

The Election Issue!

As far as OPAL and our broader community are concerned, stopping the dump is the number one election issue. When candidates come to your door, call on the phone or send an email, or when you attend an all-candidates' meeting, ask some hard questions!



1. Does your party have a policy to stop Walker's proposed mega dump? If so, will you provide a written statement from your party?
2. What actions have you taken over the last 6 years to help stop Walker's proposed mega dump at the Carmeuse pit?
3. If elected, how will you and your Party better protect Ontario's groundwater from dumps proposed for pits and quarries?
4. If elected, will you commit to enacting legislation to prevent any further applications to allow dumps here?
5. What incentives will you and your party provide to Oxford County and other leaders in waste reduction, zero waste and new technologies?
6. If you win the election but are not part of a majority government, how will you ensure that stopping the dump in our County is high on the list of priorities and actions of the next government of Ontario?

The dump is not a done deal. Make your questions and your vote count!



Show Up, Stand Up... Help make an Impact!

Opal was proud to be among the seven participants at the recent hearings in Woodstock. Begun as an OMB hearing, changes to regulations saw the board become the **Local Planning Appeals Tribunal**. Walker was trying to overturn the County of Oxford's Official Plan, especially the portions about Zero Waste. OPAL, of course, believes that none of Toronto's waste should be dumped into the Beachville Lime Quarry so lined up with allies to defend our community and to demand even more efforts to stop the dump.

At the end of the day of testimony, the adjudicator called Walker's and the County's lawyers into his chambers. The next morning, the hearing was in recess, followed by being closed and a settlement reached. **OPAL views the final decision as favourable to us, but knows that the Environmental Assessment fight goes on.** We thank the **Canadian Environmental Law Association** for strong support during the hearings. **The dump is not a done deal. A skirmish was won, but our community's struggle to stop the dump continues.**

Local Planning Appeals Tribunal (LPAT) Decision – Excerpt:

Waste management systems of an appropriate size, type and location shall be provided to meet the present and future requirements of County residents, business and industry. Such systems will be designed in a manner that facilitates, encourages and promotes reduction, reuse, recycling and recovery.

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See OPAL's questions for candidates – over page.

Not a done deal! Your support of OPAL's continued fight of the Environmental Assessment is essential to stopping the dump.

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