

Rec'd from Steve Lehmann

**Discussion points for council meeting – January 6, 2011**

I would like the opportunity to make a **few brief comments** on some of the points raised Mr Foster's email which was included in the Agenda package.

I am concerned that someone would get the **wrong impression** about our operations if they simply read the email without a bit of context.

For example, Mr Foster states that the facility has a "**history of environmental spills to the west side of the property**". We have not had any spills that I am aware of and we have not had any Ministry of the Environment orders since we began operating either.

As well, we have been audited by the **Ontario Automobile Recyclers Association** and passed with flying colours.

Even though we are a **fully compliant operation from an environmental standpoint**, we are always looking for ways to improve our operations. In fact, we are considering erecting a **new building** to enclose part of our **recycling** operation that deals with the draining of the cars prior to processing.

This investment, however, is on hold right now because we are understandably reluctant to invest significant sums of money in the property at this time until matters related to the new by-laws are sorted out.

Mr Foster also mentioned the **fence** being in a state of disrepair. I checked the fence yesterday and there were a few loose boards behind Mr Foster's **neighbour's** property which we fixed right away.

From what I can see the fence along Mr Foster's property is fine. In fact, this fence is quite new. If you will recall, we agreed to put up a new fence and we did at a cost of \$15,000.

Mr Foster also states that the **west side of our facility drains into a wetland area**. Again, I'm not sure what he is referring to since there is a berm along that side of the property which prevents water run-off.

As for all of the comments that about our actions being "**designed to antagonize a response and frustrate the residents**"; nothing could be further from the truth. We have made extensive efforts, and at considerable expense, to accommodate our neighbours and minimize the impact of our operations.

Finally, Mr Foster states throughout his email words to the effect that the **noise and smell** of our operations make living in his home unbearable. I'd like to close by reminding people that my daughter Katelyn lives in the house on our yard and finds the situation to be just fine. We take every reasonable step to make our yard a first-class recycling operation and a contributing member of the community.