Stratford City Council
Special Council Open Session
AGENDA

Meeting #: 4596th

Date: Wednesday, November 6, 2019

Time: 3:00 P.M.

Location: Spruce Lodge, Griffith Auditorium
643 W Gore St, Stratford

Council Present: Deputy Mayor Ritsma - Chair Presiding, Councillor Beatty, Councillor Bunting, Councillor Burbach, Councillor Clifford, Councillor Gaffney, Councillor Henderson, Councillor Ingram, Councillor Sebben, Councillor Vassilakos

Staff Present: Joan Thomson - Acting Chief Administrative Officer, Tatiana Dafoe - Acting Clerk, Ed Dujlovic - Director of Infrastructure and Development Services

Pages

1. Call to Order:

Deputy Mayor Ritsma, Chair presiding, to call the Council meeting to order.

Mayor Mathieson provided regrets for this meeting.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:

The *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* requires any member of Council declaring a pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof, where the interest of a member of Council has not been disclosed by reason of the member's absence from the meeting, to disclose the interest at the first open meeting attended by the member of Council and to otherwise comply with the *Act*.

Name, Item and General Nature Thereof

3. Adjournment to Public Meeting regarding Proposed Renewable Natural Gas Plant 1 - 179

Public comments received by October 31, 2019 by the City regarding the proposed Renewable Natural Gas Plant are attached to this agenda.

Motion by _____

THAT the Special Council meeting adjourn to a Public Meeting for the purpose of providing information and gathering input from the community on the renewable natural gas project proposed for Stratford's Water Pollution Control Plant, to reconvene following the Public Meeting.

4. Reconvene Council - Reading of the Confirmatory By-law 180

The following By-law requires First and Second Readings and Third and Final Readings.

Motion by _____

THAT By-law 4.1 be read a First and Second Time.

Motion by _____

THAT By-law 4.1 be read a Third and Final Time.

4.1 Confirmatory By-law

To confirm the proceedings of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford at its meeting held on November 6, 2019.

5. Adjournment:

Motion by _____

THAT the November 6, 2019 3:00 p.m. Special Council Meeting adjourn.

August 4, 2019.

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CITY OF STRATFORD
MAYOR/CAO OFFICE

Copy for Ed.

Editor of the Stratford Beacon Herald,
Stratford, Ontario

TO ALL RESIDENTS OF STRATFORD:

Well, The City is trying to do it to us AGAIN. They are pushing through this Bio Gas Plant to be built at the Sewage Treatment Plant (at the west end of West Gore Street), without input from US, as usual! There has been very little information in the Beacon or the Marketplace about it – is that intentional? Some households received notification but many did not.

Construction of the gas plant is scheduled to start in August 2019. This will create a lot more unwanted construction equipment traffic, dust, and noise from the site until completion in approximately 1-1/2 years.

The City has chosen a contractor to build this Bio Gas plant that has already had 11 charges against them from the Environment Ministry for their facility in London. How responsible it that? These are our tax dollars at work.

The funding?
$5. million grant from the Province
$1.5 million from Stratford – initially
$1.5 million from Ontario Clean Water
$15. million from Stratford long term to be recovered from sale of the produced gases and tipping fees

Upon completion in 2020 - $23million later, the "No Trucks" signs on West Gore St. will come down and a minimum of 16 (more during during peak times) LARGE trucks will be hauling hospital waste, chemical waste, industrial waste – solid and liquid – FROM ACROSS THE PROVINCE to the Gas Plant and the same trucks after being washed, will come back West Gore Street when empty. Stratford can only produce 10% of the waste needed to run the Gas plant. Why do we need to import the other 90%? The production is to be 20,900 tonnes of solid organic waste PLUS 5,000 tonnes of liquid waste a year. Let the Gas Plant be built in a larger community that produces the bulk of the required waste. This will also impact our landfill site and recycle facility with containers that are not useable at the Gas plant.

Why Stratford? We used to be a very nice small city that visitors enjoyed and people were anxious to move to. Now people are just anxious. These trucks will be going past Hamlet School, Cedarcroft, the Hospital, Spruce Lodge, Woodland Towers, and the Public Health Unit, not to mention all the lovely homes along that stretch. Trying to get out of your driveways or cross the street will be taking your life in your hands – especially school children and seniors. Trucks break down. Trucks leak. These are all factors that will endanger our health and well-being and the serenity of our quiet neighbourhood.

Property values will plummet!! We live in the West Gore Street corridor and since April we have been experiencing sewage smells coming from the treatment plant on a daily basis. There goes our neighbourhood! Who will want to buy here? Fix that problem at the Sewage Plant, which is apparently running at only 60% capacity, instead of buying more problems with the Bio Gas plant.

There is to be a meeting at City Hall sometime in August. Please contact Karen Downey at 519-271-0250 or kdowney@stratford.ca for notification of the date. Please, come out in droves to stop this utterly ridiculous plan from becoming a reality. We CAN stop this!

Lynda Schneider,

Stratford.

Cc:
MPP Randy Pettapiece,
55 Lorne Ave. East, Unit 2, Stratford N5A 6S4
randy.pettapiececo@pc.ola.org

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City Hall.
JBurbach@stratford.ca

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Councillor Graham Bunting,
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Councillor Danielle Ingram,
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PShantz@stratford.ca

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Toronto, Ont. M4V 1P5
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Admin. Asst. To H. Malcolmson,
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megan.inacio@ontario.ca

COMMENT FORM

Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant: A Net Zero Plant Through Resource Recovery

Name: DOROTHY VAN ESBROECK

Address: _____ **Telephone:** _____

Email Address: _____

How did you hear about this event? ☐ Letter/E-mail ☐ Local newspaper ☑ Other Public Notice

Please add me to the Project contact list ☑

Comments: See attached

SUBMITTING COMMENTS VIA EMAIL

Please submit comments by ***Thursday, June 27, 2019*** to:

Ed Dujlovic, Director of Infrastructure and Development Services, City of Stratford
519-271-0250 Ext. 224 I **edujlovic@stratford.ca**

NOTICE OF COLLECTION

The personal information requested on this form is being collected by The Corporation of the City of Stratford under the authority of the Municipal Act and will be used for the purpose of assisting city staff in making a decision on this project and for administrative purposes. All names, addresses and comments will be included in material available to the public in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Questions about the collection and use of this information may be made to the City Clerk, City Hall, P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1 or by telephone (519) 271-0250, ext. 235

Stratford's mandate is not to make money but provide services and infrastructure to the citizens.

I am **opposed** to the Natural Gas Project. I feel the risks and costs are too great.

What are the **Hidden Costs**?

- Increased wear and tear on roads
- Decreased house prices in area?
- Decrease lifespan of digester?
- Decreased quality of life for those living near project

Location, Location, Location

- Why spend 15 million on a location and only let trucks in at certain times? This will increase the cost
- This is a digester –it will need to be fed regularly.
- The traffic, noise and potential odours will negatively impact the **safety and security of residents** and the appeal of **Stratford as a tourist destination**.

What is Plan B or C? /What are the risks?

- What are alternatives?
- Have other options been adequately investigated?
- Technology is changing rapidly.
- Will this still be profitable in a few years when other cities expand their infrastructure to be able to handle organic wastes**?**

https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/kitchener-waterloo/food-waste-university-of-waterloo-fossil-fuels-plastic-1.5185074

Transparency and Accountability

- I would like the subsequent report to council made public at least 2 weeks before any action is voted on so that the public can also speak to council on the issue if they so wish.
- Why does Wayfinding have 2 open houses and this 15 million project only one?
- I would like Frequently Asked Questions answered on the City Website as different answers given at information meeting than on the information panels-example time of truck travel.
- Why wasn't this put in budget? Does the report on strategic planning mention this project?

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CITY OF STRATFORD PLANNING DEPT.

July 9, 2019

Mayor Dan Mathieson and City Council Members
c/o Joan Thomson,
Clerk, City of Stratford
City Hall
1 Wellington Street
Stratford, Ontario
N5A 2L3

Re: Application for Environmental Compliance Approval – Waste Processing Site - Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant 701 West Gore Street, Stratford, Ontario

As you are aware, a number of interested and concerned land owners, ratepayers and citizens have expressed their concerns to you over the City's proposal and approvals application(s) at the City's Water Pollution Control Plant at 701 West Gore Street in the City of Stratford.

In respect to this matter, we hereby request the following:

1. Advanced written notice of any and all meetings, be they Council meetings, Committee meetings, and/or staff meetings, where the City's proposal and/or approvals for the above-noted matter are to be discussed.

2. A copy of all correspondence, reports, and documents relating to the above-noted matter that are on the agenda(s) for any and all meetings referred to in #1 above.

In response to a June 24, 2019 e-mail from Linda Jones to Jeff Leunissen, the City's Manager of Development Services, outlining several questions relating to the City's proposal and/or approvals for the above-noted matter, Mr. Leunissen and Mr. Ed Dujlovic, Director of Infrastructure and Development Services, provided a number of responses in a June 26, 2019 e-mail. A copy of that e-mail is attached. In respect to those responses, we have the following comments:

3. Mr. Leunissen indicates that "Section 24(1) of the Planning Act requires, where an Official Plan is in effect, that no by-law shall be passed for any purposes that does not conform to the Official Plan". Our research

also indicates that where an Official Plan is in effect, no public work shall be undertaken that does not conform therewith.

4. Mr. Leunissen indicates that the lands are designated Parks and Open Space and Residential Area in the Official Plan. He further indicates that Table 1, Land Uses Permitted in All Designations, lists public uses and infrastructure as being permitted in all designations provided they satisfy the regulations of the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority and that the UTRCA has not expressed any objections to the proposed facility. Our research also indicates that Table 1 of the Official Plan states that "where such uses are located in a Residential Area designation they are subject to an amendment to the zoning by-law". We note that the City's Official Plan was approved on August 11, 2016.

5. Mr. Leunissen indicates that the lands are zoned Institutional IN Zone in the City's Comprehensive Zoning By-law 201-2000, that the proposed waste process facility is a permitted use, and that City Council adopted Zoning By-law 201-2000 on November 9, 2000.

6. According to City officials, the Official Plan was approved on August 11, 2016. Table 1 of that Official Plan is very clear in stating that where permitted public uses are located in a Residential Area designation, they are subject to an amendment to the zoning by-law. The Table 1 policy is very clear on this point. Given that Comprehensive Zoning By-law 201-2000 predates the approved Official Plan by almost 16 years, that the Official Plan Table 1 policy which is almost 16 years more recent than Comprehensive Zoning By-law 201-2000 is very specific in stating that an amendment to the zoning by-law is required when a public use is located in a Residential Area designation, and that no zoning by-law amendment permitting the proposed use/facility/development has been passed subsequent to the August 11, 2016 Official Plan approval, it is our opinion that the City's proposal for the subject property requires an amendment to the City's zoning by-law before it can proceed and that any by-law authorizing the application approvals, any by-law(s) regarding the funding for the project, and any public work undertaken for the subject proposal will not be in conformity with the City's Official Plan until such time that the City's zoning by-law is amended to specifically permit the development.

7. As stated above, Mr. Leunissen indicates that the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority has not expressed any objections to the proposed

facility. Have the specifics of the proposal been forwarded to the UTRCA and has UTRCA made any comment on the proposal and/or has it advised that the proposal satisfies its regulations? We request that any and all comments from UTRCA regarding the subject proposal be forwarded to us.

We understand that the City is in the process of revising and/or replacing its existing Zoning By-law 201-2000 with a new zoning by-law. Should this new proposed zoning by-law establish zoning and/or zoning provisions which will permit the uses being proposed at the City's Water Pollution Control Plant at 701 West Gore Street in the City of Stratford, we hereby object to such proposed zoning/zone provisions and request advance written notice of any and all Council and/or Committee meetings where this proposed new zoning by-law is being discussed and/or considered.

Mr. Dujlovic, in the City's e-mail reply to Linda Jones, indicates that the application for the required environmental approvals was made by the consultant GHD on the City's behalf, that Council was made aware of the application, and that Council permission is not normally required for applications to the Ministry. We find this very disturbing, particularly for a project of this scale where local tax payers' money in the amount of at least $15 million will be required from the City's end. We hereby request minutes of all Council and Committee meetings where the proposal has been discussed and considered to get the proposal to where it stands today.

This letter has been prepared on behalf of the following residents who reside at 589 W. Gore St. Stratford ON N5A 1L4, and represents our collective view on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Jones

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Diane Smith-Sanderson Jim Sanderson

Dianne Smith-Sanderson and Jim Sanderson

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Linda Lauzon
589 W. Gore St.
Stratford ON N5A 1L4

Curtis and Judy Hill
-589 W. Gore St.
Stratford ON N5A 1L4

Robin and Kirk Roberts
-589 W. Gore St.
Stratford ON N5A 1L4

Peggy Stewart and Bill Murphy
-589 W. Gore St.
Stratford ON N5A 1L4

Anne-Carole Trepanier and Dragosh Elie
589 W. Gore St.
Stratford ON N5A 1L4

S. Kinnear and R. Lloyd
-589 W. Gore St.
Stratford ON N5A 1L4

cc.
Premier Doug Ford
Director Heather Malcolmson , Environmental Protection Act MECP
Mr. Randy Pettapiece MPP
Mr. Jeff Leunissen
Mr. Ed Dujlovic
Mr. Gerald Culliton, Culliton Law

Enclosures (3pp): Email Correspondence: L. Jones, J. Leunissen, E. Dujlovic

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

300 John Street South,
Stratford, Ontario
N5A 7V5.

City Clerk's Office,
City Hall,
Stratford, Ontario.

Enclosed is a petition from Hamlet Estates regarding the access to the proposed Gas Plant at the Sewage Treatment Facility on West Gore Street.

As stated in the petition, the residents are concerned re the extra traffic at our only access to John Street and the toll it will take on the present infrastructure.

We respectfully request that this petition be presented to the City Council at the appropriate meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Resident's Council
of Hamlet Estates,

Lois Kipfer,
Co-Chairman

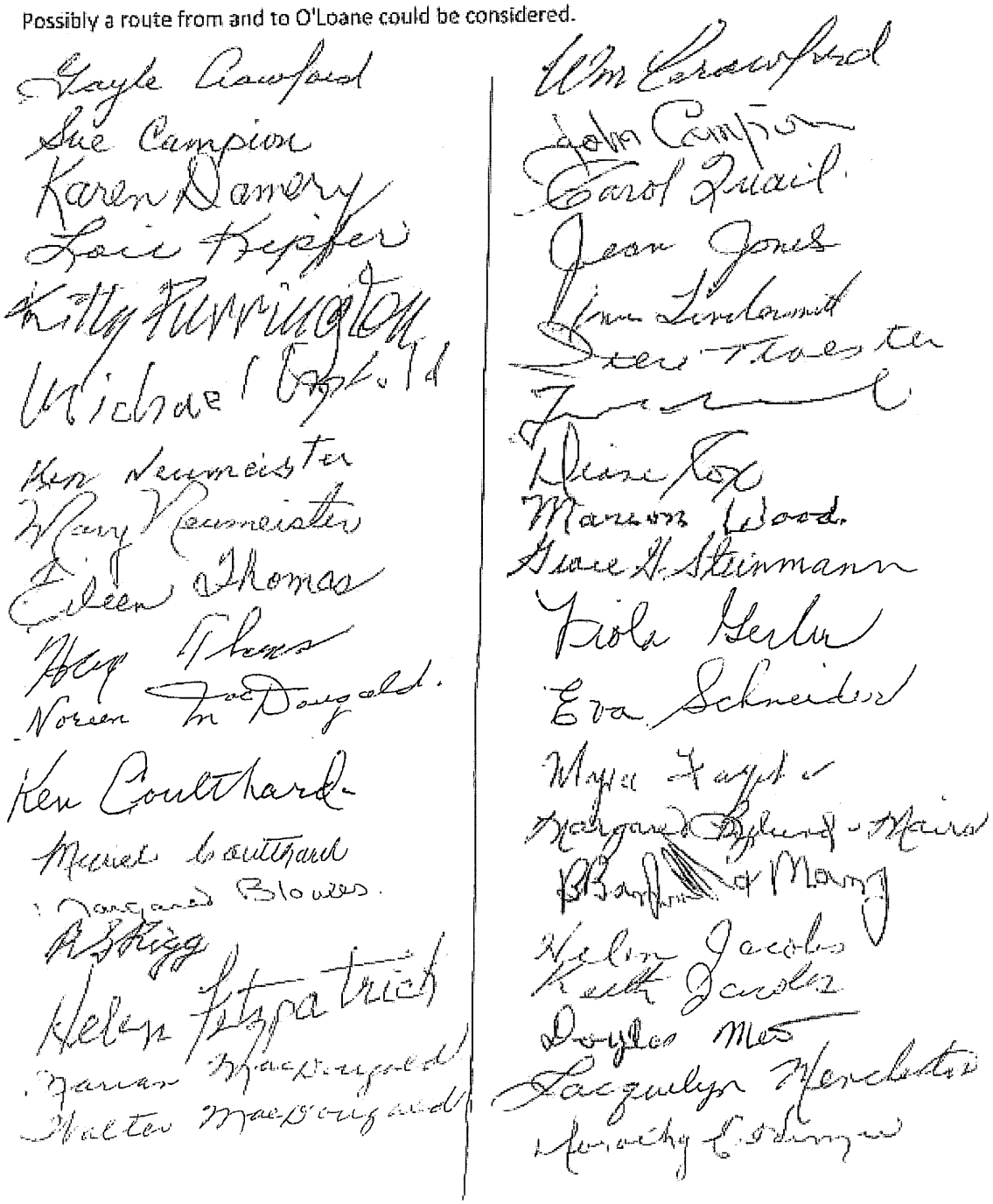
c.c. Randy Pettapiece, MPP
c.c. Ministry of Environment

RE INSTALLATION OF THE GAS PLANT AT THE SEWER FARM

The residents of Hamlet Estates are concerned re the extra traffic that will prevail if this facility goes ahead. Also of concern is the possibility of odours, even though it has been said that there will be none.

We respectfully request that a different access to the plant be considered.
We are concerned that the current residential infrastructure will not support the increased volume of heavy traffic. There is already traffic congestion at times with Queensland, the bend on John Street and Lightbourne Ave at our only entrance at John Street South.

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Steven Bell
Joyce Jacob
Betty Bain
Keith Dadam

July 25, 2019

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Ed Dujlovic, Director of Infrastructure and Development
City of Stratford
Mayor Dan Mathieson, City of Stratford
All Councillors of the City of Stratford

To all this may concern:

We, the undersigned, are submitting the attached list of signatures of mostly residents of Woodland Towers. These signers feel strongly, as we do, that the proposed truck route accommodating many large transport trucks daily on West Gore Street, past our large senior residence complex, carrying waste from outside our municipality, is totally unacceptable for all the reasons many of us have already expressed in comments, either in letter, email or other means. Before signing this petition a sign posted on the table we were stationed at was read by the signers (or in some cases it was read to them). The sign said, "Stop West Gore Street from becoming a truck route past our home to a gas plant. Safety, Health, Well-being, Environment, Noise, Odour. Thank you for your support".

Due to the fact that some residents are away for summer vacation and some being very elderly and unwell, are unable to sign, we are pleased to have obtained 80 signatures.

We truly hope that the wishes of your senior neighbours, relatives and friends will be respected and we can continue having a peaceful, quiet street on which to spend our "twilight years"!

Please share this information with all Stratford Councillors.
Thank you for considering this letter and these signatures while making this very important decision.

Sincerely,

Kelly Anderson

Kelly Anderson, resident of Woodland Towers

Ruth Carter

Ruth Carter, resident of Woodland Towers

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1. No Trucks / Save Env.

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Print	Signature
Ruth Carter	Ruth Carter
Kelly Anderson	Kelly Anderson
DAVID SIMMONS	David Simmons
IRENE PATTERSON	Irene Patterson
SHIRLEY McNAMARA	Shirley McNamara
Judy Hansen	Judy Hansen
June Tribick	JUNE TRIBICK
Darlene Ford	Darlene Ford
ALICE BESTED	Alice Bested
MARIAN HARVEY	Marian Harvey
RICK TOURGIEY	RICK T
ELIZ ROCKEY	Eliz Rockey
KAREN SMITH	Karen Smith
SHIRLEY ARMSTRONG	Shirley Armstrong
Lisa Liedtke	Lisa Liedtke
Jeff Geleynse	Jeff Geleynse
PETER CHANDLER	Peter Chandler
JUNE CHANDLER	June Chandler
OLIVE ELLERBY	Olive Ellerby
[redacted]	Lenore Gratton-Doré
Diane Beckner	Diane Beckner
EV. MACDONALD	Ev. Macdonald
Brenda Clipperton	Brenda Clipperton
IM TREMAINE	Janet G. Tremaine
Carol Patrick	Carol Patrick

	PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE
2.	Marjorie Stock	Marjorie Stock
	DENNIS PURCELL	Dennis Purcell
	BOB BABICH	Bob Babich
	RUTH COX	Ruth Cox
	GEORGE MASUR	George Masur
	Kimberly Tew	Kimberly Tew
	SHEILA BRISTOW	Sheila Bristow
	BETTY LONG	Betty Long
	LOIS SEITZLER	Lois Seitzler
	DONNA FRASER	Donna Fraser
	JAN Dean	Jan Dean
	Ken Dean	Ken Dean
	Amy Phung	Amy Phung
	Tony Phung	Tony Phung
	BRENDA BABICH	Brenda Babich
	Lois Carruthers	Lois Carruthers
	Tom McDermott	Tom McDermott
	Daisy Anderson	Daisy A Anderson
	Dan Anderson	Dan G Anderson Ben Daisy
	JANICE NICHOLSON	Janice Nicholson
	Karen Matheson	Karen Matheson
	Jean Luckhardt	Jean Luckhardt
	DON JUKES	Don Jukes
	PAULINE JUKES	Pauline Jukes
	PAT QUIGLEY	Pat Quigley
	Karen Goforth	Karen Goforth
	Elizabeth Wachsmann	Elizabeth Wachsmann
	YVONNE PUSKELBERG	Yvonne Puskelberg
	PAT TUCKER	Pat Tucker
	ANN ALLEN	Ann Allen
	JANE DAVIS	Jane Davis
(32)	EILEEN REED-FORD	Eileen Reed-Ford

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PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE
Joyce Wicke	Joyce Wicke
Joy Smith	Joy Smith
Bob Sippel	Bob Sippel
DEBORAH JUKES	Deborah Jukes
BEATRICE WILHELM	Beatrice Wilhelm
CAROL HORST	Carol Horst
Christina Fryfogel	Christina Fryfogel
Tillie Beardy	Tillie Beardy
LLOYD WICKE	Lloyd Wicke
JOHN BARNON	John Barnon
Verlie Siepel	Verlie Siepel
Marlene Cossey	Marlene Cossey
BILL HILL	Bill Hill
Dan Carter	Dan Carter
JOHN MALGIEGOK	John Malgiegok
Jennifer Bashart	Jennifer Bashart
(17) LISA JAI	Lisa Jai

STOP Gas Plant!

Sign here

~~Janet Fouts~~
Mary E. Sage
Violet Cook
Carol Quail + husband
Lynn Patterson
~~[illegible] (phone)~~
(6) Mary Dalton

Karen Downey

From: Ed Dujlovic
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 1:20 PM
To: Karen Downey
Subject: FW: [External Email] The renewable natural gas project

From: claire chapple [mailto:
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 1:16 PM
To: Ed Dujlovic
Subject: [External Email] The renewable natural gas project

Hi

I am super excited about this project. I want to know more and when I can I expect to put my green bin out! Since moving here almost 3 years ago I was surprised and dumbfounded that this did not already exist. I would love more information and a projected time line for this project to be completed. It says December 2020, does that mean we will have to wait till then?

Thank you for answering my questions

Claire Chapple

Karen Downey

From: Sharon McTavish <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2019 11:12 AM
To: Ed Dujlovic
Subject: Re: [External Email] Bio gas plant

Hi Ed

Thank you for getting back to me and for the information.

If the storage facility is in another municipality is that not counter productive to what you are trying to accomplish? Would it not be better to have it all in one place to help save the fuel and trucking costs?

What would the cost be to relocate this entire proposal to an industrial area? Where there are no schools, seniors and hospital. This is quadrupling in size ,it's man made so its not 100% infallible including human error. All it would take would be one mistake to make this a nightmare.

I stand corrected on the road repair I did not know that, thank you.

When the police show up to help stop the speeding they need to find another place to sit. You know when they are there and when they have left. All of a sudden people are doing the limit, but back it again as soon as they leave.

I saw in the paper that you may implement photo radar, I say yes to that one, (I probably won't be very popular). It was nice to read that some of the counsellors also agree with it. I know on Stratford life some say it's a money grab, but if you are not speeding then you have nothing to worry about. This will help free up our police so they don't have to babysit speeders.
Will this include all vehicles including city bus, city trucks? I understand that the bus is on a schedule but there is no way they would be able to stop if someone was going across the street, plus they are going right by a school. Maybe have a look at that and see if there is way to make it better so they have some leeway and don't have to speed and can hit all the stops they are supposed to.

Thank for your time and responding.

Regards Sharon and Steve McTavish

Sent from my iPad

> On Sep 9, 2019, at 6:32 PM, Ed Dujlovic <EDujlovic@stratford.ca> wrote:
>
> Hello Mrs. McTavish,
>
> Please see my answers to your questions below.
>

> Regards,
>
> Ed Dujlovic
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Sharon McTavish [mailto:sh :om]
> Sent: Friday, September 6, 2019 1:06 PM
> To: Ed Dujlovic
> Subject: [External Email] Bio gas plant
>
> Hi Mr Dujlovic
>
> I was at the meeting last night and want to thank you for the bio digester update.
>
> I do have a few questions
>
> Where is the offsite location sludge storage going to be located? And how many storage bins will there be?
>
> We do not have an offsite location selected. We will be going to tender to look for a contractor to haul the sludge offsite. The one contractor that we did speak to has existing sludge storage lagoons that are located in another municipality.
>
> Regarding the green bin program, is this going to be per household or city wide? I have composed for almost 30 years and would not use the green bin. I prefer to compost and turn it into my gardens. So does that mean that my tag for my garbage would not be $5.00 as you stated last night? Maybe leaving the tags at the current price with an incentive to compost would be help reduce what goes into the landfill.
>
> Firstly, Council has yet to approve the implementation of a green bin program. Accordingly, we have not developed a plan for implementation. Council has recently directed staff to review the City's entire waste management program and bring a report back to Council.
>
> We are taking in other people's non recyclables to sort at the plant and bury them in our dump. You said we had 25 years left, but bringing in the non recyclables will that not help the demise of the dump?
>
> We do not anticipate a significant amount waste to be generated as a part of this proposed project.
>
> As for the trucks going down a residential street, the homeowner currently has to pay 60% of the road repair and 50% of a sidewalk repair. If the homeowner can't afford this it will go over a 10 year period with a 5% interest rate.
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> If this goes through is the city going to repair the road with no cost to the homeowner? This is not what we want, this is the city's doing ,and for the city to ask us to pay is extremely unfair. What are we paying taxes for? Most are on a fixed income or live pay check to pay check. Who can afford this.
>

> In regards to the 60% for roads and 50% for sidewalks this is done when work is carried out as a Local Improvement. For sidewalks this charge is implemented when existing sidewalks do not exist. For roads this charge is implemented if the road was not originally constructed to City standards. As West Gore has been constructed to City standards the funds to rebuild it would come from the property taxes that are paid to the City and not directly from the abutting homeowners.
>
> The speeding cars, trucks (including city work trucks), and city bus already make this a dangerous road. It's supposed to be 40km an hour, but it's used like a 400 series road. The trucks will be on a schedule (like the city bus) do you really think they will go the speed limit, I know the bus does not.
>
> West Gore is a very busy road and has been for quite some time. I will request Stratford Police Services to monitor the area to determine if there is a speeding problem
>
> As tax payers our pockets are getting very thin, and making it to expensive to live in Stratford. We retired back to our home town now I am wondering did we do the right thing....
>
> Regards
>
> Sharon and Steve McTavish
>
> Sent from my iPad

Karen Downey

From: Lori Henry
Sent: Friday, September 6, 2019 8:36 PM
To: Karen Downey
Subject: [External Email] Notification of biogas plant meeting

Please let me know of the upcoming meeting on the biogas plant proposal. I want my objection to this project to be heard

Lori Henry
Stratford

Karen Downey

From: Ed Dujlovic
Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 3:23 PM
To: Hélène Fortin Crabb
Subject: RE: [External Email] Biogas digester

Good Afternoon Hélène,

Thank you for submitting your comments. They will be included in a report to Council.

