

Councillor has lost respect

Re: Town rejects motion to amend MZO (Caledon Citizen, Oct. 6)

To quote Gord McClure from the last Town council meeting: "We've got two councillors blowing off wind and I'm sick of listening to it."

It reminds me of when Howard Beale leaned out the window in the movie Network and shouted, "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take this anymore!"

The two councillors to whom he was referring were Annette Groves and Barb Shaughnessy. They seem to have difficulty comprehending Town planning and the use of hydrogen fuel cells for clean transportation technology.

Now, I am one of Groves' constituents who does not take exception to McClure's comments. Whether it be the complete betrayal of fellow councillors and the Town planners in supporting Solmar's Option 6 in the Bolton Residential Expansion Study (BRES), or raising unfounded fears about the dangers of hydrogen fuel production, or her capitulation to support the pesticide industry in her first term, she has as a result lost all of my trust, respect and support. I have provided Councillor Groves, in the past and currently, with the most respected peer-reviewed information available on these issues but to no avail.

I also provided Councillor Shaughnessy with a hydrogen update, which she has apparently ignored.

Shaughnessy supported Groves' position and wondered when hydrogen fuel became a "normal use." Well, it came after all those hydrogen fuel cell studies that started in the 19th century that led to prototypes that were created in 1953 that led to the Apollo space missions that led to the moon landing in 1969. Japan was using hydrogen fuel cells for cars in 2005, and built the "hydrogen highway" which is a series of refueling stations for clean tech vehicles. California was the first state in North America to have hydrogen vehicles on the road. Major car companies like Ford, Daimler, BMW, Renault, Toyota, Mercedes Benz and Chrysler, to name only a few, have been developing hydrogen fuel cell vehicles since the 1990s. The new normal.

Welcome to the 21st century.

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