

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