Regards,

Ed Dujlovic

From: Hélène Fortin Crabb [mailto:he
Sent: Saturday, August 31, 2019 5:05 PM
To: Ed Dujlovic
Subject: [External Email] Biogas digester

Good morning,

I would like to express my full support for the plans by the City of Stratford to accept and treat household organic waste currently sent to landfill. This is step in the right direction to decrease GHG emissions, especially methane, and an essential project to help create a circular economy in Ontario.

Kudo to the proponents of this project. Hopefully, City council will have the courage to vote in favour on this project, despite current opposition, so Stratford can become a leader in this field and be branded as a forward looking community.

Hélène Crabb

Stratford,

Karen Downey

From: Joan Thomson
Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 10:03 AM
To: Tatiana Dafoe; Karen Downey
Subject: FW: [External Email] Upgrade to WPCP

Good morning - can you please circulate this to the Mayor and Councillors for their awareness.
Karen - please add Louise's contact info to our list for the public meeting.

Thanks,

Joan Thomson, AMCTO CMO
Acting Chief Administrative Officer
The Corporation of the City of Stratford P.O. Box 818, 1 Wellington Street, Stratford ON N5A 6W1
Phone: 519-271-0250 ext 235
Email: jthomson@stratford.ca
Web: www.stratford.ca

-----Original Message-----
From: no-reply On Behalf Of
Sent: Saturday, August 31, 2019 5:31 PM
To: Joan Thomson
Subject: [External Email] Upgrade to WPCP

Please pass this on to the Mayor and Council:
I live within the residential area around the proposed plant, and I hope that there are many more citizens like myself who are strongly in favour of the upgrades that will allow the WPCP to accept organic waste from Stratford and beyond and transform it into biogas and sludge digestate. In a world that is experiencing disasters stemming from climate change, and the challenges of dealing with waste, this plan is a step in the right direction, and much to Stratford's credit. Please know that there are many of us who have been waiting for this plan to be implemented and support it strongly.
Sincerely,
Louise McColl

Address:

Stratford, ON

Day Time Phone Number:

Origin: https://www.stratfordcanada.ca/en/insidecityhall/citycouncil.asp

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Karen Downey

From: Ed Dujlovic
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 2:29 PM
To: Karen Downey
Subject: FW: Email City Council - Support for Renewable Natural Gas

From: Patricia Shantz
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 2:27 PM
To: Bonnie Henderson; Brad Beatty; Cody Sebben; Danielle Ingram; Dave Gaffney; Graham Bunting; Jo-Dee Burbach; Kathy Vassilakos; Martin Ritsma; Tom Clifford
Cc: Ed Dujlovic
Subject: Email City Council - Support for Renewable Natural Gas

From: emailcitycouncil@stratford.ca [mailto:emailcitycouncil@stratford.ca]
Sent: August 28, 2019 11:58 AM
To: Patricia Shantz
Subject: New Response Completed for Email City Council

Hello,

Please note the following response to Email City Council has been submitted on Wednesday August 28th 2019 11:57 AM with reference number 2019-08-28-004.

- **Subject:**
  Support for Renewable Natural Gas Green Bin Project
- **Full name:**
  Anne Carbert
- **Email address:**
  [redacted]ca
- **Daytime phone number:**
- **Street# and name:**
- **City:**
  Stratford
- **Message:**
  Dear Mayor Mathieson and Stratford City Councillors,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed renewable natural gas project that will start green bin compost collection in Stratford and reduce our city's carbon footprint.

I believe reducing carbon emissions should be our city's top priority and we must find many ways to do this and ramp up these efforts. I understand this kind of project, with the methane gas capture and sale, is operational in many cities. What better way to reduce carbon emissions from food waste than to also generate cleaner power!

I have heard some of the concerns of those living close to the waste treatment facility where this new facility needs to be to use the waste water with other organic waste and to be financially feasible. If there are ways to improve pedestrian infrastructure on the streets leading to the facility so walkers might feel safer with some increased truck traffic on those already busy streets, I would support that as an additional plan and expense for the project. My understanding is that other concerns -- about the safety of the facility itself, emergency plans, and odour -- have been addressed and are actually minimal risks.

It is unfortunate that communications and sharing of accurate information is so difficult in this city. Certainly, the emotional pull of the fact that so many seniors and school students are located close to the waste treatment plant is not small. But my understanding is that the actual impacts of the proposed changes, as they would be experienced by those living and learning nearby, will be small.

If we cannot get used to more truck traffic in the name of effectively dealing with food waste and generating renewable power, I do not know how we will ever do all the things that are necessary to become a low-carbon community on a planet that is heating at an alarming rate. We know we must keep global warming to 1.5 degrees to avoid the worst impacts of climate change and that this will require many new carbon reduction projects and initiatives within the next couple of years. Scientists and environmental advocates have identified the management of food waste and a focus on renewable energy as top ways to significantly reduce carbon emissions. This project is on track with the kind of innovation and leadership that is urgently needed.

Thanks to the city engineers and to you for your efforts on moving this forward.

Sincerely,
Anne Carbert

Karen Downey

From: Ed Dujlovic
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2019 3:21 PM
To: Wes & Lois Nelson
Cc: Karen Downey
Subject: RE: [External Email] Gas Plant

Hello Wes,

Your welcome. You will be placed on the list.

Regards,

Ed

From: Wes & Lois Nelson [mailto:
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2019 3:16 PM
To: Ed Dujlovic
Subject: [External Email] Gas Plant

Somewhat delayed (a lot of reading and re-reading) but I did want to say THANK YOU ! A very impressive , professional, and comprehensive information paper . YES, thank you for sharing it and I would very much appreciate being placed on you e-mail list for notification of future meetings regarding this MAJOR PROJECT.

THANK YOU ED.

Wes nelson

Karen Downey

From: Full Name <
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2019 1:03 PM
To: Karen Downey
Subject: [External Email] Gas Plant

I am against the Gas Plant that threatens our neighbourhood. I will be emailing all the counselors to please stop this!!

Cynthia Skotniczny

Karen Downey

From: Ed Dujlovic
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 8:48 AM
To:
Subject: RE: [External Email] renewable natural gas project

Hi Ken,

Thank you for your comments. Please see below in yellow as I do not understand what you meant. As your comments will be included in a report to Council I want to ensure that they are correct.

Regards,

Ed Dujlovic

From: Ken Davis [mailto
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 4:29 PM
To: Ed Dujlovic
Subject: [External Email] renewable natural gas project

Hi there. This Ken Davis. I live not far from your proposed renewable natural gas project. After reading the information on the city's website I can tell that the city council has already made a decision and any feedback from stratford's citizens would be to no avail. Just like other decisions the city council have made in the past. Mind you we have always been asked for our input out of courtesy from the council. So why should we even bother to try. I know this may fall on deaf ears but please hear me out; any tax money that is used without taxpayers permission is negligible. I wish you well in your endeavours.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

From: Nancy-Wendy Merklinger
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2019 3:32 PM
To: csebben@stratford.ca , [redacted] ; tclifford@stratford.ca ; jburbach@stratford.ca ; dgaffney@stratford.ca ; dingram@stratford [redacted] sssilakos@stratford.ca ; bbeatty@stratford.ca ; gbunting@stratford.ca ; dmathieson@stratford.ca
Subject: Stop the Bio Gas Plant project in Stratford!

Stratford Councillors and Mayor Matheson

My sister and I are very concerned about the Bio Gas Plant being considered for Stratford...and then the bigger worry is
that we live on Woods Street backing into Spruce Lodge. This plant will impact our quality of life!

We can't believe how much the amount of traffic on John Street and West Gore has increased over the past year alone. We like to walk and to consider the number of trucks and what they are carrying is just not imaginable.

The plant should not be considered in a residential area and with a city that is all about the tourist, We are not sure abouthow does this play out –we need more trees, better roads and more traffic lights---not trucks hauling sewage/sludge!

We are also worried about the impact this plant will have on our selling our house in the future. We would not have bought into this neighbourhood if this plant is actually built.

We voted for you to have Stratford maintain and enhance its presence as a great place to live in and visit?? This project does not fit the bill!

Please stop the Bio Gas Plant Project!!

Concerned Citizens

Nancy and Wendy Merklinger

Karen Downey

From: Marika Palovaara <m
Sent: Friday, August 23, 2019 2:03 PM
To: Karen Downey
Subject: [External Email] Public/council meeting list

Hello

I'd like to be added to the public/council meeting lists specifically that have to do with the gas plant. I live near the proposed site and I have a lot of concerns about the plans.

Thanks

Sent from my Windows Phone

Karen Downey

From: micah herrington <
Sent: Friday, August 23, 2019 1:40 PM
To: Karen Downey
Subject: [External Email] Council meeting list

Hi Karen,

I was just curious if we could get on the list? We live a ; and have some concerns about the gas plant proposal.

Thanks,
Micah Herrington.

Karen Downey

From: Amanda Weinheimer
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 10:07 PM
To: Karen Downey
Subject: [External Email] Bio Gas

Please put me on Notification list for meetings regarding Bio Gas Plant, I have two family members at Spruce Lodge and I think the location in a dead end residential area is totally wrong.

Yours truly
Amanda

Sent from my iPhone

Karen Downey

From: WaterPollutionControlPlant@stratford.ca
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2019 6:02 PM
To: Karen Downey
Subject: [External Email] New Response Completed for Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant
Attachments: 2019-08-15-019.pdf

Hello,

Please note the following response to Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant has been submitted at Thursday August 15th 2019 6:01 PM with reference number 2019-08-15-019.

- **Name:**
  ruth moir
- **Address:**
- **Telephone:**
- **Email address:**
- **How did you hear about this event?**
  Other
- **Comments:**
  Those trucks are already using John St S as a detour from your posted "truck route map". Please stay away from John St S. It is already difficult to cross where there are sidewalks on one side only. The blind curves are not suitable for the big sludge trucks we already see. BTW they do not always observe the speed limit of 40 km per hour. How can you assure that these trucks will be speed monitored? I doubt you can assure us. And when they are going too fast their stop time is compromised.
  Children can run across quickly enough but not seniors. And do you want children running across in the first place?
  We are told that speed bumps are not allowed because of ambulances on their way to the emergency.

  Please address this?

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Karen Downey

From:	WaterPollutionControlPlant@stratford.ca
Sent:	Friday, August 2, 2019 3:57 PM
To:	Karen Downey
Subject:	[External Email] New Response Completed for Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant
Attachments:	2019-08-02-006.pdf

Hello,

Please note the following response to Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant has been submitted at Friday August 2nd 2019 3:56 PM with reference number 2019-08-02-006.

- **Name:**
  Scott Alexander
- **Address:**
  Stratford, Ontario,
- **Telephone:**
- **Email address:**
- **How did you hear about this event?**
  Local Newspaper
- **Please add me to the Project contact list**
  Yes
- **Comments:**
  Hello,

  As a home owner in Stratford who is about to start a young family, I have grave concerns about this proposed project. My main concern is in regards to your proposed placement of the site, at the end of West Gore Street. This location is densely populated, and falls in the area of three schools. The amount of tucks that would need to enter and exit the area using residential streets is dangerous, and simply unacceptable.

  I understand that using the water treatment facility would offer some cost advantages, however if this project is indeed financially viable, it should be financially viable in an area where trucks are able to pull right off of the highway, without driving past schools and on main residential streets.

  If you okay this project and a child or senior is hurt by one of these vehicles, it will

reflect very poorly on the decision making of our council, and city as a whole.

In closing, it feels like this project is being forced into an area where it does not belong, and could be potentially dangerous to it's many residents. If you as a city and council believe in this project, find a way to finance it so it can be placed in a safe, industrial part of town, away from busy residential areas.

Thank you for you time.

Scott Alexander

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Karen Downey

From: WaterPollutionControlPlant@stratford.ca
Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2019 1:11 PM
To: Karen Downey
Subject: [External Email] New Response Completed for Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant
Attachments: 2019-07-30-004.pdf

Hello,

Please note the following response to Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant has been submitted at Tuesday July 30th 2019 1:10 PM with reference number 2019-07-30-004.

- **Name:**
  Jennifer Boshart
- **Address:**

  Stratford, Ontario
- **Telephone:**
- **Email address:**
- **How did you hear about this event?**
  Other
- **Please add me to the Project contact list**
  Yes
- **Comments:**
  I am NOT in favour of the Gas Project proposed for the current Sewage Plant located at the end of West Gore Street. My first concern is all the extra traffic, noise, safety, and dust/dirt on roads that are not meant for it. There are NO TRUCKS signs all on West Gore Street to Erie Street and John Street to Huron Street starting at the corner of West Gore & John Streets. That leaves the only "viable" truck route to the Sewage Plant to be from Lorne Ave W to John Street, John Street to West Gore which means at least 2 right turns and a left turn and only ONE of those turns is wide enough for a truck to easily make the corner. My second issue is with all of the waste (from grocery stores for example) that needs to be sorted and the we are left with milk cartons, yogurt containers, Styrofoam trays and other packaging most that is not recyclable going to OUR landfill. I thought the whole idea behind this was to divert waste from our dump and make money for the City. The other problem I have with this is the cost. Do the taxpayers of this City really need another $17.5 million ($22.5 million - $5 million

gov't grant) added to the current debt load? If bigger cities like London and Kitchener have plants that also need "green bin waste" where is Stratford going to get 20,900 wet tonnes of solid organic waste and 5,000 tonnes of liquid waste if a city the size of Stratford only makes 1,000 tonnes of organic material. If it would indeed cost $1/2 million per year to dispose of Stratford's organic waste couldn't it be used to make compost at the landfill and then sold by the bag to the gardeners to recoup some of the cost? Also, at $22.5 million divided by $1/2 million means we could ship our organic waste out for 45 years for the same cost. Odour is also a concern, not from the trucks or the building where they unload but from the open sludge pit that smells pretty ripe some days now when it's only sewage, start putting rotten food, especially meat and bones in there and I don't think it's going to smell like a bed of roses. We are already aware of all of the odour problems/spills etc. from the other plants, that don't use sewage, have already been fined. Who's to day that being the first plant in Canada that will be mixing sewage and organic waste won't have any issues with smell. Safety is also a HUGE concern, accidents happen, humans make mistakes, and who is right in the "line of fire" so to speak if there is an emergency, Spruce Lodge, Woodland Towers, Hamlet Estates, Stratford & District Christian School and Stratford General Hospital. If there is a need for evacuation the only way in and out of there has the emergency vehicles and evacuation vehicles all have to use the same block. It's just a bad location to put a project like this one in the middle of a residential area.

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Karen Downey

From: ruth carter
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 10:04 AM
To: Patricia Shantz; jthomson@strat; Ed Dujlovic; Karen Downey
Subject: [External Email] Gas Plant Proposal Meeting Site

Hello:

You have heard from me in emails and the recently submitted covering letter along with the 80 signatures in a petition from Woodland Towers.
I am a resident of Woodland Towers and walk with either a cane or a walker. I am one of the lucky ones as several residents can
only be mobile using a wheelchair. For this reason I am suggesting, if at all possible, to have the council meeting discussing the gas plant proposal, held in the Griffith Auditorium at Woodland Towers. There is a widespread and fervent interest in this subject and many would like to attend the next meeting but the difficulties of travelling to City Hall and up the elevator is a time consuming problem for these residents. Also, the mobility bus, which would be their transportation to City Hall does not travel later evening hours.

We would be most appreciative if this meeting site could be considered.
Thank you.
Ruth Carter

Karen Downey

From:	WaterPollutionControlPlant@stratford.ca
Sent:	Friday, July 26, 2019 5:45 PM
To:	Karen Downey
Subject:	New Response Completed for Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant
Attachments:	2019-07-26-008.pdf

Hello,

Please note the following response to Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant has been submitted at Friday July 26th 2019 5:44 PM with reference number 2019-07-26-008.

- **Name:**
  Harley Westman
- **Address:**
  t Stratford
- **Telephone:**
- **Email address:**
  1
- **How did you hear about this event?**
  Other
- **Please add me to the Project contact list**
  Yes
- **Comments:**
  I am for the project. I think it's a great idea to help with climate change and diverting organics from the landfill. Will this project create more jobs at the wastewater treatment plant?

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Karen Downey

From: WaterPollutionControlPlant@stratford.ca
Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2019 8:36 PM
To: Karen Downey
Subject: [External Email] New Response Completed for Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant
Attachments: 2019-07-24-006.pdf

Hello,

Please note the following response to Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant has been submitted at Wednesday July 24th 2019 8:35 PM with reference number 2019-07-24-006.

- **Name:**
  Melissa Renaud
- **Address:**

  Stratford, ON
- **Telephone:**
- **Email address:**
- **How did you hear about this event?**
  Local Newspaper
- **Please add me to the Project contact list**
  Yes
- **Comments:**
  I am strongly in support of this project. For far too long Stratford has been lagging behind other municipalities in terms of their waste/recycling collection. If, as I understand it has been proposed, this project is coupled with a green bag/bin implementation in Stratford, this project then promises to reduce an incredible amount of waste ending up in our landfill. Although the initial cost is substantial, I believe that it is important to make these kind of investments in the planets, and therefore, our future. We cannot ignore the damage our consumer society is doing to the earth and if this helps offset or decrease that impact then it is, in my opinion, necessary. I applaud City Council for being this forward-thinking and looking for innovative solutions to waste management. You have my complete support.

Karen Downey

From: WaterPollutionControlPlant@stratford.ca
Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2019 1:36 PM
To: Karen Downey
Subject: [External Email] New Response Completed for Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant
Attachments: 2019-07-23-017.pdf

Hello,

Please note the following response to Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant has been submitted at Tuesday July 23rd 2019 1:35 PM with reference number 2019-07-23-017.

- **Name:**
  Bill James-Abra
- **Address:**
- **Telephone:**
- **Email address:**
- **How did you hear about this event?**
  Local Newspaper
- **Please add me to the Project contact list**
  Yes
- **Comments:**
  I'm offering these comments in support of the project. I understand that residents living near the proposed plant, and along the proposed truck route have concerns about pedestrian safety, traffic volumes, noise and odour. All those concerns all valid. I know too, that it's easy for me to support the proposal, I'm not going to be directly affected by any of those concerns. But to my mind, all those questions are outweighed by the climate disaster we're facing. As a community we have to do everything we can, as quickly as we can, to reduce green house gases. All of us have to make changes for the sake of the planet, our children and grandchildren. Initiatives like this have to happen. Please, address the concerns as best you can and build the plant.

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Karen Downey

From: WaterPollutionControlPlant@stratford.ca
Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2019 1:14 AM
To: Karen Downey
Subject: New Response Completed for Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant
Attachments: 2019-07-23-001.pdf

Hello,

Please note the following response to Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant has been submitted at Tuesday July 23rd 2019 1:13 AM with reference number 2019-07-23-001.

- **Name:**
  Thomas J. Hunter
- **Address:**
- **Telephone:**
- **Email address:**
- **How did you hear about this event?**
  Local Newspaper
- **Please add me to the Project contact list**
  Yes
- **Comments:**
  This project should not be approved by City council. This type of operation is expensive and not fail safe. The proposal seems to be putting the city in more debt to make money by producing gas from sewage from other locations. City council should not be getting in the business of producing highly explosive methane gas, especially in the area proposed, which is surrounded by residences and retirement complexes and even the General Hospital. The proposed location would be hard for emergency vehicles to access if an accident did occur.

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Karen Downey

From: WaterPollutionControlPlant@stratford.ca
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2019 5:27 PM
To: Karen Downey
Subject: [External Email] New Response Completed for Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant
Attachments: 2019-07-22-008.pdf

Hello,

Please note the following response to Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant has been submitted at Monday July 22nd 2019 5:26 PM with reference number 2019-07-22-008.

- **Name:**
  Mike Bomasuit
- **Address:**
- **Telephone:**
- **Email address:**
  n
- **How did you hear about this event?**
  Letter/Email
- **Comments:**
  If this will make the city money, like Festival Hydro does, Iam 100 % in favour of this project going ahead. As far as truck noise goes we get all kinds from Lorne Ave., so Its not a big issue. Also we St. Vincent street is back to normal the noise factor will return. In closing its a big Yes from here.

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Karen Downey

From: Ed Dujlovic
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2019 11:22 AM
To: Karen Downey
Subject: FW: Feedback re: Proposed RNG Plant

Importance: High

Add to notification list Jul 22/19 KD.

Karen,

Please add to the list.

Thanks

From: Sarah Palmer [mailto:
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2019 10:09 AM
To: Ed Dujlovic
Cc: Garrett
Subject: [External Email] Feedback re: Proposed RNG Plant
Importance: High

Hello Mr. Dujlovic -

My name is Sarah Palmer. My husband and I own a home almost directly on the corner of Birmingham and West Gore in Stratford. We moved to the city last year for a slower pace of life from the big city and have been incredibly happy with the decision we made.

When we received notice regarding the proposed RNG site for Stratford, we became very concerned about the direct impact it will have on our community.

Although we will be reaching out to our city Councillors to make them aware of our opposition to the project, we want to ensure you receive the same communication.

Our infrastructure within our community area cannot support the ancillary impacts of the RNG proposal for the following reasons:

1. West Gore is a busy enough street and cannot handle any more traffic, let alone trucks. While noise is one aspect of the concern, the other is the current state of the crumbling infrastructure and community type street. This area and road specifically was not meant for the level of traffic proposed. I am sure the business owners on West Gore (including Hamlet Public School, Cedarcroft, and Birmingham Manor) would agree that this proposal is not taking into consideration the aspects of our daily lives it will impact.
2. While we are large supporters of renewable energy and waste diversion, and have actively supported a green bin program for Stratford, we do not believe an area so community-based in a well-developed neighbourhood is the appropriate place to conduct this diversion.

3. While the funding for this proposal is diverse, we firmly believe there are more urgent infrastructure initiatives in Stratford that require this level of cooperative funding (we have yellow tap water, crumbling roads, and live in a city where our tax dollars support tourism instead of those who reside here).

   We thank you for taking the time to engage with the community while this decision is made.

Best wishes,

Sarah and Garrett Palmer

Karen Downey

From: WaterPollutionControlPlant@stratford.ca
Sent: Sunday, July 21, 2019 6:10 PM
To: Karen Downey
Subject: [External Email] New Response Completed for Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant
Attachments: 2019-07-21-001.pdf

Hello,

Please note the following response to Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant has been submitted at Sunday July 21st 2019 6:09 PM with reference number 2019-07-21-001.

- **Name:**
  Don Farwell
- **Address:**
- **Telephone:**
- **Email address:**
- **How did you hear about this event?**
  Local Newspaper
- **Please add me to the Project contact list**
  Yes
- **Comments:**
  Great to be on the leading edge in using "waste" wisely.
  I am in total support.
  Don

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Karen Downey

From: WaterPollutionControlPlant@stratford.ca
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2019 3:28 PM
To: Karen Downey
Subject: New Response Completed for Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant
Attachments: 2019-07-20-002.pdf

Hello,

Please note the following response to Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant has been submitted at Saturday July 20th 2019 3:27 PM with reference number 2019-07-20-002.

- **Name:**
  Ruth Carter
- **Address:**
- **Telephone:**
- **Email address:**
- **How did you hear about this event?**
  Other
- **Please add me to the Project contact list**
  Yes
- **Comments:**
  Most of the Officials involved should have received my email at least 10 days ago expressing my passionate concerns about this proposal. Hoping you have read it, I will just add here my vehement objections to the location of this gas plant even if the idea of a conversion plant is sound.....MAY BE GOOD IDEA.....UNEXCEPTABLE LOCATION.....SENIOR LIVES MATTER!! Along with all the non-seniors who live and travel on West Gore Street, including Hamlet School. Please heed our pleas!! One day one of you or your loved ones may live in this complex.....Protect our future! I implore all councillors and other officials to spend one working day sitting on your lawn chairs with your laptops on our green lawn here at Woodland Towers and observe the already busy traffic entering and exiting this location as well as up and down West Gore. Bring your bag lunches and enjoy the day. It could be a valuable and interesting study. Then visualize 15 additional large transport trucks coming down past where you are sitting then after dumping their garbage, 15 large transport trucks going back up past you. EVERY DAY! We

are people too and we deserve the consideration I feel hopeful all of you will give this matter. You would not want this on your residential street, would you? Thanks for reading my thoughts.

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Karen Downey

From: WaterPollutionControlPlant@stratford.ca
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2019 10:14 AM
To: Karen Downey
Subject: [External Email] New Response Completed for Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant
Attachments: 2019-07-20-001.pdf

Hello,

Please note the following response to Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant has been submitted at Saturday July 20th 2019 10:13 AM with reference number 2019-07-20-001.

- **Name:**
  Hank Bos
- **Address:**
- **Telephone:**
- **Email address:**
- **How did you hear about this event?**
  Other
- **Please add me to the Project contact list**
  Yes
- **Comments:**
  I am very much in agreement with this project. This alleviates two problems every community should recognize and own as their community problems: 1. reducing greenhouse gas emissions 2. properly and responsibly processing large quantities of organic matter produced and / or thrown out by the Stratford community. Moreover, the end result will be a significant and responsibly produced energy contribution to the local community.
  Your website (https://www.stratfordcanada.ca/en/insidecityhall/renewable-natural-gas.asp) answers all the questions as needed. I hope you are effectively able to get that message out. Our society must change its attitudes when it comes to pollution and our carbon footprint. Young people deserve our best efforts to mitigate or, at the least, reduce our negative impact on the environment. As a senior citizen living in Stratford I recognize my generation must support all efforts to create a liveable world for the generations to follow. This project is a small but worthy step our community can make.

