

Incinerator Debate

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Letter to the Editor:

Hello. I am disgusted with how Clarington Mayor Abernathy, Mary Novak and Mr. Charlie Trim informed the community of their personal opinion of the incinerator trip out in Burnaby B.C. Ms. Novak stated how very clean it was and she had seen the filters and she was impressed. They spent 7 million dollars in upgrading. Why did they have to upgrade? Was it found to be unsafe to the public?

She failed to inform the community that it is standard procedure when a company has visitors. They do painting and alot of sweeping and she also stated that in 14 years there has been little complaints. (Health)

Well Hurray for Ms. Novak for informing me of "hearsay statements" He said , she said? To me this is a waste of tax payers dollars and they are uneducated when it comes to health and safety.

Instead of worrying about building a incinerator, why doesn't she worry about the children and lives that were put at risk for 11 months with absolutely no means of ventilation at the Whitby steel plant. Lead Levels exceeded the Ontario limits. All dust levels exceeded the Ontario Limits. a 16 million dollar upgrading was done after I became ill. Completed in August 07.

I am very deeply concerned for the residents of Durham for the Government's negligence in not informing residents about the unsafe steel facility at the time? "Erin Brockovich" is actually reviewing how the company ran business for 11 months with no protection to residents. Toxins travel 800km in the wind.

Yesterday I just found out that there are 3 people who have cancer who live close by to the plant. 2 people in early 30's and a teenager with a brain tumor. They don't know how it happened. Erin Brockovich already has this information.

I guess what I am trying to say is "clean up our environment now and help the people who are sick from toxin exposures due to human negligence before bringing more problems to the table when these problems have not been addressed. It's the only responsible thing to do and I guess we will find out if they really care about people's health or not?

If anyone has developed any health problems all of a sudden between Set. 05 to Aug 06 please email me at woodyjw23@hotmail.com. The number 23 was the day my dad died and did not get to see his grandchildren grow-up and now I will not see my grandchildren grow-up or even see my children get married, as I have a five year survival rate. My dad's name was Doug Woodcock and he was also a steelworker at the same plant. 29 years and two months service. Didn't even see retirement. But he is just a number and there is nothing

you can do? That is where I am ashamed to be a Canadian. At the Swede's presentation, I didn't see how many people got sick between all 29 incinerator facilities? How long have they been in operation?

This needs to be dealt with first not a damn incinerator. Everyone is scared when they see me. They run the other way. We are all here to do the same thing. Protect our health and the future of our children. We need someone who is not afraid to address the truth. I have a right to life and liberty. I am not dead yet and I forbid to have politicians control our future generations and when we have major health and environmental problems now in Durham Region. What happens if the filters break down with the incinerator? Will it take 11 months to fix to look for the best savings?

Don't be scared to be a Canadian. Speak up and put the pressure on the politicians for putting your children at risk now and not taking any responsibility.

Take care.

I will be speaking on Wednesday in Clarington and on Thursday at Durham's Environmental committee in Whitby also. Hope to see you all there.

Your friend not your enemy

Jeremy