

Good evening everyone, my name is Margaret McCarthy.

Firstly, let me begin by stating that our Mayor wishes he could be here tonight with us. In his absence, I have a statement that I would like to read out on his behalf.

“I have been and continue to be opposed to the development of the quarry in Flamborough and I support the good and thorough work that councillor McCarthy has done to keep the community and council apprised of the issue as it evolves. Having opposed the proposed Steetley landfill some years ago my views on quarries on fractured limestone that could potentially become a landfill at some point have not changed. The concern over ground water and depleting the aquifer adds to my concerns. I applaud the community and your councillor for your thoroughness and diligence on this issue, and confirm my support for your efforts.” **Cheers, Fred Eisenberger**

Secondly, I would like to thank everyone who has come out tonight to make the point that democracy is alive and well in our community. By being here tonight we assert our basic right to determine the kind of community we live in, and we establish our unified opposition, and demonstrate that St. Marys has, once again, failed to deliver adequate arrangements for public participation.

In addition to the total disregard of democratic process, the 'social engineering' techniques being employed by St. Marys and their lobbyist and consultants are unacceptable. This aspect of behavioral science is outlined in further detail in my hand-out but, as your elected representative, it is my advice - my warning - that these 'workbooks' and the programmed responses that they are designed to elicit, will never serve any beneficial purpose for the community, and they will, almost certainly, be used to our disadvantage.

It is not in our best interest to have anyone complete these workbooks, or subject themselves to two and a half hours of behavioral targeting techniques. While everyone is here, I trust that all representatives will make themselves available to answer questions from the public, however, I recommend the public abstain from providing any information or answers under this undignified process.

Look at who has provided these hand outs, look at who will be standing over you when you fill them out, look at who will be interpreting this information. This would never pass the test of being an independent, non patrician, or objective analysis.

Ask yourselves why isn't the first question on this work book, "when you turn on the tap at home, how important is it to have water come out of the faucet? Crucial, very important, important, some what important?" That's what's not in the 'work books', they don't want that raised because that's the show stopper, and they know it. St. Marys are very smart people, lets prove once again that we are too. Don't buy into it.

Sincerely
Councillor Margaret McCarthy