I urge all Council members to vote in favour of this project.

Hank Bos

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Karen Downey

From: WaterPollutionControlPlant@stratford.ca
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 7:25 PM
To: Karen Downey
Subject: [External Email] New Response Completed for Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant
Attachments: 2019-07-19-003.pdf

Hello,

Please note the following response to Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant has been submitted at Friday July 19th 2019 7:24 PM with reference number 2019-07-19-003.

- **Name:**
  Geoff Williams
- **Address:**
  , Stratford
- **Telephone:**
- **Email address:**
- **How did you hear about this event?**
  Other
- **Please add me to the Project contact list**
  Yes
- **Comments:**
  The landfill already harvests methane - why can't it be done there? And there is one private site at Athlone Farms that could also be considered.

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Karen Downey

From: Jodi Akins
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 10:17 AM
To: Karen Downey
Subject: Notice List for Next Renewable Natural Gas Project Meeting

Hello Karen,

Can you please add the following to the contact list for the next meeting. They wish to express opposition to the project.

Linda and Terry Fink

Stratford, ᵗ

Thank you,

Jodi Akins
Council Clerk Secretary
City of Stratford
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Karen Downey

From: Joan Thomson
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 11:10 AM
To: Karen Downey
Subject: FW: [External Email] Gas plant location

Hi Karen - Here are comments for circulation to Council when this goes forward for a public meeting.

Joan Thomson, AMCTO CMO
City Clerk
The Corporation of the City of Stratford P.O. Box 818, 1 Wellington Street, Stratford ON N5A 6W1
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-----Original Message-----
From: no-reply On Behalf Of
Sent: July-12-19 1:29 PM
To: Joan Thomson
Subject: [External Email] Gas plant location

Good idea, wrong place. The Dolan Natural Area is too important to mess with. Any encroachment such as noise, smell or winnowing parts away affects the wildlife and peace it provides. It's also unfair to the seniors and other residents living on West Gore. Stratford has land available in the industrial area for this.

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. Stratford, ON.

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Karen Downey

From: WaterPollutionControlPlant@stratford.ca
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2019 1:33 PM
To: Karen Downey
Subject: [External Email] New Response Completed for Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant
Attachments: 2019-07-11-073.pdf

Hello,

Please note the following response to Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant has been submitted at Thursday July 11th 2019 1:32 PM with reference number 2019-07-11-073.

- **Name:**
  Elizabeth Sands
- **Address:**
- **Telephone:**
- **Email address:**
- **How did you hear about this event?**
  Local Newspaper
- **Please add me to the Project contact list**
  Yes
- **Comments:**
  I urge city council to reject this project. The noise of an additional 16 trucks a day on Erie and West Gore will impact residents in those neighbourhoods with all the noise and increased traffic on 2 already busy roads as well as impact drivers at the 4 way stop at John and West Gore. This will result in lower property values for any homes in a radius of these streets and the sewage treatment plant. The impact on the road surface will also be an issue causing Stratford taxpayers to pick up the tab for repairs. Indeed when road work causes this route to be detoured for months to surrounding neighbourhood roads even more residents will suffer from the noise and increased traffic. This is a shortsighted project that disregards Stratford ratepayers of which I am one.

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Karen Downey

From:	WaterPollutionControlPlant@stratford.ca
Sent:	Wednesday, July 10, 2019 2:00 PM
To:	Karen Downey
Subject:	[External Email] New Response Completed for Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant
Attachments:	2019-07-10-109.pdf

Hello,

Please note the following response to Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant has been submitted at Wednesday July 10th 2019 1:59 PM with reference number 2019-07-10-109.

- **Name:**
  Jordan Lalonde
- **Address:**
  , Stratford On.
- **Telephone:**
- **Email address:**
- **How did you hear about this event?**
  Local Newspaper
- **Comments:**
  I am contacting you to urge you to vote in favour of the Proposed Renewable Natural Gas Project. I am relatively new to the city having moved here from Toronto for work a few years ago and seeing projects like the one above provide great comfort in how the City approaches problems. Waste being a massive issue across the country it is refreshing to see innovative and revenue producing initiatives being presented and hopefully receive the support from council. I can appreciate the concerns from immediate neighbours of the area, however my greater concern would be the viability of the city in years to come as waste management contracts become more expensive and service costs grow my hope would be council and city staff continue presenting proposals such as this to ensure Stratford remains a wonderful place to visit and live.

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Karen Downey

From: WaterPollutionControlPlant@stratford.ca
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2019 4:16 PM
To: Karen Downey
Subject: [External Email] New Response Completed for Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant
Attachments: 2019-07-10-136.pdf

Hello,

Please note the following response to Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant has been submitted at Wednesday July 10th 2019 4:15 PM with reference number 2019-07-10-136.

- **Name:**
  André Loyvet
- **Address:**
  50 S Stratford
- **Telephone:**
  (2
- **Email address:**
- **How did you hear about this event?**
  Local Newspaper
- **Comments:**
  1) where is the processed sludge going to be disposed and, if not on site, how many truckloads per day would be needed?

  2) what happens to the non processable incoming solid waste?

  Looking forward to your answer.

  André Loyvet

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Karen Downey

From: WaterPollutionControlPlant@stratford.ca
Sent: Friday, July 05, 2019 12:13 PM
To: Karen Downey
Subject: New Response Completed for Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant
Attachments: 2019-07-05-002.pdf

Hello,

Please note the following response to Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant has been submitted at Friday July 5th 2019 12:12 PM with reference number 2019-07-05-002.

- **Name:**
  Jackie Woodhouse
- **Address:**
- **Telephone:**
- **Email address:**
- **How did you hear about this event?**
  Other
- **Comments:**
  I think this is a horrible idea, seeing how many problems are with the ine in London and you want to build this thing in a residential area..wow someone should really use their heads. Most people in Stratford think this is awful and we are going to be the ones paying for it. This has to be stopped. You really this your tourists are really going ro want to come to a city that smells?

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Karen Downey

From:	WaterPollutionControlPlant@stratford.ca
Sent:	Tuesday, July 02, 2019 4:33 PM
To:	Karen Downey
Subject:	New Response Completed for Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant
Attachments:	2019-07-02-002.pdf

Hello,

Please note the following response to Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant has been submitted at Tuesday July 2nd 2019 4:32 PM with reference number 2019-07-02-002.

- **Name:**
  Richard Quinn
- **Address:**
- **Telephone:**
- **Email address:**
- **How did you hear about this event?**
  Letter/Email
- **Comments:**
  The questions I have involve the trucking. The site info indicates a specific number of truck traffic during specific times of the day and it appears limited to West Gore St.
  Does that mean the sludge trucks will no longer use John St. S. as an access route? The road condition of John St. is pretty bad!
  West Gore is currently in better shape than John.
  If the intent is to use only one route and that is West Gore, is the City prepared to repair John St, and maintain West Gore, or are they both being left to fall apart?
  RJ.Quinn

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Karen Downey

From: WaterPollutionControlPlant@stratford.ca
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2019 11:25 PM
To: Karen Downey
Subject: [External Email] New Response Completed for Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant
Attachments: 2019-06-26-005.pdf

Hello,

Please note the following response to Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant has been submitted at Wednesday June 26th 2019 11:24 PM with reference number 2019-06-26-005.

- **Name:**
  Donna Sobura
- **Address:**
  Stratford On
- **Telephone:**
- **Email address:**
- **How did you hear about this event?**
  Other
- **Please add me to the Project contact list**
  Yes
- **Comments:**
  I believe a NEW FACILITY in the Industrial section of Stratford is the way to go. New Facility will provide more capacity for the future, No Residential interference. PAYBACK PERIOD LONGER. It will pay for itself in maybe 50 years. Bigger Facility. The trucks can use the truck route instead of going in the residential area, hospital, schools etc. Attended the meeting on June 13, 2019 and it was obvious that no one wanted the current sewage plant to be expanded.
  What will the cost of the green bin system BE NOW to be implemented in Stratford. Years ago it was $ 500,000.00 and council said NO.

  GOOD CONCEPT BUT VERY BAD LOCATION - COME ON CITY COUNCILLORS THINK OF THE FUTURE OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD.

Karen Downey

From: WaterPollutionControlPlant@stratford.ca
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 4:08 PM
To: Karen Downey
Subject: New Response Completed for Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant
Attachments: 2019-06-25-003.pdf

Hello,

Please note the following response to Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant has been submitted at Tuesday June 25th 2019 4:07 PM with reference number 2019-06-25-003.

- **Name:**
  Emily Sykes
- **Address:**
  eet, Stratford ON
- **Telephone:**
- **Email address:**
  m
- **How did you hear about this event?**
  Other
- **Please add me to the Project contact list**
  Yes
- **Comments:**
  I would like to applaud the City of Stratford for a creative and comprehensive proposal. As a resident of the City, I am happy to hear that we will be reducing our waste going to landfill and also minimizing our greenhouse gas emissions. I do not have concerns about odour or traffic, for I understand the material will be received in an enclosed building (and I live 2-3km from the site), and the trucking routes will not significantly impact my daily drive. My main concern is the use of digestate as a fertilizer, and although this can be a beneficial end use for the product, it could limit the potential opportunities (i.e blend it with our leaf and yard waste to create a high end unrestricted product). In addition, there is bound to be push back from the general public and therefore ongoing public outreach and education should continue. Once approved, I would suggest a public tour of the facility so residents can see first hand some of the management, mitigation and positive impacts of the project.

Karen Downey

From: WaterPollutionControlPlant@stratford.ca
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 8:37 AM
To: Karen Downey
Subject: [External Email] New Response Completed for Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant
Attachments: 2019-06-25-001.pdf

Hello,

Please note the following response to Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant has been submitted at Tuesday June 25th 2019 8:36 AM with reference number 2019-06-25-001.

- **Name:**
  Amanda Weinheimer
- **Address:**
- **Telephone:**
- **Email address:**
- **How did you hear about this event?**
  Other
- **Please add me to the Project contact list**
  Yes
- **Comments:**
  Danny Patrick we have voted for these councillors to do what is right! I feel "let down" by the lack of responses from these councillors as well as the planning that has been done on this proposal without residents, taxpayers & concerned citizens knowing! This proposal is all I'm very disappointed that a gas plant will be in a residential, school, old aged district! Put it where it belongs... in an Industrial area!

  Very irresponsible putting this plant in a population dense area, Not only affects nearby residences but schools and hospital and nursing home affected by increases traffic, dangerous by day and noisy at night.

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Karen Downey

From:	WaterPollutionControlPlant@stratford.ca
Sent:	Saturday, June 22, 2019 10:21 AM
To:	Karen Downey
Subject:	[External Email] New Response Completed for Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant
Attachments:	2019-06-22-001.pdf

Hello,

Please note the following response to Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant has been submitted at Saturday June 22nd 2019 10:20 AM with reference number 2019-06-22-001.

- **Name:**
  Meagan Jones
- **Address:**
- **Telephone:**
- **Email address:**
- **How did you hear about this event?**
  Letter/Email
- **Comments:**
  I am NOT in favor of this project and I feel that city council should NOT be in charge of this decision, it should be a public choice !! We live mere blocks from this proposed plant and I am not happy about all the negative information presented to the public from personal research done.
  There has to be another option for the city to choose from. This area has a large nursing home and retirement community, a local hospital as well as a number of schools and churches that will be DIRECTLY effected by this terrible proposal !!
  Please do not let this happen , do more research find another solution

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Karen Downey

From: WaterPollutionControlPlant@stratford.ca
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2019 8:55 AM
To: Karen Downey
Subject: [External Email] New Response Completed for Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant
Attachments: 2019-06-21-001.pdf

Hello,

Please note the following response to Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant has been submitted at Friday June 21st 2019 8:54 AM with reference number 2019-06-21-001.

- **Name:**
  Bodo Müller
- **Address:**
  C
  Stratford
- **Telephone:**
- **Email address:**
  b
- **How did you hear about this event?**
  Other
- **Please add me to the Project contact list**
  Yes
- **Comments:**
  Refurbishing an old plant from 1950 in a residential area, trucking more waste in, makes no sense. I build Biogas plants for over 20 years (started in Germany)all over North America with the highest standarts, this is the dumbest Idea the city had so far!. Educate your self, so that you see it makes no sense!! The city planer ED Dujlovic (who does not live in Stratford) never visit a biogas plant could not answer the simplest question, no studies was done if the plant is to small for Stratford, in a couple of years. I case of a spill 4-5 million liter the liquid waste has no containment area to catch the liquid and protect TJ Dolan and surrounding.The actual digesters was build in the 1950th, and have not been epoxy coated to protect the concrete from the aggressive gas and content.The live span of a digester is limited. There is no alarm system in place in case of a concrete break /spill. The regulation/building code has change a lot, to protect the enviroment and surrounding area. WE do not build biogas plants anymore the way it was done in the 1950th. There was no study done for the odour of the trucks who carry that

smelly waste through a residential area. It also is not considered the down time for maintanance or reparation of equipment where the smell is traveling through the city when bio filter are down or digester are opened for cleaning ect. 16 more trucks traveling down the residential streets, that means they have to drive back, makes 32 trucks a day also the plastic waste from the de-packing machine has to be carried away to a other recycling place. That means more trucks traveling down the roads.Think for the future, plan to build a new water treatment plant with an gas upgrader in an appropriate area, instead of fixing and refurbishing an old plant, where you can open a can of worms and don't know what the end is. Please overthink this project get independent Bio gas consultants who know what they talking about, think about your residents!!
It is a slap in the face for all the residents who bought houses and live in the area, if you go ahed with this project!

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Karen Downey

From:	WaterPollutionControlPlant@stratford.ca
Sent:	Thursday, June 20, 2019 10:44 PM
To:	Karen Downey
Subject:	[External Email] New Response Completed for Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant
Attachments:	2019-06-20-010.pdf

Hello,

Please note the following response to Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant has been submitted at Thursday June 20th 2019 10:43 PM with reference number 2019-06-20-010.

- **Name:**
  Delia and Stanley Hohmann
- **Address:**
- **Telephone:**
- **Email address:**
- **How did you hear about this event?**
  Other
- **Please add me to the Project contact list**
  Yes
- **Comments:**
  Please- provide us with more information about this plan .for example increase of nouse, oudors, infestations, in our community. Also the value of our houses will decrease, and if the cost of gas will decrease. Please give more detailed information

  Thanks

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Karen Downey

From: WaterPollutionControlPlant@stratford.ca
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2019 2:49 PM
To: Karen Downey
Subject: [External Email] New Response Completed for Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant
Attachments: 2019-06-20-008.pdf

Hello,

Please note the following response to Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant has been submitted at Thursday June 20th 2019 2:49 PM with reference number 2019-06-20-008.

- **Name:**
  Carol Helmuth
- **Address:**
  Stratford
- **Telephone:**
- **Email address:**
- **How did you hear about this event?**
  Other
- **Comments:**
  It's going in the wrong location....too close to homes, schools,etc. Find another spot.

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Karen Downey

From: WaterPollutionControlPlant@stratford.ca
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2019 10:46 AM
To: Karen Downey
Subject: [External Email] New Response Completed for Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant
Attachments: 2019-06-20-007.pdf

Hello,

Please note the following response to Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant has been submitted at Thursday June 20th 2019 10:45 AM with reference number 2019-06-20-007.

- **Name:**
  Brian Hokansson
- **Address:**
- **Telephone:**
- **Email address:**
  b
- **How did you hear about this event?**
  Other
- **Comments:**
  I understand the value of this project, the big question is having up to 16 transports trucks per day rumbling through residential streets, right past the hospital, on a bus route. All day and all night, diesel exhaust pollution?

  I also would expect transports will have a hard time making the turn at Ontario and Romeo (left turn arrow and lane WAY too short) and from Erie onto West Gore - no left turn lane and tight turn onto a single lane. Increased traffic on O'Loane and Lorne may become an issue as well. What is to keep the trucks from taking short cuts through other neighborhoods?

  This is something that would be better suited to an industrial area rather than prime residential areas in the middle of the city.

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Karen Downey

From: WaterPollutionControlPlant@stratford.ca
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2019 9:22 AM
To: Karen Downey
Subject: [External Email] New Response Completed for Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant
Attachments: 2019-06-20-002.pdf

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Hello,

Please note the following response to Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant has been submitted at Thursday June 20th 2019 9:21 AM with reference number 2019-06-20-002.

- **Name:**
  Brad DeMaeyer
- **Address:**
- **Telephone:**
- **Email address:**
- **How did you hear about this event?**
  Local Newspaper
- **Please add me to the Project contact list**
  Yes
- **Comments:**
  This is a great way to make use the best use of the City's infrastructure. Waste water facilities need to be built with capacity to handle long term community growth, and the digestion capacity to treat the bio solids if often underutilized. Diverting organics from landfill into this facility will reduce GHG emissions from landfill gas by capturing the methane in the produced biogas, cleaning it and offsetting the use of conventional natural gas. Landfill gas capture systems at large landfill will not capture all of the gas produced, where this project will have a closed loop capturing 99% or more of the methane. Renewable Natural Gas in an important part of our energy future, and the produced RNG from this facility will likely by carbon negative.

I commend the city of Stratford for their efforts into this project and hope that other communities will take note and follow Stratford's lead.

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Karen Downey

From:	WaterPollutionControlPlant@stratford.ca
Sent:	Thursday, June 20, 2019 7:24 AM
To:	Karen Downey
Subject:	[External Email] New Response Completed for Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant
Attachments:	2019-06-20-001.pdf

Hello,

Please note the following response to Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant has been submitted at Thursday June 20th 2019 7:23 AM with reference number 2019-06-20-001.

- **Name:**
  Cathy Robinson
- **Address:**
- **Telephone:**
- **Email address:**
- **How did you hear about this event?**
  Other
- **Comments:**
  I have long wondered why Stratford does not have a special green can collection for food waste.i now realize the planning that has gone into the processing of such materials. I think this is a great way to divert garbage from landfill.
  My only concern is the increased truck traffic on West Gore St. Have the residents concerns been addressed? Have safety measures been considered?

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Karen Downey

From: WaterPollutionControlPlant@stratford.ca
Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2019 9:21 AM
To: Karen Downey
Subject: [External Email] New Response Completed for Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant
Attachments: 2019-06-19-002.pdf

Hello,

Please note the following response to Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant has been submitted at Wednesday June 19th 2019 9:20 AM with reference number 2019-06-19-002.

- **Name:**
  Patrick Capron
- **Address:**

  Stratford
- **Telephone:**
- **Email address:**
- **How did you hear about this event?**
  Other
- **Comments:**
  This is a great idea and I fully support it.
  A great opportunity to reduce the amount of garbage going to the landfill and produce natural gas at the same time.
  This has proven to be a very good solution in Europe.

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Karen Downey

From: WaterPollutionControlPlant@stratford.ca
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2019 11:52 AM
To: Karen Downey
Subject: [External Email] New Response Completed for Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant
Attachments: 2019-06-18-002.pdf

Hello,

Please note the following response to Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant has been submitted at Tuesday June 18th 2019 11:51 AM with reference number 2019-06-18-002.

- **Name:**
  Emily Chandler
- **Address:**

  Stratford, ON
- **Telephone:**
- **Email address:**
- **How did you hear about this event?**
  Other
- **Please add me to the Project contact list**
  Yes
- **Comments:**
  A key part of this project should include collecting organic waste from the many restaurants, businesses within the city limits which could greatly contribute to the total amount of material available. I'm curious about the government of Ontario's intention to move forward with banning organic waste from landfills, specifically if the Conservative government will carry out the Liberals' plan. Obviously, this could significantly impact the amount of waste available.
  The financing of the project should also be made public.
  In theory, I think it's a good project and hope that public consultation continues.
  Thanks.

Karen Downey

From: Sarah Van Norman <sa
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2019 9:19 PM
To: Ed Dujlovic
Subject: Re: [External Email] Proposed renewable gas project Stratford

Thanks very much, Ed!

On Tue, Jun 11, 2019 at 4:00 PM Ed Dujlovic <EDujlovic@stratford.ca> wrote:

Hi Sarah,

Thanks for the e-mail. I forward information to you in the next couple of days.

Regards,

Ed

From: Sarah Van Norman [mailto:s
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2019 2:20 PM
To: Ed Dujlovic
Subject: [External Email] Proposed renewable gas project Stratford

Hi Ed,

I live on Cambria St in Stratford; unfortunately, I am unable to attend the Thursday night meeting to learn more about this project. Could you let me know how I can learn more about the project?

I would also like to address my concerns, in case you are anecdotally collecting a trend of concerns about the project. Particularly, I am concerned (and would like to learn more) about the scale of this project and proximity to residences; the prospective range for sourcing organic waste (I am assuming that the economy of scale will mean that this project will require significant importing of waste to make the project viable), and sources of fuel for the project; how organic waste will be transported within the city limits (contained? open garbage trucks?), the hours and days of operation, how the project will attend to concerns of smell of

decomposing organic waste, and how much consultation you've had with projects of similar scale (such as Guelph).

Thank you very kindly,

Sarah Van Norman, MA, MPhil

Karen Downey

From: Hank Bos <
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2019 8:31 PM
To: Ed Dujlovic
Subject: Re: [External Email] Proposed Renewable Natural Gas Project

You are welcome. I am happy to add my support for this project.

On Tue, Jun 11, 2019, 4:00 PM Ed Dujlovic <EDujlovic@stratford.ca> wrote:

Hi Hank,

Thank you for the e-mail.

Regards,

Ed Dujlovic

From: Hank Bos [mailto:
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2019 9:55 AM
To: Ed Dujlovic
Subject: [External Email] Proposed Renewable Natural Gas Project

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

As a Stratford resident I am so very proud and excited to read that our City is considering making this investment in renewable energy. The "co-digesting" of various organic wastes from our homes, as well as industrial and commercial sites, makes such good sense. It is time for all governments, from municipal to federal, to take on this responsibility in a strong and focussed fashion. This leadership stance is especially important at this time when we have a provincial government that is diligently working to avoid dealing with any climate change issues under the guise of proper budgeting. Industries, commercial ventures, and the residential tax payers must all accept the modest added costs that may result when projects such as this are undertaken. The ultimate benefits will help to mitigate some of the damages we currently foist upon our environment and upon our children and grandchildren who will reside here in the future. Moreover, future investments and profits are assured as we join other forward-thinking communities and provinces in this effort.

I also encourage our City Council to take a serious look at eliminating all plastic "throw-away" products as soon as possible, since this is a part of the pollution industry we have been deluded into seeing as 'necessary for life'. Plastic straws and utensils, plastic shopping bags, plastic packaging for food products, even plastic bags for dog wastes, are environmentally harmful products. There are manufacturers producing compostable plastic products and other alternatives from wood and metal. All are readily available. Our City could take a leadership role in this environmental aspect of pollution management. We could even promote our City as a responsible leader in the tourism industry once all of the local eateries, b&b's and hotels, and entertainment facilities comply.

I am out of town due to a prior commitment on the evening of this discussion. I am glad to have this opportunity to express my opinion.

I would be happy to meet with any member of City Council at a mutually convenient time to discuss the "plastics" issue.

Thank you for the work you do on our behalf.

Sincerely,

Hank Bos

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Stratford, Ontario (cell

Karen Downey

From: Collan Simmons <
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2019 3:45 PM
To: Ed Dujlovic
Subject: [External Email] Biogas plant

Hello,

I'm unsure if I will be able to make it to the meeting tomorrow as I am working.

I am the Perth-Wellington Candidate for the Green Party in the upcoming Federal election.

Couple of questions:
1) Once fully operational, what is the expected decrease in GHG emissions (taking into consideration the combustion of the methane to CO2) compared to status quo.

2) What are the changes required at the site? Will there be an expansion of the Water treatment site (footprint) or additional equipment but no expansion of the size of the site.

3) Are the any expected changes to the neighbourhood? (apart from the increased truck traffic). Increased noise, smells, explosion risk?

Thanks,
Collan Simmons

Karen Downey

From: c
Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2019 9:32 PM
To: Ed Dujlovic
Cc: Dave Hartney
Subject: RE: [External Email] Public Information Meeting June 13 - Waste Processing

Thanks for this Ed. I have read through it.

Do I need to submit my comments again or is my email to you sufficient?

I am afraid I am not on side with this initiative on the current site. It needs to be moved out of the city. Was there any discussion about rodents?

Thanks
Dave

From: Ed Dujlovic <EDujlovic@stratford.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2019 9:02 AM
To: c
Subject: RE: [External Email] Public Information Meeting June 13 - Waste Processing

Hi Dave,

The following link will direct you to the materials that were presented at the public meeting on June 13th.

https://www.stratfordcanada.ca/en/insidecityhall/renewable-natural-gas.asp

Please review and if you have any further questions please contact me.

Regards,

Ed Dujlovic

From: dhar om]
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2019 9:09 PM
To: Ed Dujlovic
Cc: Dave Hartney; T
Subject: [External Email] Public Information Meeting June 13 - Waste Processing
Importance: High

Hello Mr. Dujlovic,
My wife and I live on McGregor St. and were invited to this weeks meeting. Unfortunately we are away so cannot make the meeting but I have a few comments and questions that hopefully you can table and respond to.
In general, the concept and reasoning looks sound. Unfortunately the traffic and increase digesting comes with a number of potential issues that concern us.

1. There will be an increase in truck traffic going to the waste plant

   a. How many trucks per day is anticipated? I am not on West Gore, but for those residence, that must be a huge concern.
   b. I wonder how long before the route will be changed to enter via Queensland? Traffic at Queensland and Lorne is bad in the morning and late afternoon now. I would object to a Queensland entrance.
2. What amount of liquid will be escaping from these trucks? Any amount is not acceptable.
3. Is there a solid byproduct from this process that will need to be trucked away? If so, where does it go?
4. What odour level do you expect to have?
5. I noted there is a lot of new storage and it says they are enclosed. Does this mean they are totally covered with a lid like a manure storage pit?
6. What about rodents? Rats are becoming a problem in our area now. This type of waste will attract rats. Today we have mice, rats, rabbits, skunks and ground hogs in our yard. The work a few years ago in the Old Grove drove most of these into the subdivision. The 2 restaurants in the old Sobeys Plaza are likely the source of the rats. (Drive around the back and have a look at the grease tanks, grease and food spills and the open garbage bin). The Waste you want to truck in, store and digest will attract rodents.
7. Is all the planned waste currently going to our dump? Is there plans to actually increase the amount of waste received?

Some alternatives to consider.

1. The current sewer plant is too close to residences now. The city has allowed expansion all around that site. Expanding the site will only decrease the quality of life in that area. I would move the sewer plant out of town, west of O'Loan Ave.
2. Build an access road somewhere close to the Lorne and O'Loan intersection to avoid current residential areas.
3. Build the digestor on the different site out of town.

As it stands right now I would not support the proposed Waste Processing Plans.
(note, I have copied they other 2 people on the contact list.)
Thank you.

