



Brown's claims farfetched

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I am writing in response to Patrick Brown's June 2 letter stating his opposition to the proposed Northern Ethanol plant in Barrie.

I found some of his statements farfetched so I decided to do some research of my own. Here is what I discovered:

Patrick Brown claims that he has blocked any potential subsidies for Northern Ethanol. According to Natural Resources Canada, the agency responsible for granting those subsidies, Mighty Mouse Brown does not have the authority to block those subsidies. In fact, to my knowledge, he has never contacted them.

Mr. Brown goes on stating that other forms of bio-fuels, derived from waste cooking oil and beetle-ravaged wood produce grains that could feed livestock. Wrong, those processes have their own waste by-products and do not include grains for livestock. Corn based ethanol, however, does produce DDGS (Distiller's Dried Grains with Solubles) that can be used as cattle feed. Clearly, Mr. Brown is uninformed.

Finally, NIMBY Brown states that he supports Bill C-33 (the ability to regulate the amount of bio-fuels in gasoline and diesel), but does not support an ethanol plant within city boundaries.

Politicians have been known to "sit on the fence", but he cannot be on both sides of the fence at the same time. His main reasons for opposing the ethanol plant in Barrie are potential hazards and odours.

Tumbleweed Brown is only following the winds of certain special interest groups. The only hazard of noxious odours is when he states his opinions.