

ATTN: Commission secretariat coordinator

Project Title: Alleyn / Cawood proposed engineered
landfill.

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Subject: Danford Lake Alleyn/Cawood Landfill (Mega Dump)

Madame Chair Lady and Mr. Commissioner:

My name is Karen Montague, I am a citizen and rate payer in the municipality of Alleyn/Cawood. I would like to take this opportunity, to thank you for giving me the chance to voice my opinion and views on this project.

The first letter that I received about the landfill was in October 2004. When I read this letter I was under the impression that the existing dump located west of Danford Lake, off of highway 301, was going to receive a face lift. It was going to be cleaned up and special liners were to be installed in the existing dump site. There was no mention of a new landfill site and no mention of a size. It did not explain in this letter that our home would be host to a mega dump, which would serve the whole Outaouais region and possibly other regions as well. I do not think that the Alleyn/Cawood council or the promoter has been transparent with the issues concerning this dump.

I am a school bus driver that travels route 301 and 105 twice daily, from Danford Lake to Gracefield. I am deeply concerned about the additional heavy truck traffic on these roadways. Both of these roads are in terrible condition and all they ever receive is a patch up job, never the major repairs they so sorely need.

I have had several incidents with large heavy trucks that were unable to stop for the red flashing lights on my school bus. This especially worsens in the winter, when roads are poor due to weather conditions. A particular incident that I recall was a chip truck coming around the corner and seeing I had my four way yellow flashers on, he tried to brake. The road conditions were poor and his truck jack knifed and headed for my school bus, I screamed at the children to get down and braced myself. Luckily he regained control and stopped inches from the school bus. I have done an informal study in the months of March to May 2007 and during part of this period the roads were

closed from the middle of April until May. (See appendix – 1 attached) I found on average I met about 52 trucks in the 3 ¾ hours I am on the road a day. Another incident concerning a big truck in Danford Lake village the heavy truck hit a small truck and pushed the small truck into my front yard, less than an hour before my two children were standing in that same spot in my yard waiting for their school bus. I expect with extra trucks using this route there will be more situations similar to the ones that I have mentioned.

My family and I put up with the current heavy trucks 24 hours a day and at night it is worse, because they do not lower their speed. You never seem to get used to the windows shaking and the dishes rattling in the cupboards. We do not want anymore truck traffic; I think we already have our fair share.

I do not think that this project is going to help our town in the long run. I think there will be more problems environmentally than we can imagine. I really feel that the citizens of Danford Lake have received a raw deal from the council and the promoter. I would like to know what happened to the Mayor's statement "If there is public opposition this project will not go ahead". Why was the letter that was sent to council and municipal employees concerning a conflict of interest only acknowledged and signed by two councilors. If there is no conflict of interest why not sign and prove it to the residents and rate payers of Alleyn/Cawood. I do not want to see the landfill project approved. I think there are much more modern ways to deal with waste such as plasma gasification, rather than hiding it in a hole in the ground for future generations to deal with.

In closing I would like to say the responsibility of any level of government is the protection of its people first and foremost. The rules, regulations and bylaws have been created to protect the population as well as the environment around us. However, with the proposed implementation of the landfill project, we have been totally, irrevocably, and unforgivably denied our most basic human and democratic rights. It seems our Charter of Rights are only reflective of those who can afford to buy it. The rest of us must remain silent while abiding the status quo.

When all is said and done, it is the people of the surrounding areas as well as our children after us who must bear the consequences of decisions based on financial gain alone. Shame on all of you who have killed a once thriving community, for it is a death which can never be amended.

Appendix - 1

**Informal Truck Study On Highway 105 & 301 During hours of 7:15am-9:00am &
2:30pm-4:30pm**

	TRUCKS	TRUCKS	
DATE	AM	PM	TOTAL
MAR 13, 2007	54	43	97
MAR 15, 2007	27	24	51
MAR 19, 2007	25	29	54
MAR 20, 2007	27	31	58
MAR 21, 2007	28	18	46
MAR 23, 2007	30	22	52
MAR 27, 2007	24	27	51
MAR 28, 2007	25	12	37
MAR 29, 2007	37	13	50
APR 02, 2007	19	24	43
APR 03, 2007	21	14	35
APR 04, 2007	29	12	41
APR 05, 2007	21	29	50
APR 11, 2007	27	30	57
APR 12, 2007	17	19	36
APR 17, 2007	23	28	51
APR 18, 2007	21	19	40
APR 19, 2007	37	17	54
APR 20, 2007	31	21	52
APR 23, 2007	19	21	40
APR 24, 2007	26	22	48
APR 26, 2007	29	13	42
APR 27, 2007	32	13	45
MAY 01, 2007	28	24	52
MAY 02, 2007	26	27	53
MAY 03, 2007	32	29	61
MAY 04, 2007	23	31	54
MAY 08, 2007	34	30	64
MAY 09, 2007	32	25	57
MAY 11, 2007	33	16	49
MAY 14, 2007	27	27	54
MAY 15, 2007	32	39	71
MAY 16, 2007	28	29	57
MAY 17, 2007	33	30	63
MAY 18, 2007	29	28	57
MAY 22, 2007	27	24	51

MAY 23,2007	30	28	58
MAY 28,2007	32	27	59
38 DAYS			1990