

July, 2017

Attention Town of St. Marys Council,

Dear: Mayor Al Strathdee and Town Councillors

It is with reluctance and sadness that I beg your acceptance of my resignation from the St. Marys Accessibility Advisory Committee due to a change in circumstance of health, which in no small part, has been caused by the declining air quality in town. Since retiring from administration in education June of 2013 I have had the privilege and honour of being accepted into membership on the Town of St. Mary Accessibility Advisory Committee. The past four years on committee have been a wonderful and always an exciting opportunity to actively participate in the growth and development of our beautiful town.

However, after retiring and living full time in our town I have developed a very serious lung condition, correlating to the increasingly acrid air from the quarry processing and burns, which I have spoken about with our mayor, the Ministry of the Environment and a representative from St. Marys Cement. It is a heart breaking decision to leave St. Marys after living and working almost exclusively here and in the area of Perth South for almost 20 years. Purchasing a new home right in town in 2009 and retiring four years later provided the opportunity to get involved in town culture and development. Seeing and hearing the council working hard on town issues also encouraged me to get involved in town activities, especially in the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Truly, I must tell you that I immensely admire each of you on council, the people of St. Marys, and all council has done to improve inclusion for all members of our community, and for furthering a positive town culture and character. I must thank you for your service and for my opportunities to serve the town in a small way. The only silver lining in the situation of having to move are my St. Mary memories and friendships and the fact that I have chosen to move closer to family, two hours from here, which will also be a blessing.

So sadly I request that you accept my tender of resignation from the Accessibility Advisory Committee. It has been an honour and privilege to serve on this exemplary advisory committee and proud to say I was an active participant in the town of St. Marys.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Vink-Broadfoot