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Dear council member,

This article you are about to read is my some of my thoughts and feelings surrounding your betrayal of Wilmot Township's amazing citizens. You should be proud of us for the way we stood up and fought for Wilmot and for what we hold dear and want to protect. I am submitting this article to The Kitchener Record and The New Hamburg Independent.

It is rare to find valour in politics and this newly elected council has shown us exactly how politics becomes crime. When Mayor Salonen and council members decided to reverse their decision on standing strong with Wilmot Township residents against the Hallman pit at the OLT, it was hypocrisy at its finest and most likely has tainted all involved for the rest of their tenure. Indeed, their behaviour is disgusting, and they should be ashamed of themselves. They have not only turned their backs on the very people they vowed publicly to protect but have also put a monetary value on our lives as being next to none. After all they claim, their tax dollars could be better spent than protecting our air quality, preventing out prime agricultural land from destruction, possibly contaminating our drinking water, and bulldozing over a wetland and thereby murdering innocent wildlife that has no idea what is coming. Perhaps to them a new ice pad or strip mall would be dollars well spent. Our beautiful, vibrant greenspaces are slowly disappearing all because of individuals, like our new council, who get the wheels of eradication in motion. The question is, who are the puppet masters that they perform for? Because they certainly don't have the integrity nor the 'balls' to sand up for what is right. Once again, greed and power are the Holy grail.

Regards,

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