

# Getting down to the dirt

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Ms. Carmela Marshall, representing the Ontario Soil Regulation Task Force, addressed council Monday night. Marshall's deputation stated that council did have options in controlling the placement of soil at the Tottenham Airport on Hwy. 9 – especially now, and based on new information that has come forward through the presentations of Amy De Ruyte, founding member of New Tecumseth, Caledon King – Citizens for Clean Water, Shauneen Mackay, representing the office of MP Dr. Kellie Leitch, David Francis, representing land owners within the abutting Tecumseth Pines, and Francis' solicitor, Mitchell Fleischman. Council voted 100 per cent in favour of asking the current landowner to drill boreholes on the site for the purpose of environmental testing – at their own expense. Should that demand not be met, the council further voted to withdraw permission to bring fill to the site under the 2010 bylaw. It was not discussed what next steps would look like, should the landowner comply, and soil samples be found to

contain contaminants. “Our neighborhood of Highway 9, Second Line, and Tecumseth Pines residents are all very happy that the new council responded favorably to our deputation and recommendations. Unanimous approval of their motion shows that they are ready to get tough on the Toronto fill that is invading New Tecumseth. We would like to thank Councilor Shira Harrison McIntyre (Ward 7), Mr. Wilson and Minister Leitch for their support and assistance with this matter. Protecting our water and homes from potential contamination has been a growing concern for our neighborhood of New Tecumseth, Caledon and King, and we very much appreciate this decision by the New Tecumseth Council. We look forward to seeing the results of the soil testing at the Tottenham Airfield,” said Amy De Ruyte, NTCK–CCW.

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