Dave Hartney

Stratford, Ontario

Karen Downey

From: Blues Lover <
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2019 9:47 PM
To: Ed Dujlovic
Subject: [External Email] Co-digestion facility

I'm very proud of Stratford 's proposed plan to use organic waste to produce biogas and convert it to RNG. It's a win-win situation for the city and the environmental.

Annemarie Reimer

Stratford On
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Take care, Annemarie

Karen Downey

From: Steve Gruchy <s
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2019 11:59 AM
To: Ed Dujlovic
Subject: [External Email] New Waste Processing at 701 West Gore St

Dear Mr. Dujlovic,

I am the property owner of : uth. I have a question regarding the notice delivered to my house concerning the changes to the Waste Processing Site at 701 West Gore St.

The notice states in part... "Waste transportation trucks would be routed to the Site via Erie Street/Highway 7 to West Gore Street".

Will this selected route be enforced? I ask this because all of the current truck traffic to the site takes the route John Street South to West Gore. Is that the approved route for the current truck traffic?

Also, there is a section of lawn at the south west corner of John St S. and West Gore that is always in a damaged state due to the trucks (and sometimes city busses) driving over the curb and onto the lawn when making a right turn from West Gore onto John St. S. I ask that as part of this project, the city consider this damage due to truck traffic and develop a solution to the problem. I'm not suggesting that the trucks should not be permitted to turn right off West Gore on to John St. S., I'm suggesting that something be done with that corner to prevent it from being in a constant state of disrepair.

Thanks,

Steve Gruchy

Karen Downey

From: Ed Dujlovic
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2019 8:19 AM
To: Kerry McManus
Subject: RE: Organics

Hi Kerry,

Please see below in red. I am limited in the information I can supply in regards to the financials, as to date, it has only been discussed in camera.

Regards,

Ed

From: Kerry McManus
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2019 9:48 AM
To: Ed Dujlovic
Subject: [External Email] Organics

Ed,

Good to see you last week.

Can I please get more detail on the financials involved in the proposal for the wastewater treatment plant? The project has a cost estimate of $20 to $22 million. Revenues would be generated from the sale of the renewable natural gas and charging a fee for the organics and liquid waste brought to the site. The payback for the project has been estimated to be less than 10 years Also I'd appreciate the numbers on what you expect in terms of collection in Stratford vs amount imported from elsewhere. As noted in the display boards the proposed facility will require 20,900 wet tonnes of solid organics and 5000 tonnes of liquid organics. The City has estimated that 1000 tonnes of food organics can be supplied from a residential collection program in Stratford. Will the leaf and yard waste be redirected or continue to be collected at the landfill? It will continue to go to the landfill for composting as it cannot be used for the proposed project. Will there be any changes to the availability of compost and mulch to residents as a result of this project? No.

Thanks for your help.

Kerry

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Karen Downey

From: Ed Dujlovic
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2019 5:22 PM
To: Kelly Anderson
Subject: Re: [External Email] Re: Proposed Gas Plant/West Gore

Yes

Sent from my Bell Samsung device over Canada's largest network.

-------- Original message --------
From: Kelly Anderson <ke[redacted]
Date: 2019-07-18 5:05 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: Ed Dujlovic <EDujlovic@stratford.ca>
Subject: Re: [External Email] Re: Proposed Gas Plant/West Gore

Would you please send me the updated report, when it is complete. Thank you, Kelly Anderson

On Thu, Jul 18, 2019 at 4:52 PM Ed Dujlovic <EDujlovic@stratford.ca> wrote:

Hi Kelly,

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation & Parks (MECP) required Environmental Compliance Applications for Air& Noise, Sewage and Waste. As part of the application reports were completed for Stormwater, Air, Noise and a Design and Operations report. Since the submission of the applications and reports, MECP has requested a number of clarifications and further information which require updates to the reports. The updates are in the final stages of being completed.

Regards,

Ed

From: Kelly Anderson [mailto:k[redacted]om]
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2019 11:46 AM
To: Ed Dujlovic
Subject: [External Email] Re: Proposed Gas Plant/West Gore

I am requesting a copy of 'the Environmental Study' for the proposed gas plant at the end of West Gore.

When you came to speak to us at Woodland Towers, you said it was 'not available' at that time.

However, one must be done and shared with the Public. And I would like a copy for my records.

Please inform me when it is available. According to The Ministry of the Environment before the project can be approved.

Sincerely, Kelly Anderson, Woodland Towers

On Tue, Jul 16, 2019 at 12:12 PM Kelly Anderson <[redacted]> wrote:

I am trying to find out when the next 'council meeting' regarding this matter will be?

City councillors say next meeting will be on July 22, but may not discuss this matter! Please let me know, as many of us (Woodland Towers, Spruce Lodge, Hamlet Estates), will

attend.

Sincerely, Kelly Anderson, Woodland Towers.

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Kelly Anderson

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Kelly Anderson

Kelly Anderson

Karen Downey

From: ruth carter
Sent: Friday, July 5, 2019 4:30 PM
To: Bonnie Henderson
Cc: Ed Dujlovic
Subject: [External Email] RE: Discussion on Proposed New Gas Plant in Stratford.....end of West Gore Street

Thank you Bonnie for your quick response to my email. I do appreciate that. Nothing can be said to alleviate my extreme disappointment that 13 to 16 additional large trucks would be rolling down our small street for any reason whatsoever. This is in addition to all residents and staff of Spruce Lodge, Woodland Towers, city buses and other transit, as well as the current traffic to the existing water plant at the end of the street and the Health Unit and visitors, who use this street. When one thinks about it Bonnie, don't you agree that it is ludicrous that a vulnerable population of senior citizens who paid our dues and just want a peaceful, quiet and clean atmosphere in which to live, have to "fight" this ridiculous issue? I didn't even mention the "noise factor" with the large truck traffic. There is already considerable traffic on such a short section of street. I thought this was a city where the leaders put humans before other considerations (whatever they may be) and that retirees were welcomed and protected. I remain optimistic that another decision will be made regarding this issue other than this one. Again I will emphasize that I believe that NO OTHER RESIDENTIAL AREA in the city would be treated in this manner.

Yours truly,
Ruth Carter

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From:
Sent: Friday, July 5, 2019 3:07:42 PM
To: edujlovic@stratford.ca; ruth carter
Subject: Re: Discussion on Proposed New Gas Plant in Stratford.....end of West Gore Street

Thanks for taking the time to send along your thoughts. I appreciate hearing them.
I used to live at the corner of West Gore & John St in the white house and know about traffic and what I call the "sewer farm" I remember as a child the truck would go by and lots of time the tarps were flapping and goodies would slosh on the road thank heavens the rules have changed over the years.
I have a special part of course in my heart for that section of town and I still live in Hamlet Ward just off of St. Vincent St.
I remember when before I got on council they were talking about extending West Gore out to the new subdivision (off of O'Loane Ave the Jenn Ave Subdivision) and this was opposed by the neighbours along West Gore and environmentalists. We have the river that runs along there and really no other place for trucks to come in or this wold of been done way back in the 50's way before the new subdivisions were built along the south side of the existing plant.
My understanding is that there will be 3 new trucks to bring in the compost and some extra trucks to haul off the sludge totalling between 13 - 16 a day between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Of course its very important that an ambulance etc has the right away by the hospital the emergency as I grew up was off of West Gore and is now off of Cambria so this will help in that area of traffic movement.

I'm looking forward to reading all the comments and staffs recommendations when it comes to council within the next few months.
Thanks again for commenting.
Bonnie

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On Friday, July 5, 2019, 2:50:11 p.m. EDT, ruth carter <i :l.com> wrote:

Hello Ed and Bonnie:

Being a resident of Woodland Towers on West Gore Street, yesterday's meeting was the first time I have heard of the proposed construction of a new gas plant at the end of West Gore St.

I am trying to take a reasonable approach to this issue so I would like to pass on to you my strongest and passionate objections to this proposal.

#1. Most importantly, the increased traffic along West Gore Street and at the intersection of West Gore Street and John Street really seems appalling to me. Ambulances taking critically ill or wounded people to our hospital from anywhere in our community of Stratford and outside DON'T NEED TO CONTEND WITH ANY ADDITIONAL DELAYS than they already encounter. Time is of greatest importance when transporting someone for lifesaving care to our hospital. **It could be you or one of your loved ones in that ambulance being held up by a row of large trucks**. Those few minutes could be crucial to someone's life.

#2. The same increase in truck traffic will spoil the peace and tranquility of this, our seniors' homes as well as the safety and beauty of the walkers of all ages in and out of the adjacent woods and people enjoying fresh air with wheelchairs and walkers.

#3. The increased truck traffic will cause more dirt and dust which will affect our living conditions in and out of our homes, the cleaner air for breathing and the cleanliness of our buildings, inside and out as well as the parking lots.

I can't see any of this as good! Having said this, I am, with the current knowledge about this proposed plant, not entirely against the construction of this plant. What I am totally against is the routing of these trucks down a beautiful residential area in our beautiful city of Stratford. How could this have even been considered? When people from many other communities, large and small, consider Stratford and all the housing on West Gore St. along with all Spruce Lodge properties a very desirable place to live. How could the "powers that be" consider destroying this image of Stratford by lines of truck traffic going through a residential area. Would such an unimaginable idea be considered for any of our other residential streets?

If another road in to that same site could be created and construction, I may have a more favourable opinion of such a plant in our community. **I am adamantly opposed to this truck traffic on our mostly peaceful residential street.**

I love this unique and wonderful community of Stratford and I beseech you to remember it is the envy of many other places in the province and the country. I hope you can reassure all of us who are very concerned, as we should be, I would appreciate any and all feedback. You have my email address.

Thank you for reading this and giving it your serious consideration. I am only one voice but I am hoping many will express their legitimate concerns as well and this plan will be rethought into another solution.

Yours sincerely,

Ruth Carter

Karen Downey

From: Karen Goldthorp <
Sent: Friday, July 5, 2019 9:44 PM
To: Ed Dujlovic
Cc: Bonnie Henderson
Subject: [External Email] Re : Proposed Truck Route For Organic Waste Delivery

Dear Mr Dujlovic, I applaud our council progressive approach with regards to reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
I also congratulate you on the excellent explanation outlining this proposal on the city's website.
My one concern is the entry point chosen via West Gore. This would indeed create major traffic issues at an already problematic intersection, not to mention the noise and disturbance for this populated residential area which includes our hospital and senior facilities at Woodland and Spruce Lodge.
I would definitely support this project if another route could be found, perhaps through the industrial park off O'Loane or Lorne.
Appreciating this opportunity to have my say, Yours truly, Karen Goldthorp

Wishing you sunshine on cloudy days!

Karen Downey

From: Peter Bolland <peterb@sprucelodge.on.ca>
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2019 3:01 PM
To: Ed Dujlovic
Cc: Kathy Vassilakos; Danielle Ingram
Subject: [External Email] some Woodland Towers and Hamlet Estates feedback

Hi Ed,

Thank you again for coming out to visit the residents of Woodland Towers and Hamlet Estates. There was no question that some of the residents feel very passionately about the project and you were very helpful in responding to all their comments and questions, some more than once.

After your meeting I offered to relay messages to you given many residents do not have access to e-mail and it was easier than having them mail in the form by today's deadline. I have listed below the comments and questions I received in the past week verbatim. I have copied the Stratford Councilors on our Board for their information.

Thanks again Ed,

Peter

Comments:

- I don't want them using West Gore Street for this project, because
    - Seniors use their scooters on parts of west gore street and its unsafe to add even more trucks
    - There is the concern that too many trucks may impede access to the Spruce Lodge campus by fire trucks and ambulances
    - There is already allot of truck traffic to the Spruce Lodge campus with food delivery and garbage pick-up.
- Leave the water treatment plant alone and explore other sites like the city dump to add a digester
- While we can appreciate that there may be cost savings to using the water treatment plant digesters, there is the human cost of putting the safety of Seniors and disabled adults at risk with all the increased truck traffic.
- With trucks barreling up and down West Gore Street and John Street, not only will this be noisier for Residents, but it will also pose a risk to the Seniors who attempt to access the roadways.
- I owned a house on West Gore; often I waited five minutes or more to drive out. Consider the trucks turning from Erie St to West Gore; It's a small turn now. Then there is the Jenny Trout, apartment for challenging people, cedar croft, hamlet school crossing guards, Hospital, four way stop, Spruce Lodge, Woodland Towers and Hamlet Estates . We don't need oversized diesel trucks. You could not have chosen a worse route for your huge diesel trucks. Spending 15 million or more on something we don't need. The present one is capable of handling our needs. Spend some money on our inferior roads. Consider the residents and the tax payers of the city for a change. You have taken away our seniors center, convenient bus station, queens park parking at river and now safe living. What will be next.
- With all the Seniors and disabled adults in the area, many with sight and hearing impairment, and many who cross the street to the old grove or even to get exercise by walking to the water treatment entrance, it's not safe to increase truck traffic more than it already is.
- With a $20M investment and with a 10 year return, earning $2M per year feels like a lot of truck traffic.
- Exiting Hamlet Estates on John Street is already stressful for many of our Seniors, let alone with fast moving trucks.

Questions:

- With a project costing $20 Million, several sites should be considered, and it shouldn't necessarily be the least expensive site that is selected. Did you look into more industrial areas, away from residential neighborhoods. (e.g. City Landfill or Dunns Bridge, etc.)
- What is the cost for a digester in these other areas?
- Does this project impact the lifespan of the digesters at the water treatment site, given their increased use, which then impacts the return on investment.
- If the West Gore site is selected, have the costs to replace the roadway and to add sidewalks on the extreme west end of West Gore been considered?
- We heard there is a 10 year return on investment, but did not hear how long it will be until the equipment needs to be replaced.
- Why did City Councilors not announce before or during the campaign that this project was being considered.
- Has this happened elsewhere in Ontario and if so are they in residential areas or industrial areas?
- When is the Council meeting to discuss this project?
- Why would you bring out –of- town garbage into a residential neighborhood, when industrial sites are more suitable?
- Your own studies show there is considerable traffic on West Gore Street. Why would you add more versus considering other streets better suited for truck traffic?

(from the desk of)
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Karen Downey

From: Ed Dujlovic
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 9:59 AM
To: Marie Fuhr
Subject: RE: Gas Plant

Good Morning,

Thank you for submitting your comments. They will be included in a report that will be going to Council.

In regards to what your view will be, the following is the link to the City website where you will see a slide of what is existing and what is proposed in the way of new buildings to be added. If you cannot see the Water Pollution Control Plan now in the winter you will not see it with the proposed addition.

https://www.stratfordcanada.ca/en/insidecityhall/resources/Renewable-Natural-Gas/Public-Information-Centre-for-Proposed-Renewable-Natural-Gas-Project-Revised-4July2019.pdf

If you have further questions please contact me.

Regards,

Ed Dujlovic

From: Marie Fuhr [mailto
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2019 4:15 PM
Subject: [External Email] Gas Plant

Good Morning / Afternoon,

I live in Hamlet Estates and my property backs onto TJ Dolan which is a green space with lots of trees. I am against the gas plant being so close to where I live and my concerns are listed below.

- Once the trees have lose their leaves, having the possibility of my view for over half of the year now being a gas plant.
- The smell from the gas plant.
- The smell from trucks.
- Hamlet Estates is a quiet and peaceful seniors neighbourhood, I am concerned now about the noise coming from the gas plant and the trucks traveling back an forth.
- The increase traffic on West Gore Street which is both in a school and hospital zone.
- The increased traffic at an already busy intersection of West Gore and John Street.

- And most importantly, what is going to happen to the value of my home now with a gas plant being so very close.

If you could please consider my points above for not putting in a gas plant in area that is suppose to be quiet and peaceful. Also if you can please let me know that if the gas plant did go ahead which I most certainly hope that does not, would any of the trees out back of my property be removed? Are my neighbours and I now going to have a view of the gas plant once the leaves fall from the trees?

Thank you for your time!!

Marie Fuhr

Karen Downey

From:	Roger Lloyd <[redacted]>
Sent:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 8:18 AM
To:	Pettapiece-co, Randy; Patricia Shantz; Jo-Dee Burbach; Tom Clifford; Dave Gaffney; Bonnie Henderson; Martin Ritsma; Cody Sebben; Kathy Vassilakos; Brad Beatty; Graham Bunting; Danielle Ingram; Ed Dujlovic; btully@ocwa.com; ocwa@ocwa.com; Inacio, Megan (MECP); Youssouf.Kalogo@ontario.ca; rob.wrigley@ontario.ca; Heather.Malcolmson@ontario.ca; minister.mecp@ontario.ca
Cc:	Robin Roberts; Linda Jones; Gerry Culliton
Subject:	[External Email] West Gore

West Gore St., the cul-de-sac street on which Stratford's new Bio Gas plant will be constructed, is already in poor condition and will deteriorate rapidly with increased construction and operational traffic. Large numbers of staff and visitors park at the Hospital parking lot on W. Gore and they too will be part of the traffic mix of the new facility.

Karen Downey

From:	Roger Lloyd <[redacted]
Sent:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 4:14 PM
To:	Pettapiece-co, Randy; Patricia Shantz; Jo-Dee Burbach; Tom Clifford; Dave Gaffney; Bonnie Henderson; Martin Ritsma; Cody Sebben; Kathy Vassilakos; Brad Beatty; Graham Bunting; Danielle Ingram; Ed Dujlovic; btully@ocwa.com; ocwa@ocwa.com; Inacio, Megan (MECP); Youssouf.Kalogo@ontario.ca; rob.wrigley@ontario.ca; Heather.Malcolmson@ontario.ca; minister.mecp@ontario.ca
Cc:	Robin Roberts; Linda Jones; Gerry Culliton
Subject:	[External Email] Woodland and Cedar Croft

Cedar Croft Retirement Residence is situated on the truck route for Stratford's new Bio Gas plant and Woodland Towers seniors' residence will be the Bio Gas plant's nearest residential neighbour on the West Gore cul-de-sac.

Karen Downey

From: Roger Lloyd <
Sent: Friday, August 9, 2019 4:40 PM
To: Bonnie Henderson
Cc: Pettapiece-co, Randy; Patricia Shantz; Jo-Dee Burbach; Tom Clifford; Dave Gaffney; Martin Ritsma; Cody Sebben; Kathy Vassilakos; Brad Beatty; Graham Bunting; Danielle Ingram; Ed Dujlovic; btully@ocwa.com; ocwa@ocwa.com; Inacio, Megan (MECP); Youssouf.Kalogo@ontario.ca; rob.wrigley@ontario.ca; Heather.Malcolmson@ontario.ca; Robin Roberts; Linda Jones; Gerry Culliton
Subject: [External Email] Re: Hamlet Public School no trucks allowed sign

Thank you! but you need to have another look at the truck route map as outlined on the city's power point presentation. The map clearly indicates that West Gore from Erie St. to John St. will be part of the TRUCK ROUTE. It obviously wasn't explained well enough at the one and only, input limited, public meeting on June 13. The truck route comes off Erie St, west on W. Gore past Hamlet PS, Cedarcroft, the Hospital, the 4 way stop at John and continues down W. Gore to the WWTP.
https://www.stratfordcanada.ca/en/insidecityhall/resources/Renewable-Natural-Gas/Trucking-Routes-Proposed-Renewable-Natural-Gas-Project.pdf

On Fri, Aug 9, 2019 at 3:22 PM Bonnie Henderson <b o.ca> wrote:
The no trucks sign was explained at the public meeting it won't be changing it means only trucks that are delivering in the area are allowed on this streets. It was explained that other trucks aren't allowed this will remain the same. i.e if they are delivering to Hamlet School, Cedarcroft Residence, Stratford General Hospital, Spruce Lodge, the PDHU, the waste treatment plant or any of the residents that are say getting furniture delivered, etc.
Bonnie

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On Friday, August 9, 2019, 12:17:01 p.m. EDT, Roger Lloyd m> wrote:

Hamlet Public School is situated on W. Gore. St., metres away from the proposed truck route for Stratford's Bio Gas Project.
This street is currently NO TRUCKS ALLOWED with speed restricted to 40km/h for very good reason.
When the NO TRUCKS ALLOWED designation is dropped, all trucks of all types, for all purposes, will be rolling by this school, crosswalk and playground.
Have a great weekend.
R. Lloyd

Karen Downey

From:	Roger Lloyd <
Sent:	Friday, August 9, 2019 12:17 PM
To:	Pettapiece-co, Randy; Patricia Shantz; Jo-Dee Burbach; Tom Clifford; Dave Gaffney; Bonnie Henderson; Martin Ritsma; Cody Sebben; Kathy Vassilakos; Brad Beatty; Graham Bunting; Danielle Ingram; Ed Dujlovic; btully@ocwa.com; ocwa@ocwa.com; Inacio, Megan (MECP); Youssouf.Kalogo@ontario.ca; rob.wrigley@ontario.ca; Heather.Malcolmson@ontario.ca
Cc:	Robin Roberts; Linda Jones; Gerry Culliton
Subject:	[External Email] Hamlet Public School

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Have a great weekend.
R. Lloyd

Karen Downey

From: Roger Lloyd
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2019 3:32 PM
To: Bonnie Henderson; Pettapiece-co, Randy; Patricia Shantz; Jo-Dee Burbach; Tom Clifford; Dave Gaffney; Martin Ritsma; Cody Sebben; Kathy Vassilakos; Brad Beatty; Graham Bunting; Danielle Ingram; Ed Dujlovic; btully@ocwa.com; ocwa@ocwa.com; Inacio, Megan (MECP); Youssouf.Kalogo@ontario.ca; rob.wrigley@ontario.ca
Cc: Robin Roberts; Linda Jones; Gerry Culliton
Subject: [External Email] Re: Bio Gas Safety Concerns

Dear Ms Henderson,
Thanks for responding. I sometimes wonder if any one receives the correspondence I send.
You are missing the point of the photos. The photos are meant to show that the proposed Bio Gas Project at 701 W. Gore is not a good idea. Whether or not the person in the motorized wheelchair is breaking the law or not is of no concern. Enforcing the rules of the road will not make the Bio Gas project palatable. Motorized wheelchairs, scooters and personal mobility devices use the road and will continue to use the road. It is the nature of the beast. These people have been confined to this mode of transportation. They have suffered and they feel entitled and they may be right in that feeling I am not even sure it is illegal otherwise all the e-bikes travelling the roads of Stratford are skating on thin ice. You would be hard pressed to find a crown prosecutor, unwise enough, mean enough and possessing the cojones to prosecute an elderly, double amputee with early onset dementia for driving her motorized wheelchair on the road. Motorized and non-motorized personal transportation aids and devices are used in areas surrounding senior housing and they will be used wisely, unwisely, legally, illegally, appropriately and inappropriately. They will be used on the road and crossing the road. Many of these people are enduring cognitive and diminishing capacities and the threat of law will not change anything. Likewise, the vehicle in the photo, parked in the no parking zone. I believe that vehicle was grandchildren helping to move grandparents at Woodland Towers. You have probably parked in no parking zones for brief periods of time when moving/delivering something heavy, plentiful or cumbersome. I certainly have done so. I am sure we all have. UPS, FedEx and Purolator are doing it as we speak. People will park in no parking zones for a few minutes in these situations and penalty of law will not change that. Once again it would a 'special' police officer who would be willing to issue a citation in these circumstances. Regardless, elderly people, on foot or using mobility devices, will be interacting with traffic on W. Gore St. and some scary incidents will be happening and your proposed project will make that infinitely worse.
We do not want mobility devices banned from the road and penalties enforced.
We do no want grandchildren penalized for parking in a no parking zone as they help their grandparents.
We do not want the Bio Gas proposal altered, tweaked, massaged and repackaged to assuage the concerns of a growing number of citizens.
The Bio Gas Project is Wrong for 701 W. Gore St. No amount of modification and enforcement will change that.
WE WANT THE BIO GAS PROJECT STOPPED!
We want the City (Department of Infrastructure and Development) to stop spending time, money and resources in an endless attempt to harness and corral the objections of your electorate. We want OCWA to stand down and stop spending provincial time, money and resources for the same. We want OCWA to follow their mandate and safeguard the drinking water of Ontarians - not promote Bio Gas projects that will get to operate. We want the Department of Infrastructure and Development to maintain and repair the crumbling infrastructure of this city and we want them to do so with minimal use of high priced consultants.
We want to find 6 City Councillors of good faith, integrity and backbone to force this project to be brought before City Council and have the thing put to bed once and for all. City Council will hopefully represent the will of the people. This project is just too costly both in financial and in human terms to ever be the will of the

people. The Citizens of this City do want a $23 million solution to a currently non existent problem. The citizens of this city will never think importing province wide waste, trucking it down residential streets, endangering lives, and having it culminate next to seniors' housing is a good solution to a small problem of organic, household waste, if and when a Green Bin system is implemented.
I have personally found it hard to fathom your passion for promoting this project and your zealous defence of it. What citizenry does this project benefit? Where was this project in your re-election platform in last autumn's election? Had you been an ardent promoter and supporter of this project then, you may have heard the will of the people in a clear and decisive voice. Are there more Board of Directors positions to be filled by councillors and former councillors for the Bio Gas business similar to those positions held at Festival Hydro? What makes this project so important to the promoters? What makes it so important that an OCWA employee stalks and harasses me on my own private property? There are many good, simple, cost effective, sensible environmental projects that this City could promote but this is not one. Follow the lead and ban single use plastics. It is cheap. It is sensible. It doesn't endanger the lives of school children and seniors. It doesn't ruin neighbourhoods. It doesn't need consultants. It doesn't create more government employment. It doesn't stress already crumbling roads with increased heavy truck traffic. Do things that make sense, are right, and are proportionate to the size of the problem.
Sincerely,
R.Lloyd

On Wed, Jul 31, 2019 at 2:53 PM Bonnie Henderson < :oo.ca> wrote:
Thanks for sharing those pictures with us. The person in the scooter is breaking the law by riding on the road they should be on the sidewalk. I know it happens because they don't like the sidewalk they find the road less bumpy but its pretty scary for them to be on the road.
The one picture I'm wondering if there should be no parking in that first spot.
Thanks again.
Bonnie

P Consider the environment - do you really need to print this email?

