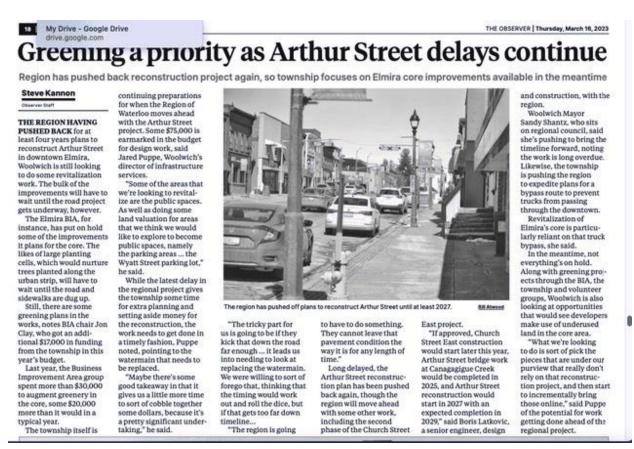
Dear Ms. Redman,

What's the Region's <u>fundamental</u> goal: reducing emissions OR continuing life as usual? It can't be both.

The news below was certainly a gut punch for those of us who live and work in our beloved but polluted downtown Elmira. And here we volunteers were, so naively psyching ourselves up to raise almost \$1 million for trees on our downtown core!

As much as the Woolwich staff have tried to put a positive spin on the news, the folks who actually use Elmira's downtown core on a daily basis cannot help but feel deep defeat. Our Region has literally instituted years, and years, and years, and years of delay.



In 2016, when I read about the magnetite in car/truck exhaust, linked to Alzheimer's, that go directly to the brain, I reassured myself it was only a matter of 20-30 months till we'd have Arthur Street trees again to absorb some of this soul-destroying pollution.

Brain damage due to a mix of two types of iron, called ferric and ferrous iron. molecules is known to <u>occur</u> very early in the course of Alzheimer's disease.

That was some 84 months ago now. And here I sit: no bypass, breathing and eating pollution from some 450 trucks per day, for multiple years to come, as I walk to the

library, bank, shops, and pharmacy. Yes, we seniors are supposed to live where we can walk everywhere.

I was 68 when I read that article. Now I am 75 and still breathing/eating that deadly air surrounding my downtown home, wondering if I'll be the first in my family with Alzheimer's? I'm wondering about the brains of the kids who live downtown and the retail workers, after four more years of magnetite directly to the brain.

Woolwich! Remember us? Our volunteers took years off their lives, diligently prepping and delegating to the Region in 2022 helping shape that brilliant ROP. Our Council showed leadership as the first rural township to vote to preserve all existing farmland in the recent ROP. Our volunteers have led and monitored the chemical contamination and cleanup in the local aquifer for over 30 years. If you want more examples of our Woolwich leadership in the Region, I'm thinking Mayor Shantz had a substantial list.

And who do you think will be out there fighting on your team when the Province decides our new ROP doesn't suit them?

In 2023, why is there

- big money and support for an airport,
- forcing 19,000lb emissions per flying hour/per plane
- into our 5-10 km deep troposphere,
- yet not enough money to lower the emissions in a gem of a community that has already taken a giant hit for the team?

The issue is leadership. Studies show that kids' mental health is being <u>damaged by a leadership</u> that is not acting win accordance with known science, thus jeopardizing a livable future for all. I'm with the kids on this one, but feeling a little less blue I imagine, as I have already lived an unimaginably rich and long life. For me, this delay creates a liability.

At the same time, I thank you for all that you do - I couldn't and am deeply grateful that you can.

Kindest regards, Sandra Bray

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