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Regarding City Council Meeting September 27. Rezoning 2 Ovida A copy of my request at tomorrows meeting. I live at 4 Ovida

Dear City Council Members,

I stand before you today echoing my initial plea from our last gathering, requesting the City Council to defer the decision on the rezoning for 2 Ovida, the property adjacent to mine, for 90 days from the date of my original appeal.

Since our last council meeting on September 5th, my concern for my family's health has only intensified. During that meeting and subsequent conversations with City Councillors, City Engineers, and other stakeholders, I've been presented with a mix of information. One moment I'm informed that the bordering monitoring wells to my property are not contaminated, the next I hear they exceed the ministry of environment standards. I've been told conflicting narratives about the water contamination on Ovida Blvd. And, I was also alarmed when Parsons was asked if my property at 4 Ovida was contaminated, and there was a visible reluctance to provide a clear answer. These inconsistencies amplify my fears and suspicions about the gravity of the situation.

To navigate this maze of uncertainty, I've enlisted the expertise of an environmental lawyer who is coordinating our course of action. Through them, I've communicated with Suncor about their earlier offer to fund a environmental peer review and additional testing on my property to establish the true level of contamination and request to provide us with their historical testing results data. We are currently awaiting their confirmation. Further, I've proactively requested historical testing data via the Freedom of Information Act.

Yet, with all these measures, I'm puzzled and troubled. Why was I never alerted about the concerning levels of contamination in the monitoring wells bordering my property? Especially when they are mere steps away? The answers and dialogues from the last council meeting only add layers to my ever-growing list of unanswered questions.

Every day, my family and I witness trucks, drilling activities, and ominous sealed drum bins with tested soil surrounding our residence. It breaks my heart when my 11 & 12 year old daughters ask if it's safe to sleep in their rooms, questions stemming from a reality they shouldn't have to face. All these physical signs and the emotional weight they bring, coupled with the significant

financial strain of this ordeal, underline the profound impact on our lives and has caused us all anxiety and has me personally fighting with my mental health.

My earnest request for a 90-day delay isn't merely about collecting data. It's a plea for the time needed to understand the depth of the contamination, its reach, and its potential impact on my family and possibly our larger community. My environmental lawyer has stressed the importance of this delay for an all-encompassing investigation. With only four weeks into this revelation after nearly a decade of potential exposure, it's paramount we proceed with caution and clarity.

In conclusion, your empathy, understanding, and decisive action in granting this delay would be a testament to prioritizing the well-being and concerns of the residents you represent. I appreciate your time and consideration in this vital matter.

Thanks
Jim