On Wednesday, July 31, 2019, 2:37:00 p.m. EDT, Roger Lloyd · wrote:

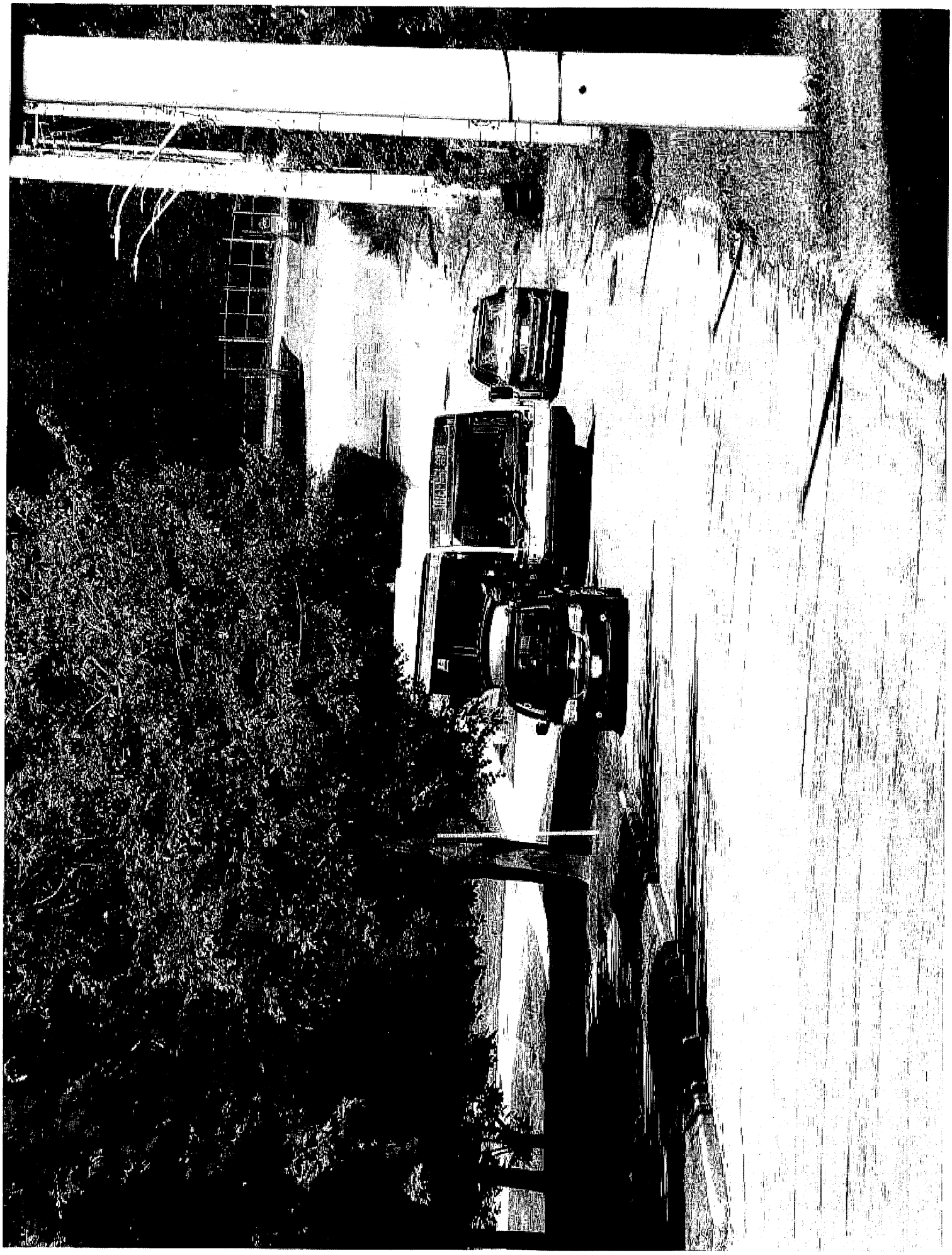
Good Day,
Just thought I would let some photos do the talking regarding, the safety of seniors if the Bio Gas proposal for 701 W. Gore St., Stratford goes ahead.
Every person and organization promoting the project will share responsibility for accidents caused by increased traffic flow either during construction or operation.
Every person and organization approving the project will share responsibility for accidents caused by increased traffic flow either during construction or operation.
The Spruce Lodge sign photo is included in the hope that you too might see the irony of the slogan, "PEOPLE FIRST".
R. Lloyd

Karen Downey

From:	Roger Lloyd
Sent:	Wednesday, July 31, 2019 2:35 PM
To:	Pettapiece-co, Randy; Patricia Shantz; Jo-Dee Burbach; Tom Clifford; Dave Gaffney; Bonnie Henderson; Martin Ritsma; Cody Sebben; Kathy Vassilakos; Brad Beatty; Graham Bunting; Danielle Ingram; Ed Dujlovic; btully@ocwa.com; ocwa@ocwa.com; megan.inacio@ontario.ca; Youssouf.Kalogo@ontario.ca; rob.wrigley@ontario.ca
Cc:	Robin Roberts; Linda Jones; Gerry Culliton
Subject:	[External Email] Bio Gas Safety Concerns
Attachments:	Accident Waiting to Happen W. Gore.JPG; Traffic Boondoggle W. Gore.JPG; 'People First' at Spruce Lodge W. Gore.JPG

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LANEWAY 1
People First
Spruce Lodge
Long Term Care
Spruce Lodge Main Entrance
P1
Lodge Visitor Parking
2
Woodland Towers I, II, III

Karen Downey

From: Roger Lloyd <
Sent: Friday, July 26, 2019 2:58 PM
To: Ed Dujlovic
Cc: megan.inacio@ontario.ca; randy.pettapiececo@pc.ola.org; Patricia Shantz; Jo-Dee Burbach; Tom Clifford; Dave Gaffney; Bonnie Henderson; Danielle Ingram; Martin Ritsma; Cody Sebben; Kathy Vassilakos; Brad Beatty; Graham Bunting; Linda Jones; Dianne & Jimmy; ! ; Judy Hill; Robin Roberts; Kirk Roberts; William Murphy; annecarolet; Susan Kinnear; Gerry Culliton
Subject: Re: [External Email] Proposed Gas Plant and Collection Facility

I asked an associate with experience in municipal affairs for analysis of Mr. Dujlovic's response (July 19) to the questions I posed in a July 11 email and this is the analysis I received:

Roger – in regards to the zoning objections letter you sent - the absence of a reply from the City, even an acknowledgement letter, is interesting. They have likely sent it off to their legal counsel for review before saying anything more. Mr. Dujlovic's reply is also interesting....one might say cagey and certainly not transparent.....in an age of supposed transparency. Regarding #1, I would have thought that the City and it's consultants for the project would have put some numbers on the recapture of the burned off methane as it is... or should be a part of the financial analysis. Regarding #2, it looks like Mr. Dujlovic doesn't have access to the $$$$ figures or simply doesn't wish to share the $$$$ figures. Again, these are things that the City and it's consultant should have factored into the financial analysis for the project. Good luck getting any repair/upgrades made to West Gore given the current state of other roads in the City and with the City piling another $15+ million on the City's debt load with its bio gas project. Regarding#3, it is interesting and perplexing how a $5 million grant can be secured for a project which City Council has apparently not even approved the submission of an application for and for a project which City Council has apparently not given its green light approval for. Strikes me that a lot of details that should be looked at either have not been looked, were ignored, or are being kept under wraps.....some may say that transparency and forthrightness are simply words in a dictionary.

Any thoughts? Anyone?

R. Lloyd

On Sat, Jul 20, 2019 at 11:46 AM Roger Lloyd < m> wrote:
Noted with thanks.

On Fri, Jul 19, 2019 at 4:53 PM Ed Dujlovic <EDujlovic@stratford.ca> wrote:

Hello Roger,

Please see below in red.

Regards,

Ed

From: Roger Lloyd [mailto:r [redacted]]
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2019 10:40 AM
To: Ed Dujlovic
Cc: megan.inacio@ontario.ca; randy.pettapiececo@pc.ola.org; Patricia Shantz; Jo-Dee Burbach; Tom Clifford; Dave Gaffney; Bonnie Henderson; Danielle Ingram; Martin Ritsma; Cody Sebben; Kathy Vassilakos; Brad Beatty; Graham Bunting; Linda Jones; Dianne & Jimmy; li [redacted] a; Judy Hill; Robin Roberts; Kirk Roberts; William Murphy; annecarolet; Susan Kinnear; Gerry Culliton
Subject: [External Email] Proposed Gas Plant and Collection Facility

Dear Mr. Dujlovic,

Good day to you and I hope you are enjoying this fine, summer weather in beautiful Stratford.

I have heard and read three arguments in favour of the proposed Gas Plant and Collection Facility.

Namely:

1. The current facility is burning off excess natural gas (methane).

2. The cost of trucking 'green bin' waste to an out of town facility such as Athlone Bio Power at 2846 Line 29, Stratford ON N0B 2R0 would be cost prohibitive.

3. The City can make use of $5 million in provincial funding.

Questions:

1. What is the volume of natural gas (methane) **not** being utilized at the current facility and is currently being burned off? We do not have flow meters in place to measure what is being used in the boilers and being burned off. Could you, please use your expertise to assist the lay people amongst us, and provide us with an equivalent number of standard 9kg (20lb) propane tanks this volume of burned off natural gas (methane) represents? 9kg is a tank size regularly used by the citizens of Stratford in barbecues, patio heaters and outdoor LP fire pits? My research indicates that one of these 9kg propane tanks contains the equivalent of 430 270 BTU's being burned off into the atmosphere.

2. In your business plan and cost analysis for the new project, how does the cost of shipping future 'green bin' waste to an out of town location compare to:

a) The cost of shipping and storing the increased (nearly double) quantities of sludge to an off site facility. The City has indicated that this off site storage facility will be necessary if the new project goes ahead. Please include the cost of procuring, maintaining and manning this off site storage lagoon in your cost comparison; As part of the financial plan an allowance has been included for the increased cost for the handling and storage of the sludge by an external contractor. This allowance was based on the cost estimates provided by the contractor. Based on the cost and revenue projections it is estimated that the proposed project would have a payback of approximately 11 years. The savings that would be had if the City did not have to ship food organics to an out of town processor is not factored into the business plan for the proposed project.

b) The financial, social and urban costs to re-construct, repair, upgrade and maintain W. Gore St. and sidewalks. It would be greatly appreciated if safety and disruption of existing residents and users were included in your comments. All roads need to be re-constructed, repaired and maintained during their life cycle. West Gore St. is a collector road, Erie St. to John St., which carries a high volume of traffic. Depending on the section daily volumes are between 5000 to 7600 vehicles per day. The increased truck traffic will have a small impact on the lifecycle of West Gore St. between Erie St. and John St. The most westerly portion of W. Gore is already in a poor state of repair hardly able to handle the increased traffic the new project would entail during construction and operation thereof. In 2014 a report was presented to Council regarding the condition of the roads throughout the City which indicated the time frames that the roads were in need of repair. The section of West Gore St. west of John St. had half the road in the now category and the other half in the 1 to 5 year category. Repairs to this section of road are required regardless of the proposed project.

3. If the City is unable to secure $5 million in provincial grant money, will the cost and indebtedness for the City grow to $20 million? (Of course the cost to the taxpayer has and will always be $20 million since provincial money is taxpayer money). I ask this question due to comments from our local MPP, Mr. Pettapiece, who recently wrote to a neighbor in an email:

"The City of Stratford has not approached my office concerning a $5 million provincial grant for the proposed RNG facility.

The Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) made a presentation to City Council about potentially obtaining some funds through the Ontario Centres of Excellence (OCE). This is a non-for-profit organization, which is funded by the Government of Ontario, but operates at arms length.

If an official application is submitted for provincial funding, I will keep your concerns in mind."

A grant has been secured from the Ontario Centres of Excellence and an agreement is in place for the proposed project.

Thank you, Mr. Dujlovic, for your attention to my questions and concerns. Thank you for your commitment to best serve the needs of all the citizens of Stratford.

When responding, please select the 'reply all' option. This helps maintain and promote an informed citizenry.

Regards,

R. Lloyd

Karen Downey

From: Jay Bodrog
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2019 10:35 AM
To: Ed Dujlovic; Brad Beatty; Graham Bunting; Jo-Dee Burbach; Tom Clifford; Dave Gaffney; Bonnie Henderson; Danielle Ingram; Martin Ritsma; Cody Sebben; Kathy Vassilakos
Subject: [External Email] Re: Proposed Renewable Natural Gas Facility

Hello,

I would like share this from the CBC news service. I realize Stratford is not Toronto, but we need to get ahead of the curve, especially with an increase in traffic that is being proposed. This is a public health issue, here is an excerpt:

"That means reducing people's exposure to pollutants might be a matter of targeting highly polluting trucks, Evans said, and forcing them to be repaired or retrofitted to lower emissions. Or banning them from areas with vulnerable populations, such as near schools and daycares."

Here is a link to the full article: https://www.cbc.ca/news/technology/air-pollution-study-1.5339472

Thank you for your time.
Jay Bodrog

On Wed, Oct 23, 2019 at 7:25 PM Jay Bodrog <[redacted]m> wrote:
Good Evening,

I am writing again after having spoken to two Councillors, reading the information available on the City of Stratford website and doing a little bit of my own research.

I totally appreciate the merits of this project, the use existing infrastructure, and being pro-actively compliant with Provincial waste reduction targets. I am thankful that Stratford is considering the implementation of such practical innovation and doing its part to be combat climate change in a progressive and sustainable way. My opposition to the project has been the increased truck traffic in a residential neighbourhood and the upscaling at the proposed location. I have come to understand that in order for this to move forward upscaling at the location and the increased truck traffic is necessary for this to work.

I would like to strongly encourage all Councillors and City staff to make it a mandatory stipulation in any RFPs for the organic waste transport that all vehicles contracted for this purpose MUST be an electric truck when entering the city. This would eliminate any harmful exhaust and greatly reduce the noise pollution of any fossil fuel vehicles. I understand that electric truck technology may not be there yet for long haul, but is certainly there for short haul. In the short term for the contracted provider, I would propose that they could set up a depot for an 'in-town' truck to pick up the organic waste trailers from just outside/periphery of the city limits (ie: City Land fill, etc. – scaling and logistical planning could be done at this point) and then the electric truck could bring it in in to the co-digester site. I realize that this might be impractical at first, but soon the technology will catch up and will no longer be required.

As this project will generate revenue, the City has the opportunity to set the terms and forsake some revenue in order for it to be more sustainable, create a demand for new/better 'green' hauling technology and most importantly make it better for the citizens of Stratford, in particular those along the truck route.

Thank you for your time and I appreciate your consideration.

Jay Bodrog

Karen Downey

From: Blues Lover <
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2019 3:47 PM
To: IDS
Subject: [External Email] Natural gas project

Hello,
I have been waiting for an organic waste system to be implemented in Stratford ever since moving here a few years ago. Food waste is one of the top problems and therefore also one of the solutions to the problem of climate change. This planned project not only will take the organic waste out of landfills but will turn it back into energy for the grid. A win win solution. I understand there will be some adjustments to be made (ie truck traffic) but overall I am sure this is a project to be proud of. Stratford is indeed on the leading edge in this field!
Annemarie Reimer
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Take care, Annemarie

Karen Downey

From: Michael Bomasuit <
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2019 1:28 PM
To: IDS
Subject: [External Email] When I first heard about this proposal I thought it was a great Idea and I still do

anything that makes jobs or makes money for the city I am in. The best example is Festival Hydro.

Karen Downey

From: Joyce Johnson <j [redacted] om>
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2019 1:58 PM
To: Karen Downey
Subject: [External Email] I SUPPORT the Proposed Renewable Natural Gas Plant

I really wish I could attend this meeting but I'll be out of the country. Could I submit my comments/idea through you?

I TOTALLY SUPPORT this initiative. It's so important for so many reasons - I won't repeat them here. I feel we need to find a way forward and make it happen.

I realize the trucks routes are a big issue. The only solution I can think of that has the least amount of impact to 'housing' is: coming from Lorne Ave (either direction), turning onto Queensland Road and, instead of turning onto John, run a new road between the Christian School parking lot and Spruce Lodge retirement condos, continuing along the back of the sports field to the treatment plant. Perhaps we could install hwy type sound barriers to minimize the noise to the school and condos. Looking at Google Earth, it looks like there could be enough room but admittedly, I'm no zoning expert and I don't know if the city has a property easement along this stretch. It's just an idea.

Joyce Johnson

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 24, 2019, at 1:10 PM, Karen Downey <KDowney@stratford.ca> wrote:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Proposed Renewable Natural Gas Plant

Notice is hereby given that Stratford City Council intends to hold Public Meetings on November 6, 2019 to provide information and to gather input from the community on the renewable natural gas project proposed for Stratford's Water Pollution Control Plant.

The first meeting will be held at the Griffith Auditorium at Spruce Lodge, 643 W Gore St, Stratford, ON N5A 1L4, starting at 3:00 p.m.

The second meeting will be held at the Rotary Complex Community Hall A, 353 McCarthy Road West, Stratford, ON, N5A 7S7, starting at 6:00 p.m.

There will be presentations made at the Public Meetings and opportunity for the public to provide input. The information presented at both meetings will be identical, and City Council will be in attendance to hear feedback from participants. While both meetings are open to the public, there are space limitations at the Griffith Auditorium.

For more information on this project, including frequently asked questions, please visit the City's website at: https://www.stratfordcanada.ca/en/ProposedRNG

Karen Downey

From: GERRY HEYEN <
Sent: Friday, October 25, 2019 8:06 AM
To: IDS
Subject: [External Email] Gas plant

Hi Karen,

The gas plant is absolutely NO priority. Another tax burden on the citizen of Stratford and province. Our road infrastructure is in pressing need of fixing in many places and no affordable housing for many people.
It is a disgrace how city counsel is out of touch with the pressing needs of Stratford.

Sincerely,
Gerry Heyen,
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From: rm
Sent: Friday, October 25, 2019 3:17 PM
To: Tatiana Dafoe
Subject: [External Email] Proposed RNG

I am not able to attend the public meetings about this proposal and so I am sending my comments via email.
I am opposed to this proposal mainly because of the cost.
It is my understanding that it will require long term financing of $15 million (and maybe even more).
The City of Stratford already has a very heavy debt load and the interest charges on this dept are causing a high mill rate which leads to very high
taxes and fees . Many residents of Stratford are finding the cost of living here to be too much to bear.
We are already being told of the additional costs of a "Green Bin Program".
When does it all stop?
Ron Marcy

Stratford, ON

Karen Downey

From: Joyce Johnson
Sent: Saturday, October 26, 2019 3:33 PM
To: IDS
Subject: [External Email] Proposed renewal gas plant

I'm unable to attend the upcoming meeting.

I support this initiative. I realize the trucks routes are a big issue. The only solution I can think of that has the least amount of impact to 'housing' is: coming from Lorne Ave (either direction), turning onto Queensland Road and, instead of turning onto John, run a new road between the Christian School parking lot and Spruce Lodge retirement condos, continuing along the back of the sports field to the treatment plant. Perhaps we could install hwy type sound barriers to minimize the noise to the school and condos. Looking at Google Earth, it looks like there could be enough room but admittedly, I'm no zoning expert and I don't know if the city has a property easement along this stretch. It's just an idea.

Joyce Johnson
[redacted]

Sent from my iPad

Karen Downey

From:
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2019 8:19 PM
To: IDS
Subject: [External Email] FW: natural gas plant

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From:
Sent: October 29, 2019 8:16 PM
To: ids@stratford
Subject: natural gas plant

I have lived on west gore street for over 30 years, when the street was rebuilt us as home owners did not get the option to change how our sewers were connected to the city system. Most on this street are clay tile and with the truck traffic added this will put additional pressure on these tiles. The end result will be broken tiles resulting in backed up sewers, upset home owners, possible lawsuits, and in the city having to dig up the road again. I do believe that some more thought must be brought forward on this matter. Try using a road that is made for heavy truck traffic which is john street and the extension which has no sewer pipes to be crushed. If the city does go forward with west gore street as a major throughway for the trucks expect the repercussions and lawsuits. If any one has any questions about this please phone me, do not email me as I do not check e-mails phone
Thank you
Brian Edwards

Karen Downey

From: Bill & Peg Murphy/Stewart <
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 2:14 PM
To: Ed Dujlovic; Joan Thomson; Dan Mathieson
Cc: Danielle Ingram; linda.lauzon; Gerry Culliton; Robin Roberts; Bonnie Henderson; megan.inacio; Jo-Dee Burbach; Linda Jones; Martin Ritsma; Patricia Shantz; Susan Kinnear; Kathy Vassilakos; Judy Hill; Kirk Roberts; Graham Bunting; Tom Clifford; Dave Gaffney; annecarolet; randy.pettapiececo; Cody Sebben; Dianne & Jimmy; Brad Beatty; Roger Lloyd
Subject: [External Email] What's Happening with Biogas Plant Project?

Importance: High

Dear Ed Dujlovis, Don Mathieson and J. Thomson,

Based on emails and news reports that have been flowing on this important matter since the June information meeting, I can only assume despite the "radio silence" that decisions will be made shortly.

For the consideration of Stratford's council and staff, I would like to repeat our concern is not about the processing of additional organic waste, but the increase in huge, heavy waste transportation trucks that would be routed to the site via Erie Street/Highway 7 to West Gore. As one neighbourhood resident said, "It is hard to imagine a more people centered and caring street in all of Stratford than West Gore Street." We strongly oppose using West Gore Street to access this plant. West Gore is a two-lane Residential Street housing schools, medical facilities, retirement homes, a general hospital, the T. J. Dolan Nature Reserve, well maintained private residences and more.

Imagine how much traffic (ambulances, fire trucks, police vehicles, buses, cars, trucks, etc.), we see every day coming to and fro on this dead-end street from all these places. Increasing more waste transportation truck traffic on this street will create a major safety issue for vehicles and pedestrians especially children and seniors using the road.

As you may know, West Gore is a narrow city street that was not built to accommodate large trucks. It will need to be re-constructed and widened to handle this truck traffic. It would be much better to spend this money on building a short road off of O'Loane Avenue through what is municipal property to the Water Pollution Control Plant.

If the City of Stratford changes the route for the waste transportation trucks into the plant, I believe the West Gore Street community will be happier about your plans to modify the Water Pollution Control Plant.

Before deciding what direction to go, I would also ask you to consider...

- If, the City of Stratford can afford all the costs including reconstruction West Gore Street or a new road off O'Loane Avenue. Could this mean raising taxes?
- If, the Federal Government's recent regulation for new natural gas power plants means you will be paying the carbon price on a higher portion of your emissions? Will this effect revenues for paying off your debt on the current schedule?
- If, other municipalities are confirmed to pay to bring food waste to Stratford? Do you have letters of interest on file?

- If, like London's waste-processing plant, Stratford will be prepared to pay for Ministry of Environment odour-related charges?

We look forward to the coming public meeting, where we hope to learn all the ins and outs of your plans for the modifications to the Water Pollution Control Plant.

Again, I urge you to reconsider and take more time to approve this project at least until the route to the Plant is changed from West Gore Street.

Regards

Margaret Stewart and William Murphy

Ed Dujlovic

From: Patricia Shantz
Sent: Thursday, August 8, 2019 11:35 AM
To: Bonnie Henderson; Brad Beatty; Cody Sebben; Danielle Ingram; Dave Gaffney; Graham Bunting; Jo-Dee Burbach; Kathy Vassilakos; Martin Ritsma; Tom Clifford
Cc: Ed Dujlovic
Subject: Email City Council - Biogas at Water Treatment Plant

From: emailcitycouncil@stratford.ca [mailto:emailcitycouncil@stratford.ca]
Sent: August 8, 2019 6:43 AM
To: Patricia Shantz
Subject: [External Email] New Response Completed for Email City Council

Hello,

Please note the following response to Email City Council has been submitted on Thursday August 8th 2019 6:42 AM with reference number 2019-08-08-001.

- **Subject:**
  Biogas at Water Treatment Plant
- **Full name:**
  Manny Puetz
- **Email address:**
  om
- **Daytime phone number:**
- **Street# and name:**
- **City:**
  Stratford
- **Message:**
  To All Decision Makers,
  I reside at Stratford Ontario and fall within the designated area for notification with regards to the use of the Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant. I attended the information session on the 13th of June 2019 and have done some follow up research since said meeting.
  I have a few points that i would hope have or will be considered.
  Firstly there is the issue of odour. I understand the concept of a negative pressure building and double doors etc. but I have also followed trucks carrying different

types of waste and there is a lingering odour. As well as the fact that today from the current facility there is odour on certain days that we all live with because the facility was there long before we purchased.
Secondly there is overflow. Our current facility as it stands is operating at 60% if I remember Mr. Dujlovic's statement correctly. This project will take it to 100%(again according to Mr Dujlovic). What happens with expansion and new home construction. Will there not be a need for more construction and facility size which again will cause more traffic? Related to this is the fact that after a torrential rain, which we get more often, if one was to go to the bridge in Avonton , you can see a very black river. Is this overflow from the plant? Will this happen more often if the tanks are fuller?
The whole issue of the trucks is really quite simple. It is a residential neighbourhood. There were at the meeting a few options of similar facilities given. Toronto was one and it was stated that they were close to or in residential areas. I fail to understand how the one on Disco Rd. or the one in an industrial park near Dufferin Road could be considered in a similar neighbourhood. Please take the time to google map these two areas. London was another example given. One facility in London is the Greenways Pollution Facility which is located on a substantial 4 lane main arterial road, Oxford St West., and the other which has been proven over the years to be financially unviable is across the road from the old Kelloggs plant in one of the oldest industrial areas of the city. The area is bordered by two main roads and trucks there would only have to travel a short half block to get to the facility. As well this facility if I am correct in my research has currently 11 outstanding investigations or charges from the Ministry of Environment. The number of trucks is very concerning especially when considering that not every truck will be full to capacity. In discussing the situation with two owners of local liquid and sludge removal companies this was the first thing brought up by them. Was this taken into consideration when looking at truck numbers?
Overall the entire optics of the meeting as consultation did not seem very good. It felt like the decision had basically already been made to go ahead with this project with no consideration of other options. What about shipping out our 1000 tonnes of waste to other facilities, or what about a co project with other municipalities, or what about a new facility in an industrial area? What are the actual costs, and a statement of a lot more, is not what is being asked for of some of these options?
I do apologize for such a long letter but I do feel that this entire project needs far more thought and research done. For your information I have emailed Ed Dujlovic and other engineers listed on the info sheet from the meeting and the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority a copy of this as well.
Thank you
Manny Puetz
p mail.com

[This is an automated email notification -- please do not respond]

Karen Downey

From: Ed Dujlovic
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2019 2:53 PM
To: Karen Downey
Subject: FW: [External Email] Proposed Renewal Natural Gas Project

From: bouvsbunscavies bouvsbunscavies [m
Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2019 11:52 AM
To: Ed Dujlovic
Subject: [External Email] Proposed Renewal Natural Gas Project

I was reading about this project and the many complaints it generated.

While on the bus, I took special note of West Gore St. leading to the Sewage Plant. Contrary to what some people were saying, there is a sidewalk from John St. to the Health Unit parking lot. If people are on the sidewalk, what danger would there be from the trucks using the road?

I agree an increase in truck traffic would be a nuisance, especially if they are going by the residential areas 24 hours a day.

I have never been to the sewage plant and have no idea of what is on the other side. I imagine O'Loane Ave. and Lorne Ave. form two of the boundaries. Would it be possible to build some type of unloading area on the (north)west side of the plant from one of these streets? A pipeline could go from the unloading area to the plant's digesters. It might be cheaper than reconstructing West Gore St. and would mean the trucks would not be using that roadway.

This may not be feasible as I have no idea of what is on the far side of the sewage plant or what is involved in getting the material to the digesters. It is just a thought I had and wanted to pass on.

