



# CITY OF TONAWANDA, NEW YORK

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## *Common Council*

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February 14, 2007

[REDACTED]  
Town of Tonawanda  
2919 Delaware Ave.  
Kenmore, NY 14217

RE: Tonawanda Landfill

[REDACTED]  
On behalf of the residents of the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward in the City of Tonawanda I want to thank you for addressing the stench concerns pertaining to the piles of woodchips located on top of the Tonawanda landfill. Your plan will hopefully alleviate one of the major concerns surrounding the landfill in time for residents to open their windows and once again enjoy the outdoors.

It is my understanding that plans are in place for the town to construct a road that links Hackett Drive to the proposed North Youngmann Commerce Center and Two Mile Creek Road. I am asking that you please reconsider this endeavor. This road would be a huge slap in the face to residents whose properties abut the landfill site by bringing noise and vehicle pollution as well as privacy issues on top of all their other concerns. What the residents want is for the landfill not to encroach on their properties, the landfill to be fully remediated of radioactive waste, and a natural berm installed. While I understand this road may alleviate some of the issues and concerns that the residents have with the landfill, this road shouldn't be viewed as a solution to their problems. Another problem that this road poses is that it would allow access to vehicles carrying either hazardous waste or material to not only travel through residents "backyards", but also within 200 feet of Riverview Elementary School. If there were an accident involving one of these vehicles the result would be disastrous. This is a risk that is unacceptable to our residents and school children.

Last spring the Town Board approved \$2.3 million to be transferred from the Dump Reserve Fund to help pay for totes for town residents. I would like to know what impact the depletion of the reserve fund will mean for the timely closing and overall look of the landfill? I would also like the overall plans for what the landfill will look like upon

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completion made available to city officials for their review and potential input. What I would like to see is a nicely sculpted and landscaped landfill that will be aesthetically pleasing for residents that will have to live with it for many, many years. For our residents sake it is my hope that it doesn't look like other "dome" or "pyramid" landfills that seem to dot the landscape here in Western NY.

Lastly, on Tuesday February 20<sup>th</sup>, the City of Tonawanda Common Council will vote on a resolution that asks Congresswoman Slaughter and Senators Schumer and Clinton to require the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to fully remediate all nuclear waste located at the landfill. It is my hope that the Town Board will follow our lead and pass the same resolution. If you would like, I can have our City Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to you.

I look forward to your correspondence and I thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 998-8963 or [REDACTED]@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
4<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilman  
City of Tonawanda

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Town of Tonawanda Town Board  
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Senator Antoine Thompson  
Assemblyman Robin Schimminger  
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