I would like my submission to be included with the July 9th Board of Health Agenda.

Dear Mayor Fred and council,

I'm writing to you as a concerned citizen of our great city Hamilton. I have recently learned that Hamilton will need to spend $2 million in the next few months to replace aging fluoridation equipment. I've also learned that adding flouride to our drinking water is very expensive at $3 per person per year (as stated by Dr. Peter Cooney - Chief Dental Health Officer, Health Canada). This is of great concern to me as I find it is a very wasteful process, with only 1% of fluoridated water being consumed for drinking and cooking.

The Politicians and the public have been misinformed and mislead on this issue and it's time to set things straight a move forward. I'm taking the time to write to you because I do think there's hope since the city needs to make an important decision on whether or not to spend that $2 million dollars.

There is no need to add flouride to our water as long as topical sources are available, toothpaste, dental treatments. It is deeply disturbing for me when I found out that there has never been any toxicological or efficacy studies done on HFSA (hazardous waste chemical used in Hamilton fluoridation process) therefore no proof that it is even safe or effective. Numerous communities in Canada have discontinued water fluoridation, many have never fluoridated. Recently discontinued in Ontario: Niagara, Dryden, CFB Kingston.

You may find it encouraging to know that 1700 professionals (Doctors, Dentists, Scientists, Lawyers, Engineers and others) have requested an end to water fluoridation. 
http://www.fluoridealert.org/professionals.statement.html

I'm asking that you and city council take a closer look and hear many of the opposing voices to see the potential health effects i.e : ADA has advised no fluoriated water for babies, Nov 2007. National Kidney Foundation recommends that kidney patients be notified of risks of water fluoridation, June 2008.

The use of flouride in our water is outdated, unsafe practice, based on faulty science and unethical alliance between industry and government in the 1930's and 40's.

I am seriously considering leaving this city which I LOVE and was born and raised in because I don't find that it is not progressing in the way it should.

thank you for your time,

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Tracie