Gail King

Stratford

Ed Dujlovic

From: l_cook <l_
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 10:44 PM
To: Ed Dujlovic; Tanya.Bogoslowski@ghd.com; IMaharjan@ocwa.com; megan.inacio@ontario.ca
Subject: [External Email] Waste Processing Site - Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant - proposed Biogas production

To All Concerned,

I am sending this email regarding the proposed increased Biogas production at the Stratford Water Pollution Control Plan, West Gore Street. I acknowledge receipt of the letter send to area residents dated June 3, 2019 and the information therein. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend the information session of June 13.

While reading the letter of June 3, I felt this was a great idea to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by diverting organic waste from the landfill site to make an end product of Renewal Natural Gas. I also noted the mention of Waste Transportation trucks travelling down West Gore St. to the site and I thought, maybe one truck a day, I guess that is not too bad.

Now talk in the neighbourhood on this topic is increasing and of course it can be difficult separating fact from fiction. There has been talk that waste material will be coming from outside of Stratford and MANY trucks (15 - 16 per day to site and back = 30 trucks/day). Now I don't know if this is fact, but suddenly my imagining one truck a day has significantly increased!

If there will be many trucks a day, I feel this is far too much additional traffic for West Gore St which is already a very busy street.
In the 19 years I have lived on the street, the traffic has increased significantly due to new housing in the South West corner of the City.
It can be quite a wait to exit our driveways!

The addition of large trucks to the fray of cars, bicycles, Stratford Transit buses, frequent fire trucks and children heading to and from school, Seniors crossing to catch the bus and many people walking/walking dogs is a disaster waiting to happen. Also the Entrance/Exit to a large parking lot at Hospital is on West Gore St.
There are frequently accidents at Erie/West Gore intersection as well as West Gore and St. Vincent St intersection. Also what will the increase in traffic do with the 4-way stop at West Gore and John St.?

I also fear changes of this nature will have a negative impact on the value and saleability of our homes.

I have contacted City Hall and requested notification of any further meetings/Council meetings or votes on this matter. I feel it is a very important concept to reduce Greenhouse gas, however, it needs special planning and consideration of the impact it has on its surroundings and a street that encompasses a school, Retirement/nursing homes, Hospital and residences is not the best location!

I thank you for your time in reading this email and trust you will make decisions with the well being of the local residents in mind.

Sincerely,

Lezlie Cook

Ed Dujlovic

From:
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 11:09 AM
To: Ed Dujlovic
Subject: [External Email] [SPAM] Renewable natural gas project.

We were at the meeting at Spruce lodge and we are absolutely amazed that the city even thinks of such a project putting it at the end of West Gore. Close to a hospital, Senior citizen buildings, two schools, narrow streets and residential homes. All those trucks are going to be more than a night mare. This is not the location for such a project. You might be saving money by putting it there, but considering the surroundings it is the wrong spot. The whole project sound great, but not at the end of West Gore. To day Lorne avenue is already a very busy street with many trucks. Please reconsider the project. Not only the people living around here, but many people in the city who are not effected by the project are wondering about all that traffic in this neighbourhood. Kind regards Ray and Leonora Hopkins,

Ed Dujlovic

From: Grace G. Steinmann
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2019 2:49 PM
To: Ed Dujlovic
Subject: [External Email] Fwd: Gas plant

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: [redacted]
Date: July 12, 2019 at 2:46:07 PM EDT
To: Grace Steinmann <[redacted]
Subject: Gas plant

It is with great concern that I write to you regarding the effects on the surrounding area of the proposed " Gas Plant". Specifically the intersection of W.Gore and John St. S.

Ironically there are at present 2 signs indicating, no trucks.
Trucks are not only noisy but also give off fumes and would sadly impede the flow of traffic at that intersection.

Stratford was once known for a nice quiet town to retire to. We were known for the railway terminal, furniture manufacturing, then we became world renowned for the Festival Theater,a culture centre and University.

Does a huge garbage disposal plant really fit into this environment and particularly right through the middle of Hospital, Senior Homes and schools.???

Is this proposal really for the benefit of the residence of Stratford or is there some ulterior motive??
Would it not better be placed somewhere outside the city, Is that not what the ring roads are for , to deflect the big trucks form coming through the city.??

Please rethink the location of this venture and look for other alternative sights.

Thanks for inviting our comments.

Respectfully Grace Steinmann

Sent from my iPad

Ed Dujlovic

From: Jay Bodrog
Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2019 11:38 PM
To: Ed Dujlovic
Cc: Brad Beatty; Graham Bunting; Jo-Dee Burbach; Tom Clifford; Dave Gaffney; Bonnie Henderson; Danielle Ingram; Martin Ritsma; Cody Sebben; Kathy Vassilakos
Subject: [External Email] PROPOSED RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS PROJECT

Hi Mr. Dujlovic,

I am you today as I just heard about this project for the first time.

While I celebrate the concept. I am not convinced that the proposed Stratford location has the proper infrastructure to support this project and has not been completely thought through. This does not make sense to me - having large diesel trucks drive by peoples homes, a retirement home, an elementary school, the district hospital, a regional nursing home, a health unit and legacy nature preserve 8000 times a year. These are heavy fossil fuel burning trucks likely diesel driving down a street 32 times a day over 200 times a year.

This is trying to solve a problem by creating a new, much bigger and more dangerous one.

Why not do it at the landfill. Why can't we as a municipality do it and implement our own controls and use our own infrastructure instead of facilitating an outside agency that is not invested in this community in the same way.

I freely admit that I live on West Gore Street, but I would say the same thing if the proposed route was St. Vincent, John Street or any other residential street in Stratford. This is an industrial application and should be treated as such.

Thank you for your time.

Jay Bodrog
, Stratford.

Ed Dujlovic

From: Joyce Wicke <
Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2019 8:04 PM
To: Ed Dujlovic; Jo-Dee Burbach; Tom Clifford; Dave Gaffney; Bonnie Henderson; Danielle Ingram; Martin Ritsma; Cody Sebben; Kathy Vassilakos; Graham Bunting; Patricia Shantz; randy.pettapiececo@pc.ola.org; megan.inacio@ontario.ca; Brad Beatty
Subject: [External Email] Concerns re proposed additions to Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant

We are writing to express our concerns regarding the proposed additions to the Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP).

First of all, we would like to thank Mr. Dujlovic, Director of Infrastructure & Development Services, City of Stratford, for providing some background to and further information about the proposed Plant to the residents of Spruce Lodge, Woodland Towers and Hamlet Estate at 639 West Gore Street on Thursday, July 4th. We were distressed to know that the planning had gone so far along without an opportunity to hear about the project or provide input until this time ... and with rumours that building was to start in August, we were quite alarmed.

We support the idea of repurposing waste into useful products such as fuel, and appreciate this is a business opportunity in addition to placing Stratford as a world leader in green energy but strongly question if this location in this city is the optimal situation.

We are among the Stratford residents located closest to the proposed co-digestion facility and do indeed have a vested interest in the possible implementation of this process at the WPCP. We, as well as many of our neighbours at the Spruce Lodge complex, have concerns - mainly regarding the threat of increased Truck Traffic and Odour.
Mr. Dujlovic was able to partly allay one of our concerns - that being the hours when trucks will be travelling on the West Gore Street to and from the facility. He stated at the meeting that trucks would be travelling only between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. - we were relieved to hear that. However, we then noted in the printed project outline (dated June 13) that "waste trucks will be routed ... to West Gore Street with the intent to limit truck traffic before 9 a.m. and after 3 p.m." Could clarification be provided regarding this - i.e. what are the likely and actual hours that trucks could be travelling? This road is the "main street" for the majority of residents of our Seniors' complex and is frequented by people in wheelchairs, on scooters and walking with the assistance of a cane. In addition, the increased truck flow will only make worse the already busy four-way at John and West Gore - making it more risky to cross the street and which is a further concern for traffic flow between the hospital and here. We are concerned about our safety & security on these streets with increased large truck traffic.

Regarding the issue of Odour, we have a number of concerns. There has been no denying that there will be occasional odour issues. I see the plan offers measures to mitigate these issues when they arise (if the facility is approved by council). Has there been a review of the many concerns expressed by the London south community who have been impacted so negatively by the odour issues there after a similar type of plant was introduced. If the proposed facility were to be added to our current WPCP, what can be done to insure we will not be impacted in the same way?

Stratford is known as a scenic, tranquil pleasant place, host to the thousands of people who travel here to attend the Theatre. Do we want to risk making our city malodorous by actually bringing waste from other cities here? We fear becoming Stinkford, Ontario - just like Stratford, PEI was nicknamed after their garbage odour problems.

We trust the Mayor, Members of Council and Staff of the City of Stratford, our Member of Provincial Parliament and the Director (A), Environmental & Permissions Branch, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks will hear our concerns and reconsider implementing proposed changes to the WCPC.

Thank you.
Lloyd & Joyce Wicke

Sent from my iPad

Karen Downey

From:	JOHN BANNON
Sent:	Monday, July 8, 2019 9:21 PM
To:	eduilovic@stratford.ca; randy.pettapiececo@pc.ola.org; Jo-Dee Burbach; Tom Clifford; Dave Gaffney; b hoo.ca; Danielle Ingram; Martin Ritsma; Cody Sebben; Kathy Vassilakos; Brad Beatty; Graham Bunting; Patricia Shantz; megan.inacio@ontario.ca
Subject:	STRATFORD WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT
Follow Up Flag:	Follow up
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I m writing this e-mail with great concern on the STRATFORD WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT that you are planning to put in at the end of west gore.st right down from where I live at woodland towers

As of most residents living here I can tell you that we"" don't want it "

REASONS;

THE TRUCK TRAFFIC ON WEST GORE GOING DOWN THERE IS PRETTY CRAZY ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY ARE GOING RIGHT BY WOODLAWN AND SPRUCE LODGE WHERE PEOPLE ARE OUT WITH WALKERS AND WHEELCHAIRS GOING FOR WALKS ETE MOST TIMES CROSSING WEST GORE TO GO OVER TO THE WALKING TRAIL ON THE OTHER SIDE OF WEST GORE
.IVE BEEN IN THE TJ DOLAN TRAIL WITH MY ELECTRIC WHEEL CHAIR AND WHEN I COME OUT TO CROSS BACK WEST GORE TO COME HOME YOU HAVE TO COME RIGHT TO THE EDGE OF THE ROAD TO SEE IF THERES ANY TRAFFIC COMMING ESPECIAALY THE TANKERS THAT GO BY NOW YOU REALLY HAVE TO "WATCH IT".NOW. I HEAR FROM OUR MEETING LAST JULY 4TH THAT TRUCK TRAFFIC IS GOING TO MULTRIPLY FROM MAYBE 4 OR 5 A DAY TO 15 TO 30 THATS NOT GOOD AT ALL

I LIVE FACING THAT ROAD ,IVE SEEN SOME RESIDENTS JUST CROSS THE ROAD WITHOUT LOOKING , ,MOST TIMES ITS CARS THAT GO SLOW ANYWAY ,,, THEY KNOW THIS AREA THERE EITHER GOING TO THE PERTH HEALTH UNIT OR COMMING HERE AT WOODLAND FOR POOL FOR ANY OTHER EVENT ,,,,ADD TRUCKS IN THERE" WOOW" NOT GOOD

WE HAVE SENIORS AND PEOPLE LIVING HERE WITH ALL KINDS OF DISABILTIES KNOW WHEN THE WEATHER GETS NICE MAY TO SEPT. THEY LOOK FORWARD TO GETTING OUT OF THEIR UNITS TO ENJOY THE WEATHER. (THOSE ARE THE SAME MONTHS THAT TRUCK TRAFFIC IS GOING BY).

ALSO SOME DON,T USE SIDEWALK SOUTH SIDE OF WEST GORE FROM JOHN ST TO THE PERTH HEALTH UNIT DUE TO THE TOE TRIPPERS AND BAD SHAPE OF SIDEWALK.THEY USE THE ROAD

WE "SMELL" THE SEWER PLANT ALREADY AT NIGHTS AND KNOW WITH THIS GOING IN ITS GOING TO GET ALOT WORSE

THEY SAY THE BUILDING IS "ENCLOSED" BUILDING BUT ADDED WHEN ALL IS DONE THE METHANE GAS GETS BURNED OFF WITH A FLAME UP TOP OF THE BUILDING . "THAT CAN.T BE VERY NICE "

THIS MAYBE A GOOD PROJECT OR MAYBE NOT „„„;; BUT DOES IT HAVE TO BE HERE NEXT DOOR TO US"

IVE TAKEN ENOUGH OF YOUR TIME AND THANK YOU FOR READING THIS
THERE ALOT OF US HERE WAITING FOR WORD OF WHAT TO DO NEXT OR WHEN
WE CAN COME TO THE COUNCIL MEETING WHEN THIS MATTER IS DISCUSSED

PLEASE TAKE A GOOD LOOK WHEN THIS COMES TO COUNCIL FOR A VOTE I DON,T WANT IT AND BY THE SOUNDS OF EVERYONE AROUND HERE THEY DONT WANT IT.....

THANK YOU
JOHN BANNON

Ed Dujlovic

From: David A. Tew <
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2019 9:30 PM
To: Ed Dujlovic
Subject: [External Email] Comments submitted concerning the addition to the Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant - to the attention of Director of Infrastructure and Development Services

Also CC'd to Mayor Mathieson

Name:Kimberly Tew

Address: #1

Telephone:

Email Address:

How did you hear about this event? Other

Please add me to the Project contact list. Yes

COMMENTS: Against changes at present location are:

1/ Safety: You are passing the ONLY Hospital in Stratford. They do not seem to mind the Water treatment plant but I would think they would have concerns about additions that will treat solid and liquid organic waste.

2/ Have heard trucker driver express alarm about present roadway for slurry trucks needed to transport above mentioned waste. Its too difficult to turn around at the four way traffic corners. In my opinion, West Gore roadway shoulders are too soft for added heavy traffic, for they will crumble like pie crusts.

3/ Additional heavy traffic will be dangerously close to residents. At John and Queensland there is a school. I have seen children take shortcuts through the back driveways of Spruce Lodge and Hamlet Estates, to make up for lost time getting to school,as it connects straight to the School grounds.

Proposed solution: Instead of adding onto a building made in the 1950's. Locate in an area away from residents with roads straight into loading and

unloading docks.Create the vacuum sealed organic waste shed and digestive vats there.

Ed Dujlovic

From: Gayle Crawford <
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2019 2:31 PM
To: Ed Dujlovic
Subject: [External Email] Re Water Pollution Control Plant

We attended the meeting last Thurs.
Although we know an upgrade is needed & has to to built on the exciting site we are very concerned about the traffic & the noise it will bring along John St. S (if selected for the route)
Most of us are in our 80s and we do at times now have trouble pulling out from our home onto John St.S.
Mostly because of cars coming around the curve very fast and also turning at the Christian school and some pulling out of trom Lightbourne .St.across from our entrance. WE ourselves have had a couple of close calls
Remember our reflexes are not as good as they used to be .An Accident will happen sometime.
Isn't there another option besides using West Gore or John ST S
Possibly build an access rd behind the plant where it won' bother anyone.

Bill & Gayle Crawford

Ed Dujlovic

From: Jan Dean
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2019 2:26 PM
To: Ed Dujlovic
Cc: Pettapiece-co, Randy; Jo-Dee Burbach; Tom Clifford; Bonnie Henderson; Danielle Ingram; Martin Ritsma; CSebbeb@stratford.ca; Kathy Vassilakos; Brad Beatty; Graham Bunting; Patricia Shantz
Subject: [External Email] Stratford Water Pollution Plant

truck traffic on roadway - can road take heavy trucks? What are the hours of truck travel,. What is an alternate route when road requires fixing. 2. has consideration been given re the impact of increased traffic to real estate values of condo owners in the Woodland Towers complex. If so what is that concrete consideration? 3. will burn-off of methane produce particles into the atmosphere seen or unseen. 4 .has consideration been given to increased noise and fumes on Residents of Woodland Towers. If so what is that concrete consideration? 5. Woodland Towers is a senior retirement HOME and OUR well being is especially affected by increased road traffic, noise pollution. air pollution, West Gore street is used by seniors with walkers, canes, wheelchairs. people who are compromised by physical disabilities (M/S, blindness, deafness). Our choices are limited. 6. RESIDENTS OF WOODLAND TOWERS HAVE CHOSEN THIS LOCATION BECAUSE OF ITS SETTING, QUIET NEIGHBOURHOOD AND SUPPORTIVE LIVING . SENIOR RESIDENCES ARE A HAVEN FOR THOSE WHO FEEL POWERLESS TO EVENTS THAT IMPACT THEIR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH. PLEASE WALK IN OUR SHOES WHILE YOU ARE CONSIDERING THESE ISSUES.

Karen Downey

From:	Diane Cox <
Sent:	Monday, July 8, 2019 2:52 PM
To:	Patricia Shantz
Subject:	[External Email] Planned Gas Plant
Attachments:	Deleted Planned Gas Plant.odt
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Planned Gas Plant

Dan: what are your thoughts on this matter?

At the meeting on July 4th at Spruce Lodge with a city representative, some questions came up that I am not totally clear on.

1. Proposed residential streets, ie. West Gore or John Street S. used by large trucks right now will increase by double or more after the plant is up and running. Can't an alternative street or street to be, established to use for this purpose such as off O'Loane around Dunn's Bridge where there are no residential homes. This would make more sense that would not involve continually going past a school, hospital, retirement home, or on the bicycle path, plus all the private residential homes that these trucks would be disturbing. It would involve making a new street, but wouldn't that be something that should be looked at? WE in this neighbourhood want the same considerations as in other neighbourhoods. This would be a great idea in the industrious part of the city although I realize the sewage plant is here. Wouldn't it be beneficial to take another look at this and not just go forth because it will be a good money maker for the city.

2. Increased odour will be an unpleasant side effect of the operation – who will be monitoring this area diligently? As you probably know this was a very large problem in 2016 in London and is still before the courts after 11 charges were laid.

3 Food waste coming into the plant from all over Ontario – what controls will there be in place to guarantee that only food waste goes through the system or would it be an honour system? We all know where that can lead, convenience can replace honesty if the need arises for companies. If it is just waste from the city, there is a better chance to guard this component.

The result could be that farmers may get sludge that could be harmful for their lands and harmful eventually for our food production. Again the Ellice Swamp would be a prime example of something getting into the aquifer for Stratford.

Also I ask why wasn't this subject brought up during last year's election? Citizens could have been made aware of this proposed project.

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Karen Downey

From:	Noreen -
Sent:	Sunday, July 7, 2019 5:14 PM
To:	Randy Pettapiece; Jo-Dee Burbach; Tom Clifford; Dave Gaffney; Bonnie Henderson; Danielle Ingram; Martin Ritsma; Cody Sebben; Kathy Vassilakos; Brad Beatty; Graham Bunting; Patricia Shantz; Megan Inacio
Subject:	[External Email] Hi to all
Follow Up Flag:	Follow up
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I am living at Hamlet Estate so am very upset as to the Gas plant project

! We have 3 driveways into Spruce Lodge all being on West Gore where many residents walk , walk with walkers ,motorized devices so it is a BIG Safety Concern .

2 Truck coming down on West Gore where there is a 4 way stop a HOSPITAL corner WOW ?

3 Too many trucks Noise & Safety

4 Property Value will not be good

5 Odour ?

Please consider these issues as many of us living in the Towers,Spruce Lodge & Hamlet Estate are very concerned.

Thanks for reading N. MacDougald

Karen Downey

From: Steve McTavish
Sent: Tuesday, July 2, 2019 5:06 PM
To: Dlgram@stratford.ca; Jo-Dee Burbach; Brad Beatty; Bonnie Henderson; Cody Sebben; Dave Gaffney; Graham Bunting; Kathy Vassilakos; Martin Ritsma; megan.inacio@ontario.ca; Patricia Shantz; randy.pettapiececo@pc.ola.org; Tom Clifford
Subject: [External Email] Gas Plant

This email is from Stephen and Sharon Mctavish of St. Stratford

We are a retired couple who live, own and pay municipal taxes on the identified address.

Along with a large number of our neighbours we attended the public information session on June 13/19 at the Burnside Agriplex regarding the proposed gas plant. The absence of elected officials at this "session" was duly noted by all. The first question raised was how many people behind the proposal actually live near the proposed plant or on the planned transport route, at this point not surprising it appears to be none.

If the city of Stratford is so environmentally conscious why do we not have a green box program? In fact of the 24,000 metric tones of waste to be processed it is estimated that a mere 1000 tons would be local, assuming that a green box program were in place. Apparently the rest is to be transported by heavy A-class tanker trucks from Kitchener Waterloo region.

Therefore approximately 96% of the waste is from out of area. These trucks are fuelled by diesel. Diesel particulate is and has been for a long time known as highly carcinogenic. WHO - the world health organization ranks it in the same categories as asbestos, arsenic and mustard gas!

Given the large number of trucks that will be on our highways and city streets on a daily and nightly basis it seems to me that a large daily dose of particulate can be expected to contaminate the air and property surfaces EG: our homes, nursing homes, schools (including children's playground equipment), the medical center and the local hospital.

Let's be realistic, vehicles have mechanical failures and become involved in collisions either solo or involving other vehicles, pedestrians and fixed objects such as trees, infrastructure public and private property.

These trucks are extremely heavy and will speed the demise of our streets. Given this city's current road conditions and track record for upkeep we can ill afford more damage.

Navigating said vehicles through Stratfords narrow streets and at Erie and West Gore streets collision prone intersection will be a make work program for all emergency services and city work crews.

Currently the speed limit on West Gore which Is not a main artery truck route is 40km per hour. Some do drive at the limit, most do not. This includes city works vehicles, police vehicles operating without warning systems , delivery trucks and notably the city bus. I never thought a public transit city bus was capable of such high speeds, I Stand corrected! If the city is looking to generate more money perhaps photo radar might be the ticket to safer streets instead of adding to the problem!

No doubt these high speeds runs are due to scheduling commitments, which I fully expect will happen with these tankers as well.

Then there is the plant itself, "carefully monitored and controlled "? The London free press paints a different picture. Stormfisher Environment Ltd is facing 11 different charges to date stemming from "plant issues", illegal discharges, leaving doors open , a spillage (not reported) not complying with power outage backup system.

Then there is the report from neighbours complaining of the chronic stench in that London neighbourhood.

The existing plant in Stratford stinks now, quadrupling its size will clearly lead to a heavier and hence more wide spread coverage of offensive and quite likely health damaging gases.

This plant needs to be away from populace, nature trails and the river and closer to the source of material. It is my considered opinion that this proposal had little to nothing to do with greenhouse gases and everything to do with the almighty dollar. Speaking of money, 5 million from government sources, the other 15 million from where? Assuming the project came in on budget, which would be rare.

Therefore I am thinking taxes will increase to pay for this venture and for street repairs due to heavy truck damage.

I read where a creative writer described this project as " a feather in Stratfords cap", for all of us subjected to this its more like " additional nails in our coffins" and devaluated property values.

I also note that this gas plant venture was never mentioned during last falls election. We will remember this fact for the next one. Any incumbents would be well advised to stay away from canvassing this end of town, it wont be a warm and fuzzy encounter from everyone in this area that I have spoken to. I guess that is why none of you showed up to the information session.

I can't help but to compare this to Western Europe Kyoto diesel accord which had governments take the position that expendable poor and old people live near roadways. I would sincerely hope that this Marie Antoinette- esque attitude doesn't exist here in Stratford, however it look bad.

Respectfully Stephen and Sharon Mctavish

Karen Downey

From: Steve Gruchy
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2019 11:59 AM
To: Ed Dujlovic
Subject: [External Email] New Waste Processing at 701 West Gore St

Dear Mr. Dujlovic,

I am the property owner of . I have a question regarding the notice delivered to my house concerning the changes to the Waste Processing Site at 701 West Gore St.

The notice states in part... "Waste transportation trucks would be routed to the Site via Erie Street/Highway 7 to West Gore Street".

Will this selected route be enforced? I ask this because all of the current truck traffic to the site takes the route John Street South to West Gore. Is that the approved route for the current truck traffic?

Also, there is a section of lawn at the south west corner of John St S. and West Gore that is always in a damaged state due to the trucks (and sometimes city busses) driving over the curb and onto the lawn when making a right turn from West Gore onto John St. S. I ask that as part of this project, the city consider this damage due to truck traffic and develop a solution to the problem. I'm not suggesting that the trucks should not be permitted to turn right off West Gore on to John St. S., I'm suggesting that something be done with that corner to prevent it from being in a constant state of disrepair.

Thanks,

Steve Gruchy

Karen Downey

From: emailofficeoftheMayor@stratford.ca
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2019 10:21 PM
To: Patricia Shantz
Subject: [External Email] New Response Completed for Email the Office of the Mayor

Hello,

Please note the following response to Email the Office of the Mayor has been submitted on Wednesday June 26th 2019 10:20 PM with reference number 2019-06-26-004.

- **Subject:**
  West Gore Street Waste Processing Site
- **Full name:**
  Linda Lauzon
- **Email address:**
- **Daytime phone number:**
- **Street# and name:**
- **City:**
  Stratford
- **Message:**
  I am sending this email as a concerned West Gore Street resident. I fully support this project and understand the rationale for this location. However, I think you should seriously consider creating a new truck route. As you know West Gore Street is a residential street and many large trucks will have a negative impact on a significant number of people. I think it is fair to say that this will expand even more in the future and believe it is best to deal with the issue now.

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Ed Dujlovic

From: Ed Dujlovic
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2019 9:54 AM
To: Ed Dujlovic
Subject: Fwd: [External Email] Followup phone call
Attachments: 20190616_203818.jpg

Sent from my Bell Samsung device over Canada's largest network.

-------- Original message --------
From: Kathy Vassilakos <KVassilakos@stratford.ca>
Date: 2019-06-17 7:39 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: mel leasa <[redacted]>
Cc: Ed Dujlovic <EDujlovic@stratford.ca>
Subject: Re: [External Email] Followup phone call

Mel

I have copied Ed Dujlovic so he has your feedback.

Thank you,

Kathy

On Jun 17, 2019, at 7:35 PM, mel leasa [redacted]> wrote:

> Re: Waste processing site
>
> Hopefully this map of the route that I proposed will help this waste processing plan.
>
> Mel Leasa
> <20190616_203818.jpg>

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ADDLE HILL
Great TOWER HILL

Karen Downey

From: emailcitycouncil@stratford.ca
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2019 6:33 PM
To: Patricia Shantz
Subject: [External Email] New Response Completed for Email City Council

Hello,

Please note the following response to Email City Council has been submitted on Tuesday June 18th 2019 6:32 PM with reference number 2019-06-18-008.

