

Metroland Letter to the Editor

Time to stop playing politics and get on with waste solutions

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To the editor:

No more approvals for landfills is old news. Michigan closing in 2010 has never been a secret. I am 100 per cent behind zero waste but if you think it's going to happen in this lifetime, visit the Ritson Road Transfer Station.

What I see is a mayor making every effort to hear and understand all sides of the issue, a mayor and council that need to make a plan within the constraints of decisions made some time ago by another mayor and council.

I have been to CAW presentations favouring landfill, regional/municipal presentations on EFW and council meetings. Is this council listening? Absolutely.

What I have also seen is an anti-EFW group making the same pitch over and over with no respect for anyone who differs and no tolerance for any other opinion. If the anti-EFW group cannot maintain decorum for 10 minutes in council, a whole evening is out of the question. From personal experience, separate presentations would be far more informative.

I don't see a single solution. We will need EFW, landfill and diversion along with a major lifestyle change in the short and long term.

EFW is no surprise. It's time to stop playing politics here, time for respect, tolerance and a reality check.

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