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Zorra Council Responds to OPAL Alliance Release Regarding Southwestern Landfill Proposal

NEWS

Contrary to a media release from OPAL Alliance, the Council of the Township of Zorra has not altered its' position with respect to the Southwestern Landfill proposal submitted by Walker Environmental Group.

The Township released a document on May 19, 2020 outlining the Township's position on the landfill proposal. This position has not changed and OPAL Alliance is well aware of this but still issued a media release despite having full knowledge of the Township's official position on the landfill.

To view the official position of Zorra Township Council, please access the Backgrounder by clicking on [this link](#) or at <http://www.zorra.ca/Portals/8/Documents/Landfill%20Project/20-05-19%20Southwestern%20Landfill%20Proposal%20Backgrounder.pdf> .

Mayor Marcus Ryan remarked "Zorra did not pass a motion that appears to favour dumps. It has always been Zorra's position that host municipalities, and only the host, should have the right. This is not new. I have said this publicly. I have said this to local politicians. I have said this to our MPP. I have said this to the Minister of the Environment."

Mayor Ryan also said, "I have personally offered for my entire time on Council to meet with OPAL representatives to discuss their concerns and it is deeply frustrating to me that they have not taken up that offer. It is especially concerning to me that, having not taken that offer, they would attempt to misrepresent Zorra in this way. This issue is too important to be playing communication games. Zorra has been clear, collaborative, and transparent on this issue from the beginning. We remain open to talk with anyone about this issue."

BACKGROUND

Located in the heart of southwestern Ontario, Zorra Township has a population of approximately 8,400 people in a rural/urban setting. The Township comprises several rural clusters and two serviced villages. Zorra's vision is for a vibrant, prosperous, engaged and environmentally conscious community that evokes pride in residents for its accomplishments and continuing resilience as it forges the future.



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