- **Subject:**
  Renewable Natural Gas Project
- **Full name:**
  Kirk & Robin Roberts
- **Email address:**
- **Daytime phone number:**
- **Street# and name:**
  Apt, Suite, Bldg. (optional)
- **City:**
  Stratford
- **Message:**
  We would like to express our concerns with the proposed Renewable Natural Gas Project that is to be constructed at the existing Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant. As a resident on the proposed truck route, we were taken by surprise that this project has already received 5 million dollars in funding and has estimated Construction start dates. All of this is in place and yet the impacted neighbourhood was notified at a Public Meeting on June 13th 2019. Are all residents of Stratford aware of this proposal. If you do not subscribe to the Beacon Herald you would not be aware of this. We, as citizens, are not opposed to the Bio Gas Plant, we strongly oppose the location. West Gore Street is a 2 lane Residential Street housing Schools, Medical facilities, Retirement homes, a Hospital and of course the T J Dolan Conservation Area. Surrounding this proposed plant is a Christian School, a swimming facility and homes that residents have worked hard to be able to own. We already have truck traffic to the existing facility (up to 30 per day in peak times as stated by Marcel Misuraca). Some councillors argue that there will only be an increase of 2-3 new trucks per day but the "TRUCK ROUTE" posted on the City Of Stratford Website says that 13-16 trucks are proposed per day. With

West Gore being a dead end street this is actually approximately 32 trucks per day coming and going. We are very concerned with the risks associated with a Bio Gas Plant. Fire and Explosion, Risk of Gas Poisoning, Leaks, Pathogens and Space Hazards. Of course, the Consultants tried to downplay these safety concerns but this is OUR backyard. Because of traffic noise, odours, safety and $20 million dollars, we feel this is a very unsuitable location for this Plant. Great Idea, Wrong Location!

Respectfully
Kirk & Robin Roberts

- **File name/description:**

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COMMENT FORM

Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant: A Net Zero Plant Through Resource Recovery

Name: CLIVE ELLERBY

Address: 3 **Telephone:**

Email Address:

How did you hear about this event? ☑ Letter/E-mail to editor ☑ Local newspaper Wed July 3/19 ☐ Other

Please add me to the Project contact list ☑

Comments: West Gore is by large a residential area & the street outside Woodland Towers is not designed for heavy traffic. The turn at Erie & West Gore is very awkward & has poor sight lines. It is an accident waiting to happen! Also, during the Theatre season the afternoon traffic of tourists & trucks will quite likely conflict.

Total traffic is seriously underestimated because green bin waste is never 100% organic so extra trucks will be needed to "truck" the non organic waste to the Ponsonby Stidumps.

Are agreements ready to be signed with the clean water agency for operating this system? Will there be other potential customers for buying the end product? If so, at what price? Not to have the birds will mean any locate are like pie in the sky!

All in all, good idea wrong location!

SUBMITTING COMMENTS VIA EMAIL

Please submit comments by ***Thursday, July 11, 2019*** to:

Ed Dujlovic, Director of Infrastructure and Development Services, City of Stratford
519-271-0250 Ext. 224 **| edujlovic@stratford.ca**

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The personal information requested on this form is being collected by The Corporation of the City of Stratford under the authority of the Municipal Act and will be used for the purpose of assisting city staff in making a decision on this project and for administrative purposes. All names, addresses and comments will be included in material available to the public in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Questions about the collection and use of this information may be made to the City Clerk, City Hall, P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1 or by telephone (519) 271-0250, ext. 235

Ed Dujlovic

From: Judy or Curtis Hill <
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2019 9:05 AM
To: Ed Dujlovic
Cc: randy.pettapiececo@pc.ola.org; John.Nater@parl.gc.ca
Subject: [External Email] Gas Plant Plan

Ed

I am an owner and on the board of directors for the Condos. at Trailsend located at 589 West Gore Street. I think if the City had an different route for the trucks to enter into the sewer plant with the green waste it would make the people living on West Gore happy. If the city could look into bring the trucks in from Lorne Ave., which is the truck route, it would be wiser. I know it would mean building a road through green space and losing some trees but it would stop the trucks from coming through the residential streets and away from all the things people are concerned about. Give it a thought, check into to see if it could be done, if not now sometime in the near feature.

Curtis Hill

Ed Dujlovic

From: Bill & Peg Murphy/Stewart <r a>
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2019 10:45 AM
To: Ed Dujlovic; tanya.bogoslowski; imaharjan; enviropermissions
Subject: [External Email] Final Approval by Stratford City Council to Modify the Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant

June 17, 2019

William Murphy/Margaret Stewart

Stratford ON

Dear Sir and Madams,

While you may be up to speed on the city's Infrastructure and Development Services project to modify the Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant to increase biogas production, those of us who live in the neighbourhood just learned about it last week.

Our concern is not about the processing of additional organic waste, but the increase in huge, heavy waste transportation trucks that would be routed to the site via Erie Street/Highway 7 to West Gore before 9 a.m. and after 3 p.m. As one neighbourhood resident says, "It is hard to imagine a more people centered and caring street in all of Stratford than West Gore Street." Along this street there are dozens of places including: Jenny Trout, Cedar Croft home for the elderly, Church St. Apartments, Hamlet Public School (built very close to the street), Stratford General Hospital with large parking lot, housing for homeless youth, dormitory for international students, public swimming pool, medical offices, Trail's End Condominiums, Woodland Towers, Spruce Lodge, Hamlet Estate Village, Perth County Health Unit, T.J. Dolan Nature Reserve plus beautiful and well maintained private residences.

Imagine how much traffic (ambulances, fire trucks, police vehicles, buses, cars, trucks and more), we see every day coming to and fro on this dead-end street from all these places. Increasing waste transportation truck traffic on this street will create a major safety issue for vehicles and pedestrians especially children and seniors using the road.

West Gore is a narrow city street that was not built to accommodate large trucks. It will need to be re-constructed and widened to handle this truck traffic. It would be much better to spend this money on building a short road off of O'Loane Avenue through what is municipal property to the Water Pollution Control Plant.

If the City of Stratford changes the route for the waste transportation trucks into the plant, I believe the West Gore Street community will be much happier about your plans to modify the Water Pollution Control Plant.

I urge you to reconsider this project at least until the route to the Plant is changed from West Gore Street.

William Murphy and Margaret Stewart

COMMENT FORM

Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant: A Net Zero Plant Through Resource Recovery

Name: Maya Liechti

Address: [illegible] **Telephone:** [illegible]

E-mail Address: li[illegible]n.

How did you hear about this event? ❑ Letter/E-mail ❑ Local newspaper ❑ Other

Please add me to the Project contact list ❑

Comments: 1) Worry about the noise from the buildings
Worry about the odour and ministry should check that out.
Concerned about using waste from all of Ontario.
Concerned that this is going to be in a residential area.
Worry that air will not be healthy and safe with that for years to come.
Worried about housing (prices) getting lower because of the smell by a production plant of that size.
So many homes, school, hospital, residential area in this area.

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COMMENT FORM

Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant: A Net Zero Plant Through Resource Recovery

Name: DEBRA BUCHANAN

Address: [redacted] **Telephone:** [redacted]

E-mail Address: [redacted]

How did you hear about this event? ☐ Letter/E-mail ☐ Local newspaper ☒ Other Flyer

Please add me to the Project contact list ☐

Comments:

LOCATION LOCATION LOCATION!

The project sounds very economical, environmentally sound and the way of the future.

BUT - I did not buy a house on a truck route. There is enough traffic with the hospital and existing trucks for the waste plant. It is still a residential area.

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COMMENT FORM

Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant: A Net Zero Plant Through Resource Recovery

Name: Susan Kinnear info in letter
Address: **Telephone:**
E-mail Address: .com

How did you hear about this event? ☐ Letter/E-mail ☐ Local newspaper ☐ Other

Please add me to the Project contact list ☐

Comments:
- Sounds like a done deal.
- I feel like council has really let us down adults as seniors.
- The plan sounds fine but where it's going to be located is ridiculous It should be in an industrial area.
- Please read my letter
- I will be sending more letters to some people who may care.
- I'm surprised to learn that your equipment (digesters) are 20 yrs. old. Seems like a problem.
- One road in and out. If something (an explosion or fire etc. happens how will you be able to clear all the areas? Spruce Lodge, The Towers etc.
- Your maximum truck traffic seems deceptively low. Almost unbelievable.
- Feels like the decision has been made.
- Feels like the risk financially is quite large. - 15 million loan could be dicey.

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Stratford Council Meeting
June 13 2019
Susan Kinnear
Stratford, ON

As a senior, I want you to know, this council will be responsible for affecting the quality of life of well over a thousand seniors living in this area.

- You have Hamlet Estates with 67 one and two 2 bedroom units,
- Woodland Towers with 131 apartments, also one and two bedroom units,
- Spruce Lodge with over 140 residents,
- Trails End Condos with 10 units some with 3 bedrooms.
- All these seniors live West of John St. on West Gore St. It's a high density area of only senior citizens.

Where do we go if we cannot stand the stench and the noise? I feel that once again seniors are being treated poorly by the decisions of this council. This will be your legacy. Where will you be living in your later years in Stratford?

Thank you for listening, although I would imagine that if you have called us here for a public meeting the proposal for all this sewage is a done deal and already in the works.

Thank you, Susan Kinnear

Please see comment form as well.

Karen Downey

From: emailofficeoftheMayor@stratford.ca
Sent: Sunday, June 16, 2019 9:27 AM
To: Patricia Shantz
Subject: [External Email] New Response Completed for Email the Office of the Mayor

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Hello,

Please note the following response to Email the Office of the Mayor has been submitted on Sunday June 16th 2019 9:26 AM with reference number 2019-06-16-001.

- **Subject:**
  Proposed Industrial/Commercial Gas Plant and Collection Facility
- **Full name:**
  Roger Lloyd
- **Email address:**
- **Daytime phone number:**
  (519
- **Street# and name:**
- **City:**
  Stratford
- **Message:**
  This email relates to the proposed Industrial/Commercial Gas Plant and Collection Facility meeting held on June 13, 2019 by the City of Stratford at the Agriplex.

  Those in attendance were asked to submit their concerns in handwriting, on a blank form provided at the meeting but I chose to take my single copy of talking points and questions home with me, copy them and attach them in this email. As you will discover, transcribing to handwriting, my talking points and concerns would have been time consuming. Please find that attachment at the end of this email and please forgive the format of these attached notes as they were intended to be speaking notes for my personal use.

  The meeting was a disappointment from the onset. The format was to have City employees and consultants, identified by their name tags, standing in front of

informational posters and the public was invited to mill around and individually discuss concerns with persons sporting a name tag. The meeting format reminded one of a sales pitch at a trade show. The format felt like its intention was to put nuanced information out from the presenters point of view and encounter as little public input or opposition as possible. It felt like the presenters wanted a 'Meet and Greet' and not a public airing of citizen concerns.

Thankfully, the public in attendance revolted and demanded a change in format by which the concerns of the group could be aired as a community. To the City's and especially the moderator's credit, something that resembled a real public meeting was hastily arranged.

It became immediately apparent that the meeting was not intended to gain public input as to whether or not an Industrial/Commercial Gas Plant and Collection Facility was something the citizens wanted or needed. We were told the project had been in development by the City for years and large amounts of financial, human and consultant resources were already consumed. Those in attendance were informed that we had two weeks from the date of this meeting to make our concerns known. The City gets years, but the small minority of the public that is even aware of the proposed project, gets two weeks. The date of the City Council meeting in which the proposal would be discussed by council could not or would not be provided by the presenters or even by the unidentified and anonymously seated City councilors in attendance. Every recipient of this email should request to see all of the information posters that were on display. Wording to the effect that: "Clearing on the construction site will begin in late summer 2019", "Construction will begin in early Fall of 2019" and similar statements led those in attendance to believe the decision had already been made. Mr. Dujlovic did his best to backpedal from these printed and posted statements and to assure those in attendance that no City Council decision and no approvals had been made and that public input could halt or derail the project. Just hurry up and get your concerns submitted in the next two weeks because no further public meetings are scheduled. These assurances did not quite pass the 'smell' test (all puns intended).

It is clear that the main purpose of the meeting of June 13, 2019 was a feeble and not very transparent attempt to fulfill the requirement that the public be consulted prior to submitting a proposal to the Approval Authorities i.e. ECA (Waste Disposal Site), ECA Amendment (Air & Noise) and ECA Amendment (Industrial Sewage Works). This single meeting makes a mockery of the concept of public consultation. In this day and age, the public needs to be involved from the very beginning (conceptual stage) of any project proposal that will have such a profound effect on the community. This proposal was years in the making. Only a tiny portion of the population, even at this late date, is aware that such a proposal exists. Not only is there a lack of public consultation, there is a decided lack of public awareness of the proposal. If initial and ongoing public input had been requested and encouraged by the City, the City may have learned that its citizens do not want an Industrial/Commercial Gas Plant and Collection Facility located in a residential area with truck traffic routes through residential neighbourhoods. Initial and ongoing public input may have made the City aware that its citizens are not in

favour of investing/gambling tax payer funds to the tune of $20 000 000 (before cost overruns) into a for profit enterprise that has all the inherent risks of the free market. A $5 000 000 provincial grant is still public funds and the city taking out a $15 000 000 loan to place on top of an existing, significant City debt, may not be an expenditure that the citizens of this fair city want to undertake. The City may have learned that many of its constituents do not favour, for profit, government owned and funded businesses encroaching and competing with the private sector. The current, Conservative, Provincial government promotes less government and yet they are going to fund and encourage more. The City could have saved its citizens all the costs expended on developing a proposal for a project that the citizens do not want (especially at the W. Gore location), and did not want from the beginning, if only they asked.
A poorly advertised, single public meeting, with a 2 week time period to submit concerns, held at the end of a project, proposal process, years in the making, makes a sham of the concept of public consultation and input. The City's process for developing this proposal is far removed from something akin to the Charette Process, a process that is appropriate in developing these kinds of projects. The whole public consultation, information dispensing and public input process employed by the City in developing this proposal is a mockery of democracy. It is reminiscent of the backroom planning of the distant past. Build a big 'head of steam' for the project, spend a bunch of money, get shovels in the ground and the project will be unstoppable. One can only hope that the Approval Authorities will not be fooled into thinking that one public meeting, held at the very end of the proposal process, can be deemed to be an acceptable level and frequency of public input and consultation. However, do not think that hosting a bunch of public meetings just for putting on a show of public consultation is being requested. Don't waste the time for public input and consultation if the deal is done and the project is going ahead regardless.

No one is saying that diverting organic waste from landfill is a bad idea.
No one is saying that using SSO and IC&I waste materials to produce natural gas is a bad idea.

The location of the proposed Industrial/Commercial Gas Plant and Collection Facility in an intensively people centered neigbourhood, adjacent to a sprawling senior citizen housing and care facility; is a bad idea.
The truck route, on a no trucks allowed residential street, passing by a hospital, senior homes, care facilities, a public school and beautiful, well maintained private residences; is a bad idea.
Importing from outside the City of Stratford (anywhere in Ontario) at minimum, 70 % of the waste material needed to make the gas plant viable and trucking it down inappropriate traffic corridors to an inappropriate collection and processing location; is a bad idea.
Not involving the public from the inception of the proposed project; is a bad idea.
Spending tax payer dollars and going further in debt to start and operate a for-profit but government owned business; is a risky and questionable idea.

Maybe, in an appropriate industrial location, with adequate and appropriate

transportation corridors, a municipally owned and operated Industrial/Commercial Gas Plant and Collection Facility could be a palatable idea to those who believe governments have a place in the marketplace.

There are City employees and departments who have 'hitched their wagon to the rising star' of this proposal; A first of its kind! There are City Councilors who have made this proposal their 'pet'. No doubt there are provincial personnel, especially in the environmental and Approval departments that see this project as a 'feather in their cap'. Money and resources have been expended in the development of the proposal and there abides in many a desire to double down when already invested, regardless the costs. In many there exists a desire to take advantage of 'free' grant money while the opportunity exists without considering that 'free' grant money is taxpayer money.

At the risk of bruising a few egos and stepping on a few toes, please do the right thing and stop this proposal from going forward. This is not a career building opportunity. This is a human story with real social, urban, transit and moral costs that can and never will be repaid even if the financial costs may be repaid in a decade or so.

Like a train rolling down a track these kind of proposed projects develop a momentum of their own, but they can be stopped. Cut the losses. Learn from the experience. Shelve the proposal or find an appropriate location for it. Demonstrate that rational citizen input truly matters to you.

Thank you for everything you have done to make Stratford the best city. Be encouraged to represent the best interests and desires of the public you serve. Fight the good fight! Run the good race!

Yours in community,
R. Lloyd
Please acknowledge receipt of this email correspondence. Feel free to respond so that I and my neighbours know where you stand on this issue.
Please open the accompanying attachment that contains my talking notes and photos.

- **File name/description:**
  1. Gas Plant Talking Points.docx [378.7 KB]

[This is an automated email notification -- please do not respond]

Public Information Session Thurs. June 13, 2019 re: City Proposed Industrial/Commercial Gas Plant and Collection Facility Construction

Preamble:

- The handbill method of informing a small portion of the public of this important meeting and proposal, a proposal that has city wide implications, was inefficient, unreliable and inappropriate. Many homes no longer have a mailbox attached and if they do, they are not checked with regularity. Some handbills, to the intended area, were either not delivered or were blown away from porches. Every address in Stratford has a Canada Post box and bulk mail is a far better option. The City already has the contact information both physical and electronic for most of the property owners and that too is a better option. After inadvertently hearing about this handbill on Wednesday June 5 at a golf event, I was able to purloin a copy from a vacant residence on Sunday June 9. I was shocked to read it and shocked that the public meeting was only 4 days away. Every citizen in Stratford should have been informed of this meeting and should have had plenty of information and time to prepare. Was it intentional that the meeting was only advertised to a small number of citizens and was it intentional that time for citizens to prepare, educate themselves and/or organize was kept to a minimum?
- In the very recent past, the city of Stratford issued building permits for 14 homes on W. Gore and Woods St., (formerly operated as a surgeon's office), that is just up the street from the proposed site and along the proposed truck route. Millions of dollars were invested by the purchasers of these homes. Purchasers need to believe that planning and permit issuing departments operate in good faith and 'have the backs' of the citizens making these life altering investments. How in the name of the concept of planning, can the City immediately turn around and propose the construction of a huge, Industrial/Commercial Gas Plant and Collection Facility, virtually next door? This is an ethical and moral issue. Pronouncing, "Caveat Emptor" or "NIMBY" is a hollow and cynical response. The citizens of this neighbourhood embrace the elderly, the sick, the infirm, the homeless and all the traffic and congestion needed to service their needs. These most vulnerable neighbours are welcome and cherished and they are treated with empathy regardless of the sirens and flashing lights of firetrucks and ambulances that run throughout the day and night. They are our neighbours and they have needs. The citizens of this neighbourhood live beside and tolerate (some days barely) a sewage plant that services the needs of all of Stratford. All the sewage needs of Stratford end up in our backyard and on some days we just plug our nose and do our civic duty. This is not a NIMBY issue. It is an issue about a caring community and doing what is fair and right.
- It is not the job of City officials, City employees and presenters, both in house and out of house, to sell a concept or project to the public. It is not their job to cast the project in the best, possible light. It is not their job to accentuate the positive and downplay the negative. It is not their job to be spin doctors. It is their job and duty to be forthright, up front, honest, transparent and level. Every idea and concept has its pros and cons and they should receive equal treatment. Proposals should be presented in the plain light of day with all warts included. The City and its employees should want and foster public knowledge about everything they propose, even if there is an ugly side or consequence. Public input and opposition is not an inconvenience that needs to be manipulated, curtailed and mollified. We are not the enemy. The public is whom you serve.

Talking Points:

- Good Idea – Wrong Location

There are merits to a Gas Producing Factory using waste as the raw material but not at the proposed location or along proposed transportation routes. A person would be hard pressed to find a worse

location for the proposed Industrial/Commercial Gas Plant and Collection Facility, anywhere, in any city, including Stratford.

- West Gore St. and environs is an established residential area with institutional usage involving the education, housing and health care of people. The proposed Industrial/Commercial Gas Plant and Collection Facility, along with its truck traffic routes are not compatible with a People Centered, Caring Neighbourhood. The proposed Gas Plant and Collection Facility with its trucking needs and routes negatively impacts and is incompatible with streets full of well maintained and beautiful private residences, Stratford Hospital, Spruce Lodge, Woodland Towers, Hamlet Village, Perth County Health office, Hamlet Public School, Cedarcroft home for the elderly, Jenny Trout Centre, Medical Offices, Homeless youth housing, dormitory housing for international students, publically used swimming pool and the TJ Dolan Natural and Conservation Area. A more people centered and people serving neighbourhood cannot be found in the city. It is a unique and special part of town.
- The proposed truck traffic route will change W. Gore St. from a NO Trucks Allowed, speed reduced, street into a mandatory truck route. The City has obviously recognized the special needs and uses of W. Gore St. and that is why trucks are not allowed and speed is heavily restricted. Not only waste hauling trucks from outside the city will use the street as a truck route but once the 'genie is out of the bottle', trucks of all kinds will roll down that street. The police recognize the special needs of W. Gore St. and they are regular stationed there enforcing speed limits and truck restrictions that protect the special needs of school children, senior citizens, patients and the vehicles that serve them. The power of a new project, the chance of turning a profit, the possibility of adding a feather to a cap can blind and push established concerns and procedures to the side.

The Big Three : Traffic, Safety and Odour (in ranked order)

1. Traffic:

W. Gore St. is already a busy street and it is compounded by the dead end nature of the street. All traffic including truck traffic, west of John St. must be retraced (doubling traffic flow). All truck traffic west of Erie St. will have to be retraced (doubling truck traffic flow). Thousands of cars, trucks, ambulances, fire trucks, City buses, People Mover mini buses, taxis, delivery vehicles and private vehicles tax the area daily. An increase in truck volume will exasperate existing traffic. The intersection of John St. and W. Gore is already a place of regular vehicular accidents and near misses. Since currently, no trucks are allowed along W. Gore, between John and Erie, the percentage change in truck traffic volume will be astronomical. Changing the status of W. Gore will turn a beautiful, narrow street into a Truck Route. Noise and air pollution as trucks roll by with diesel engines, engine braking and squealing physical brakes is incompatible with the neighbourhood and its inhabitants. Transport tanker trucks servicing the existing sewer plant are already a traffic hazard and inconvenience. Adding additional, daily transport truck traffic hauling waste material (SSO waste and IC&I waste) imported to the City will only make a bad situation worse. The City will burden our neighbourhood with the disposal of waste from communities and entities outside our boundaries. The City proposes to make a bad situation worse.

2. Safety:

When the unimaginable becomes the imaginable, what are we going to do? In the event of fire, explosion or major truck accident at the proposed Gas Plant and Collection Facility that will house a toxic brew of gases and toxic substances, what are the plans? How will the sick and elderly be evacuated from a dead end street? What about the sick and infirm at the nearby hospital? What happens when a

senior using a walker, wheelchair, motorized mobility device, or one with plain old ambulatory deficiencies cannot get out of the way of the increased flow of out of town truck traffic? What if a senior has a senior's moment and unexpectedly ventures into the street. Those trucks represent thousands of kilograms of steel, rubber and waste barreling downhill to the site. Those out of town trucks are operated by drivers, many unfamiliar with the area and to whom time and speed mean money. What about a child that should have the right to live, learn and play in a residential neighbourhood? What happens when a ball is chased in a moment of excitement or a game of tag causes a lapse in judgment and an unsafe venture into a Truck Route, that once had no trucks, occurs? What about the school children that cross the street, to and from Hamlet Public School daily. What about an elderly resident of Cedar Croft, living out her last days that now finds herself living on a Truck Route? What about the sick recovering and the dying being treated at the hospital and all they want is a little peace and not to endure a Truck Route including province wide refuse rolling by?

3. Odour:

The odour issue is the least of the 3 big concerns and maybe that is because the neighbourhood has grown accustomed to the issue and because modern technology should be able to mitigate the situation to a degree.

The W. Gore sewage plant is already the worst neighbour in the neighbourhood. On some days the stench is barely tolerable. Windows must be shut and laundry hurriedly brought in off the line. Windows close and A/C units get cranked adding to energy usage. Sewage tanker trucks already ply the streets with their own peculiar smells. The increased volume in waste materials can only worsen the situation. The City can try all it might to contain and modulate aromas emanating from the proposed Industrial/Commercial Gas Plant and Collection Facility but you cannot prevent failure when the smell test is applied. More means more. More handling, storing, shipping, unloading, processing, stirring and collecting of odour producing materials will only mean more stench. Forgive us for not being mollified with assurances to the contrary in spite of negative air and other new technologies. Stuff gets spilled. Accidental discharge happens. Some truckers are less than responsible.

Questions

1. What percentage of the material needed to make the gas plant viable is going to be trucked to the doorstep of the proposed facility. What percentage is locally generated and what percentage is imported? Where is the imported material coming from?

2. Do concerned citizens have the opportunity to correspond directly with the approval authorities? Are the ECA (Waste Disposal Site), the ECA Amendment (Air & Noise) and ECA Amendment (Industrial Sewage Works) the only approval agencies or are there others? What is the contact information for the **individuals** within those authorities that are responsible for approval? Citizens need to contact the correct people in charge and not go through the general receptionist and hope they get to the right people. What are the timelines/schedules for direct submission of citizen concerns to the City and Approval Authorities?

3. How many of the Approval Authorities need to greenlight the City's proposal in order for it to be a go/nogo? Does a single denial of approval derail the project?

4. What are the processes, timelines and schedules for City Council to make a decision regarding going ahead with the gas plant project? How will the opinions and concerns of citizens be taken into account?

5. How do concerned citizens reserve their right for further, meaningful input? What are the schedules and deadlines for citizen input?

6. What are the appeal processes and mechanisms available to citizens and concerned parties should the City greenlight the project?

7. Does the project require environmental assessment? If so, what are the assessments and are they class assessments or full assessments? If class assessments, can they be bumped to full assessments?

8. Why is the City proposing to change W. Gore St. from a designated and posted No Trucks Allowed, speed reduced (40km/h) Collateral Road into an Arterial Road? What is the approval and decision making process for this change?

9. What is the current volume of truck traffic to and from the existing sewage plant? What is the projected truck volume for the proposed gas plant at inception, 5 years in the future, 10 years in the future, etc? Does that truck traffic projection include organic material collected within the city and diverted from the dump?

10. Why isn't the current sewage plant left to operate in its current usage? Why not locate the new gas plant in an industrial park where it belongs? If you would like to relocate the existing sewage plant to another site while you are at it, the neighbourhood would celebrate.

11. The City's Official Plan designates the site as Residential, Park and Open Space. How was the existing sewage plant reconciled to that designation? How would an industrial/commercial gas plant and all its collection and truck traffic needs be reconciled to Residential, Park and Open Space?

12. The Zoning Bylaw has the W. Gore site zoned Institutional which includes public usage. The existing sewage plant is a stretch to be considered public usage. How within the limits of credulity can a revenue generating, commercial/industrial gas production plant and collection facility be compatible to that zoning? The proposed Gas Plant and Collection Facility is an Industrial Factory whose purpose is to generate revenue like every other industrial factory and should be suitably located.

