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Subject: **proposed West Hants (Cogmagun) Landfill expansion and Climate Change**

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To:

Tim Halman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change

GFL

Christopher Macdonald, Director Landfill and
Environmental Compliance, GFL Environmental

Mayor Abraham Zebian

**Re: the proposed West Hants (Cogmagun) Landfill
expansion and Climate Change**

Following a District councillor meeting this past Spring,

Green For Life (GFL) the landfill operator/owner in West Hants Regional Municipality quickly held two community meetings. We were told our concerns and questions were being recorded. Whether they were and the accuracy of the capture, where and when they will be presented and to whom is unknown. There is a Landfill Liaison Committee but its operation is ineffective.

Some of the concerns raised were:

1. Does the Cogmagun landfill accept waste from other municipalities or provinces; if so, are there limits on amounts ?
2. Is capacity at the water treatment system plant in Windsor linked in any way to the Cogmagun landfill ?
3. If, as we heard, the lifespan of the Cogmagun landfill was reduced because it had to accept the 2023 wildfire and flood damage debris will we continue to accept debris from other disaster events ?
4. With landfill expansion towards the community of Bramber being ruled out, the proposed expansion is now shifting to a 5 m / 16.4 ft height increase of the existing cells. How will this affect runoff during the severe rainfall events that we now regularly experience ?
5. Can these heightened cells be adequately covered with protective overburden or a geomembrane quickly enough given these unpredictable rainfalls ?
6. What is currently being monitored in terms of water quality at the landfill site, where are the wells located, and will their number be increased with the proposed expansion of the landfill ?
7. Is it true that the number of landfills in the province is being reduced to three, with the one in Cogmagun

being one of them ?

Governments at all levels, and GFL in this case, must do better at two things:

- informing the public
- showing us that they are prepared for climate change

To Minister Halman: I am asking whether your department will complete a detailed environmental assessment for the expansion of the West Hants Municipal landfill; and, if West Hants Regional Municipality is going to accept a larger share of the entire province's waste, then there should be a cost-benefit analysis as well that shows why this is the best way forward for the province as a whole.

To the Mayor and Green For Life: How can the working of the Landfill Liaison Committee be improved going forward ?

I look forward to a response from all involved.

Sincerely, and respectfully submitted:

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