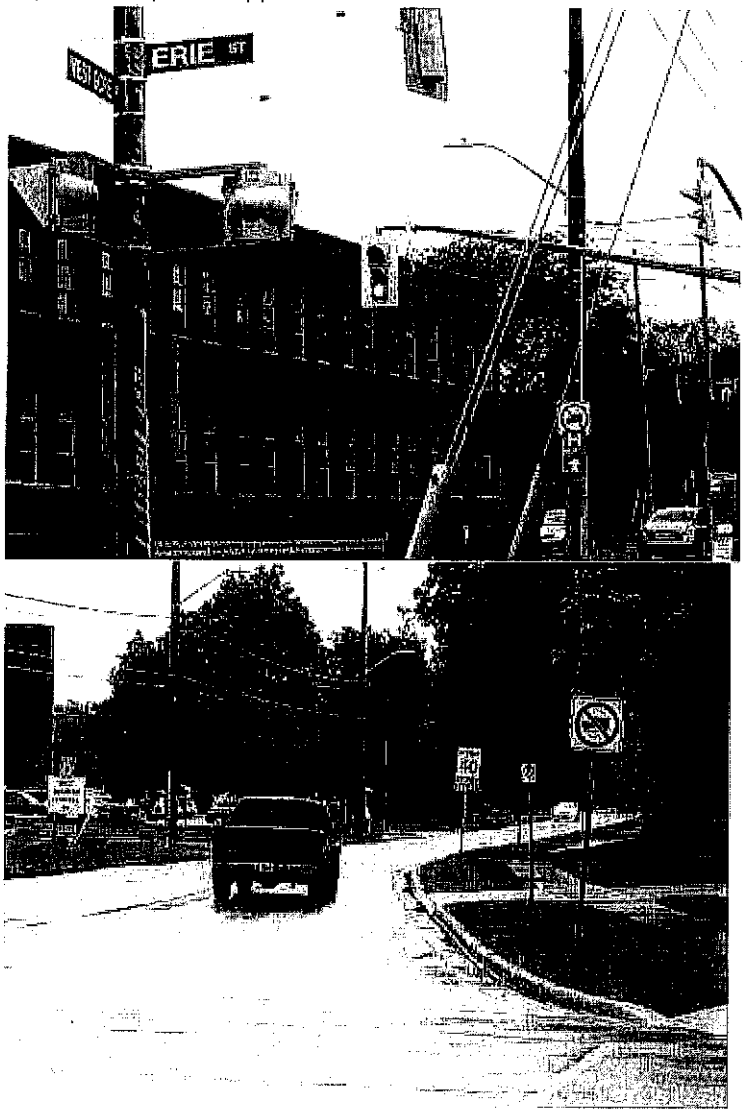
13. How will truck traffic times be enforced?

14. How will the proposed truck route be enforced especially with trucks traveling from the west and the north? Will they really drive past John St and head down to Erie St in the heart of downtown? Or will that be as unenforced and unenforceable as current truck routes?

15. If the Gas Plant concept is such a viable business plan, what assurances does the City have that raw materials will remain available at profitable rates when private business and other municipalities get in on the act? Increased demand for waste materials will undercut the prices

charged by the City for disposal and will impact the profitability of the gas plant. Competition can also undercut prices paid to the City for natural gas and that too will negatively impact the profitability of the gas plant. The private sector is already in this business so why does the City believe it should be in a business that competes with private enterprise?

16. The proposed site, abuts a conservation area. Are any approvals required because of that and if so, have they been applied for and received?



Ed Dujlovic

From: Roger Lloyd <
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2019 10:38 AM
To: Bonnie Henderson
Cc: Ed Dujlovic
Subject: Re: [External Email] Proposed Gas Plant

Councillor Henderson,
Thanks for the links. Once again, you are the only City official who continues a correspondence with me. It does not go unnoticed and you are appreciated.
The first link re: transportation was educational for me. The situation is better than I thought but not a whole lot better. According to the chart 4 trucks or 8 truck passages (dead end street) occur on average, daily, carrying outgoing sludge. As those in the neighbourhood will tell you, that is slow day. The sludge truck traffic, as shown on the City's chart,for the new facility, will double that volume. At the meeting one of the experts (Mario?) stated that on some days, in peak season, there can be as many as 30 sludge trucks (60 passages) daily. However, sludge is a seasonal commodity and is not broadcast on fields in the late fall, winter and early spring. There are probably very few or no outgoing daily sludge trucks for more than half the year. This makes the City presented daily sludge truck traffic average appear more palatable or less invasive. The total number of trucks, divided by the days of a full year, instead of half a year, skews the numbers in favour of those promoting the project. A better statistic would be, the daily average of sludge truck traffic during the "sludge trucking season". That average might be closer to 8 per day than the 4 that appears in the chart. If currently, the outgoing sludge truck traffic can spike to 30 trucks a day during peak season, can the sludge truck traffic for the new facility be expected to spike to 60 trucks a day (120 truck passages)? Is the projected daily outgoing sludge truck traffic closer to 16 trucks per day during the sludge trucking season (divide yearly truck traffic by half a year instead of a full year). The "sludge trucking season" coincides with spring and summer, a season of increased activity in the neighbourhood and higher temperatures.
I will quit harping on skewed averages of outgoing sludge trucks, but once a person (me) feels like they are being 'spun' it makes them worry if there are other areas, unknownst to them, on which they are getting the spin. For now, let's accept that 4 trucks a day is the traffic flow for the existing facility. The projected, daily truck traffic for the new facility is 13 -16. If the city can use a number of 4 trucks per day currently, I will pick 16 trucks as my number for the future facility. That is an increase of 12 trucks per day or 24 truck passages. I will demonstrate one of my own persuasive, arithmatical tricks and inform you that a change from 4 trucks/8 passages to 16 trucks/32 passages represents a 400% increase in truck traffic.

On to the second link, which appears to be the template for the posters that were displayed at the June 13 meeting. I think they have been altered from what was displayed. The version in the link includes phrases such as:
Anticipated MECP approval .....;
MECP **may** grant approval.....;
Construction **may** begin .....;
Designs **may** .....
At the meeting, these statement were displayed in the definitive. This point was made by one of the public attendees at the metting. The phrases displayed on the posters indicated that construction would begin and approval would be granted, etc.. The phrases on the posters, made those in attendance think the whole affair is, "a done deal" and we were attending a "show public meeting".
On that point, I want you to know, that all of my friends who were and are either elected officials, former employees of governments and planning departments, employees of governmental evironment agencies, tell me, "Roger, it is a done deal. Stop knocking your head against the bricks. Put up a for sale sign quick".

Councillor Henderson, you give me hope that a better location or new road to the location can be found.
Thanks again for all that you do on all issues, including this one. I am being sincere.
I have cc'd a copy of this response to Mr. Dujlovic as I do not want any hint of my 'saying things behind his back'.
yours,
R. Lloyd
Thanks again,
Roger

On Mon, Jun 17, 2019 at 8:23 PM Bonnie Henderson <[redacted].ca> wrote:
Hi Roger here is the link to the information and I've sent along the trucking information also hope this helps clear up this confusion as I agree it sounded like that to me also at the meeting.
Bonnie
Truck routes - https://www.stratfordcanada.ca/en/insidecityhall/resources/Renewable-Natural-Gas/Trucking-Routes-Proposed-Renewable-Natural-Gas-Project.pdf

Public Information - https://www.stratfordcanada.ca/en/insidecityhall/resources/Renewable-Natural-Gas/Public-Information-Centre-for-Proposed-Renewable-Natural-Gas-Project.pdf

Consider the environment - do you really need to print this email?

From: Roger Lloyd <[redacted]om>
To: b[redacted]n@yahoo.ca
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2019 7:11 PM
Subject: Re: [External Email] Proposed Gas Plant

I believe it is actually printed on one of the posters (in might be in a chart on the poster) that the gas plant would require 13 - 16 trucks of material daily.
R. Lloyd
thanks again, you are making me think that you are listening and representing.

On Mon, Jun 17, 2019 at 1:14 PM [redacted]> wrote:
THANKS AGAIN FOR SENDING ALONG YOUR COMMENTS. THIS IS OF COURSE WILL BE TAKEN VERY SERIOUSLY BY COUNCIL AS WE READ ALL THE COMMENTS AND REPORTS WE WILL DO WHAT IS BEST FOR EVERYONE AND WE BOTH KNOW IT WON'T MATTER WHICH WE DECIDE THERE WILL BE PEOPLE ON BOTH SIDES AND IN BETWEEN ON THIS ISSUE. I WAS ABLE TO ANSWER THIS TIME IN THE COMMENTS I DISCOVERED A LITTLE EDIT BUTTON LOL.....I DID IT IN CAPITAL LETTERS AGAIN. TAKE CARE.
BONNIE
Councillor Henderson,
Thanks for taking the time to reply and to make comments. You are the only one, thus far, to do more than just acknowledge receipt of my email. Although I am not in complete agreement with all of your comments, I do appreciate your sincerity and time.

I want to dispute one fact in your comments. At the meeting, we were informed that 13 -16 (not 3) transport trucks per day, hauling waste from outside the city would be traversing Erie St. and W. Gore. This was the estimate provided at the meeting. This was the estimate for the start up, but did not incude future projections of truck volume. Because, W. Gore is a dead end and all truck traffic needs to be retraced, that is 26 to 32 passages of waste hauling trucks in front of any location on that stretch of W. Gore. (Hamlet Public School ? Cedar Croft? Hospital ? Private homes?).
AFTER THE MEETING I ASKED ABOUT THIS AND IT WAS TOLD ME THAT THIS WAS

CERTAINLY MISUNDERSTOOD THERE WOULD BE 3 ADDITIONAL TRUCKS AND I TOLD HIM THAT I WOULD BE ASKING THIS FOR CLARIFICATION WHEN IT COMES TO COUNCIL AS I FELT NEARLY EVERYONE THERE FELT IT WAS MORE THEN 3 I CERTAINLY HAD THOUGHT THAT. HE SAID HE WAS WONDERING WHY PEOPLE WERE SO UPSET OVER 3 TRUCKS AND I SAID PEOPLE DIDN'T GET THAT FOR SURE IT CAME ACROSS AS 13 - 16 MORE.

But the truck traffic will be much greater. W. Gore between Erie and John will need to lose its "No Trucks Allowed" designation to accomodate the waste haulers. The 'genie is then out of the bottle'. All trucks of any size and nature will then be using that section of W. Gore because I cannot imagine a sign that reads, "No Trucks Allowed Except If You Are Hauling Waste From Outside The City". I didn't appreciate the 'spin' given at the meeting that, "Delivery trucks can currently use that section of the street". Oh really? Delivery trucks have always been an exception, on all 'no trucks allowed' streets and roads. If a driver can prove she is making a delivery or pickup within a 'no trucks' section, she has the right to drive her truck there and thus it has forever been. Not only will all types and kinds of trucks be allowed to use that section of W. Gore but the waste haulers will be mandated to do so.
TRUCKERS KNOW WHAT THAT SIGN MEANS THEY KNOW IT MEANS NO CUTTING THROUGH THIS AREA.
W. Gore in that section is narrow. W. Gore in that section is busy. Accidents will happen. Emergency vehicles are constantly using that corridor to service the needs of thousands of seniors in the neighbourhood. Hamlet Village School, in my opinion, is already too close to the street. Although food scraps are often mentioned as the contents of the waste haulers, SSO waste and IC&L waste contains rotting, fetid, bacteria laden and in many cases, toxic materials. What happens when one of these trucks rolls over and spills (trying to avoid a school child or a senior in a motorized wheelchair)? The city may be able to modulate odours at their new facility but not the odours of out of town truckers.

An increase from no trucks to all trucks, along this newly designated TRUCK ROUTE, will tear up that street, making it a perpetual road repair and construction site. Traffic will then be pinched to a single lane or need to be diverted. A financial cost that might be repaid in 10 years, if the Gas Plant can successfully turn a profit and if that hoped -for profit doesn't get diverted by a future City Council. There is a human, social, urban, safety, quality of life cost that cannot be repaid with money.
THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE ONLY TRUCKS WITH DELIVERIES STILL WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED.
Just to be cynical and to make myself feel better, I will ask the question: If streets need to lose their "No Trucks Allowed" status in order to accomodate the needs of the new gas plant, why not change the "NO Trucks" status of John St. between Huron and W. Gore and have these waste haulers, and trucks of all kinds, roll by on that newly designated "TRUCK ROUTE" past the mansions of some of the most affluent citizens of our city? That truck route, through a residential and institutional neighbourhood is just as short the route proposed through W. Gore, a middle class neighbourhod. I think we both know the answer to that one.
THIS WON'T BE HAPPENING THANK HEAVENS I LIVE IN THIE NEIGHBOURHOOD ALSO AND ITS MY HOME BASE FROM MY YOUTH AND ACTUALLY WHERE YOU ARE LIVING THAT WAS MY GRANDMOTHER'S HOUSE THEY TORN DOWN SO THIS IS A VERY SPECIAL AREA TO ME. WHERE MY GRANDMOTHER LIVED THERE ARE NOW 5 HOMES AND 10 TOWNHOUSES WHO WOULD OF THOUGHT.
Thanks again,

R. Lloyd

On Mon, Jun 17, 2019 at 12:36 AM <b hoo.ca> wrote:

Thanks for taking the time to send along those thoughtful questions. I have tried to answer them with the knowledge of it that I have at this point. We are still waiting at the council level for all the information over the next few weeks to come in plus updates from staff.
I have questions myself that came up after the meeting.
I have answered your questions in CAPITAL LETTERS and attached it here. I will also comment in your email below with CAPITAL LETTERS. Actually it wouldn't let me comment below so I copied it and have attached it along with your attachment.
Thanks again.
Bonnie

On Sunday, June 16, 2019, 9:36:43 a.m. EDT, com> wrote:

This email relates to the proposed Industrial/Commercial Gas Plant and Collection Facility meeting held on June 13, 2019 by the City of Stratford at the Agriplex.

Those in attendance were asked to submit their concerns in handwriting, on a blank form provided at the meeting but I chose to take my single copy of talking points and questions home with me, copy them and attach them in this email. As you will discover, transcribing to handwriting, my talking points and concerns would have been time consuming. Please find that attachment at the end of this email and please forgive the format of these attached notes as they were intended to be speaking notes for my personal use.

The meeting was a disappointment from the onset. The format was to have City employees and consultants, identified by their name tags, standing in front of informational posters and the public was invited to mill around and individually discuss concerns with persons sporting a name tag. The meeting format reminded one of a sales pitch at a trade show. The format felt like its intention was to put nuanced information out from the presenters point of view and encounter as little public input or opposition as possible. It felt like the presenters wanted a 'Meet and Greet' and not a public airing of citizen concerns.

Thankfully, the public in attendance revolted and demanded a change in format by which the concerns of the group could be aired as a community. To the City's and especially the moderator's credit, something that resembled a real public meeting was hastily arranged.

It became immediately apparent that the meeting was not intended to gain public input as to whether or not an Industrial/Commercial Gas Plant and Collection Facility was something the citizens wanted or needed. We were told the project had been in development by the City for years and large amounts of financial, human and consultant resources were already consumed. Those in attendance were informed that we had two weeks from the date of this meeting to make our concerns known. The City gets years, but the small minority of the public that is even aware of the proposed project, gets two weeks. The date of the City Council meeting in which the proposal would be discussed by council could not or would not be provided by the presenters or even by the unidentified and anonymously seated City councilors in attendance. Every recipient of this email should request to see all of the information posters that were on display. Wording to the effect that: "Clearing on the construction site will begin in late summer 2019", "Construction will begin in early Fall of 2019" and similar statements led those in attendance to believe the decision had already been made. Mr. Dujlovic did his best to backpedal from these printed and posted statements and to assure those in attendance that no City Council decision and no approvals had been made and that public input could halt or derail the project. Just hurry up and get your concerns submitted in the next two weeks because no further public meetings are scheduled. These assurances did not quite pass the 'smell' test (all puns intended).

It is clear that the main purpose of the meeting of June 13, 2019 was a feeble and not very transparent attempt to fulfill the requirement that the public be consulted prior to submitting a proposal to the Approval Authorities i.e. ECA (Waste Disposal Site), ECA Amendment (Air & Noise) and ECA Amendment (Industrial Sewage Works). This single meeting makes a mockery of the concept of public consultation. In this day and age, the public needs to be involved from the very beginning (conceptual stage) of any project proposal that will have such a profound effect on the community. This proposal was years in the making. Only a tiny portion of the population, even at this late date, is aware that such a proposal exists. Not only is there a lack of public consultation, there is a decided lack of public awareness of the proposal. If initial and ongoing public input had

been requested and encouraged by the City, the City may have learned that its citizens do not want an Industrial/Commercial Gas Plant and Collection Facility located in a residential area with truck traffic routes through residential neighbourhoods. Initial and ongoing public input may have made the City aware that its citizens are not in favour of investing/gambling tax payer funds to the tune of $20 000 000 (before cost overruns) into a for profit enterprise that has all the inherent risks of the free market. A $5 000 000 provincial grant is still public funds and the city taking out a $15 000 000 loan to place on top of an existing, significant City debt, may not be an expenditure that the citizens of this fair city want to undertake. The City may have learned that many of its constituents do not favour, for profit, government owned and funded businesses encroaching and competing with the private sector. The current, Conservative, Provincial government promotes less government and yet they are going to fund and encourage more. The City could have saved its citizens all the costs expended on developing a proposal for a project that the citizens do not want (especially at the W. Gore location), and did not want from the beginning, if only they asked.

A poorly advertised, single public meeting, with a 2 week time period to submit concerns, held at the end of a project, proposal process, years in the making, makes a sham of the concept of public consultation and input. The City's process for developing this proposal is far removed from something akin to the Charette Process, a process that is appropriate in developing these kinds of projects. The whole public consultation, information dispensing and public input process employed by the City in developing this proposal is a mockery of democracy. It is reminiscent of the backroom planning of the distant past. Build a big 'head of steam' for the project, spend a bunch of money, get shovels in the ground and the project will be unstoppable. One can only hope that the Approval Authorities will not be fooled into thinking that one public meeting, held at the very end of the proposal process, can be deemed to be an acceptable level and frequency of public input and consultation. However, do not think that hosting a bunch of public meetings just for putting on a show of public consultation is being requested. Don't waste the time for public input and consultation if the deal is done and the project is going ahead regardless.

No one is saying that diverting organic waste from landfill is a bad idea.

No one is saying that using SSO and IC&I waste materials to produce natural gas is a bad idea.

The location of the proposed Industrial/Commercial Gas Plant and Collection Facility in an intensively people centered neigbourhood, adjacent to a sprawling senior citizen housing and care facility; is a bad idea.

The truck route, on a no trucks allowed residential street, passing by a hospital, senior homes, care facilities, a public school and beautiful, well maintained private residences; is a bad idea.

Importing from outside the City of Stratford (anywhere in Ontario) at minimum, 70 % of the waste material needed to make the gas plant viable and trucking it down inappropriate traffic corridors to an inappropriate collection and processing location; is a bad idea.

Not involving the public from the inception of the proposed project; is a bad idea.

Spending tax payer dollars and going further in debt to start and operate a for-profit but government owned business; is a risky and questionable idea.

Maybe, in an appropriate industrial location, with adequate and appropriate transportation corridors, a municipally owned and operated Industrial/Commercial Gas Plant and Collection Facility could be a palatable idea to those who believe governments have a place in the marketplace.

There are City employees and departments who have 'hitched their wagon to the rising star' of this proposal; A first of its kind! There are City Councilors who have made this proposal their 'pet'. No doubt there are provincial personnel, especially in the environmental and Approval departments that see this project as a 'feather in their cap'. Money and resources have been expended in the development of the proposal and there abides in many a desire to double down when already invested, regardless the costs. In many there exists a desire to take advantage of 'free' grant money while the opportunity exists without considering that 'free' grant money is taxpayer money.

At the risk of bruising a few egos and stepping on a few toes, please do the right thing and stop this proposal from going forward. This is not a career building opportunity. This is a human story with real social, urban, transit and moral costs that can and never will be repaid even if the financial costs may be repaid in a decade or so.

Like a train rolling down a track these kind of proposed projects develop a momentum of their own, but they can be stopped. Cut the losses. Learn from the experience. Shelve the proposal or find an appropriate location for it. Demonstrate that rational citizen input truly matters to you.

Thank you for everything you have done to make Stratford the best city. Be encouraged to represent the best interests and desires of the public you serve. Fight the good fight! Run the good race!

Yours in community,

R. Lloyd

Please acknowledge receipt of this email correspondence. Feel free to respond so that I and my neighbours know where you stand on this issue.

Please open the accompanying attachment that contains my talking notes and photos.

Address:

Day Time Phone Number:

Origin: https://www.stratfordcanada.ca/en/insidecityhall/citycouncilcontact.asp

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This email was sent to you by Roger Lloyd<r[illegible]l.com> through https://www.stratfordcanada.ca/.

Oct 31, 2017

Re: Public Meetings Nov. 6 - 2019

Renewal Gas Project

Firstly, a big "Thank-you" to Ed and all those at City Hall and beyond who have invested so much time and effort in this study.

Secondly, my apology if I have missed your answers to these questions at other meetings or information sources. Please add mine again for review and clarification.

1. If it is correct that Gordian communications were sworn only with the residents in the immediate vicinity of the proposed project, should this information and solicited feedback not be extended to all municipal tax paying residents of Stratford in light of the cost magnitude and resulting long term debt?

Would you not agree that increases in municipal long term debt will negatively and immediately impact in our community? To what extent will there be an immediate savings in a "Do it Now" approach vs. learning from other municipalities doing it now over the next 25 years (your invested life by proximity of the existing facility)?

2. How does the gas plant project stand on the critical priority list with "big ticket" items weighing our attention over the next 5 to 20 years?

- General infrastructure
- Hospital & social services
- Education
- Replacing the Allam

3. Following on planning, integration, and... Zoning, the question must be asked as to how long the gas plant project has been contemplated prior to the issuing of Building permits for 80 luxury condo Town houses on West Gore --- Now the proposed Industrial heavy truck route to and from the proposed gas plant? It just seems strange & without coordination that building permits could be issued one year and such a short time later have that quiet, dead-end Sunset Drive into a noisy busier truck route,

4 How essential is it for all components of the project to be located on the same small parcel of property? Has consideration been given to shipping and receiving "off" at or near some of the "pads" and then have the raw material piped into the gas plant? (Look mom! no transports through on past a long established service area and hospital)

5 As the existing treatment facility has a remaining lifespan of 25 years could a sinking fund be established now for a replacement state-of-the-art plant in a non obtrusive industrial area or rural area to phase-out the existing treatment plant size from transition to more quality service living units? Did the UK study not have part of their Gas plant company same distance out in the Ocean?

6. HAS CONSIDERATION BEEN GIVEN TO CHANGING THE TRUCK ROUTE NOW FOR THE INCOMING / OUTGOING HEAVY TRUCK TRAFFIC ASSOCIATED WITH THE EXISTING TREATMENT PLANT ? (TREATMENT PLANT TO TANK ST. VIA WEST GORE AND ON TO CLIENTS IN RURAL PORTION)

7. TO WHAT EXTENT WILL THE PROPOSED PROJECT DENY THE AVAILABILITY OF ASSENTIAL NUTRIENTS NOW BEING TRUCKED TO LOCAL FARMS ?

WITH RESPECT I SHALL THIS PAPER hope AND WITH A SINCERE THAT IT IS HELPFUL IN THE THOUGHT PROVOKING PERSUITS OF THIS STUDY GROUP, OUR COUNCIL AND CONSTITUENTS TO AND DOING WHAT IS RIGHT FOR THIS GREAT CITY

WALTER WILSON

STRATFORD

Jodi Akins

To: Tatiana Dafoe
Subject: RE: [External Email] Proposed RNG

From: r[redacted]a]
Sent: Friday, October 25, 2019 3:17 PM
To: Tatiana Dafoe
Subject: [External Email] Proposed RNG

I am not able to attend the public meetings about this proposal and so I am sending my comments via email.
I am opposed to this proposal mainly because of the cost.
It is my understanding that it will require long term financing of $15 million (and maybe even more).
The City of Stratford already has a very heavy debt load and the interest charges on this dept are causing a high mill rate which leads to very high
taxes and fees . Many residents of Stratford are finding the cost of living here to be too much to bear.
We are already being told of the additional costs of a "Green Bin Program".
When does it all stop?
Ron Marcy

Stratford, ON

Karen Downey

From: Dave Martin <· >
Sent: Friday, November 1, 2019 9:35 AM
To: Karen Downey
Subject: [External Email] Re: Notice of Public Meeting - Proposed Renewable Natural Gas Plant
Attachments: image001.jpg

Sorry I won't be able to make it to the meeting on Nov 6th still out in California but like I said the contractor should put in the access road to the plant and for future use opportunity that may arise. Or remove it when the project is finished and replant. But like most things the city does it's always ass backwards they have made there minds up and have a way of Pissing off my neighbors . You,ll do what they want anyway I worked for them . D martin

On Thu, Oct 24, 2019, 10:11 AM Karen Downey <KDowney@stratford.ca> wrote:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Proposed Renewable Natural Gas Plant

Notice is hereby given that Stratford City Council intends to hold Public Meetings on November 6, 2019 to provide information and to gather input from the community on the renewable natural gas project proposed for Stratford's Water Pollution Control Plant.

The first meeting will be held at the Griffith Auditorium at Spruce Lodge, 643 W Gore St, Stratford, ON N5A 1L4, starting at 3:00 p.m.

The second meeting will be held at the Rotary Complex Community Hall A, 353 McCarthy Road West, Stratford, ON, N5A 7S7, starting at 6:00 p.m.

There will be presentations made at the Public Meetings and opportunity for the public to provide input. The information presented at both meetings will be identical, and City Council will be in attendance to hear feedback from participants. While both meetings are open to the public, there are space limitations at the Griffith Auditorium.

For more information on this project, including frequently asked questions, please visit the City's website at: https://www.stratfordcanada.ca/en/ProposedRNG

BY-LAW NUMBER -2019
OF
THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD

BEING a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford at its meeting held on November 6, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

WHEREAS subsection 5(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001 c.25* as amended, provides that the powers of a municipal corporation are to be exercised by its council;

AND WHEREAS subsection 5(3) of the *Act* provides that the powers of council are to be exercised by by-law unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford at this meeting be confirmed and adopted by By-law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford as follows:

1. That the action of the Council at its meeting held on November 6, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in respect of each report, motion, resolution, recommendation or other action passed and taken by the Council at its meeting, is hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed, as if each report, motion, resolution or other action was adopted, ratified and confirmed by its separate by-law.

2. The Mayor of the Council and the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action, to obtain approvals where required, and, except where otherwise provided, to execute all documents necessary in that behalf in accordance with the by-laws of the Council relating thereto.

Read a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time and

FINALLY PASSED this 6th day of November, 2019.

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Deputy Mayor – Martin Ritsma

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Acting Clerk – Tatiana Dafoe