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Subject: [EXT]

I am writing to express my feelings about adding fluoride back into our water here in Calgary. I am allergic to fluoride and had to take extensive measures to avoid tap water before it was removed from our water a few years ago. I request that you DO NOT add it back into our water. Fluoride should be a choice, not something that is forced on us. I am fearful of becoming sick again if it's added back into our water, which will be. I am not the only one that is allergic to it. Please do not do this.

Thank you,

Leenie Anderson
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First name (required)	Denise
Last name (required)	Kokaram
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Community Water Fluoridation
Date of meeting	Dec 1, 2020

Thank you for all the great work you and your team are doing to support our citizens and keep us moving forward and upward during this most difficult time. Your efforts and commitment to serving our city are greatly appreciated!

As you know, I am an oral health champion and advocate for our underserved priority populations. As such, I would respectfully ask that a vote by all city councillors regarding the reinstatement of community water fluoridation be considered following tomorrow's financial meeting.

I am acutely aware of the challenges everyone currently faces, and the incredible fiscal constraints that organizations such as the City of Calgary are encountering. The pandemic has highlighted in our communities, and indeed, around the world, the extreme and fatal effects on those who experience social determinants of health inequities. With that in mind, I implore you all to consider the long term health impacts and the related costs to our systems that result from oral health disease in our marginalized populations.

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

Community water fluoridation is and has been, a municipal decision. Historically, oral health was removed from universal healthcare considerations because community water fluoridation was seen a broad, efficient, and affordable evidence-based method of reducing dental decay in Canadian communities. To remove the ability to optimally



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fluoridate our city's water, despite two plebiscites indicating the majority of Calgarians supported, has harmed our most vulnerable citizens.

In private practice, we are seeing rises in dental decay in those who can afford regular dental care and have a higher standard of living. Public health programs, such as the Alex Dental Health Bus, and AHS's Oral Health School program, that have been cited as a remedy for the lack of water fluoridation, have been limited in scope or eliminated currently due to redeployment of resources. It is unimaginable right now, how our less fortunate neighbours are coping with their pain and suffering. I personally have received multiple communications every week from Calgarians unable to access or afford the care they so desperately need.

Please consider the long term effects on our most vulnerable citizens, and the long term costs to the multiple systems that will be negatively affected by an increase in oral health disease. Many of those affected are our most valuable essential workers and their families. Related systemic illnesses, lowered immune systems due to dental di

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Subject: [EXT] Fluoridation in Calgary's Drinking Water - for vital consideration

December 3, 2020

Dear City of Calgary Mayor and Councilors –

I have been made aware that the water fluoridation discussion is back on the table for The City of Calgary.

I **vehemently oppose** fluoride being added back into Calgary's drinking water. There is absolutely NO valid reason to impose this **neurotoxin** on every citizen of Calgary. There is enough scientific evidence to show that fluoride is unsafe and a serious health risk – especially to our children – that will match or even outmatch – any study saying it is safe. So claiming that “the science” supports it is not true and is not a good reason or argument to impose fluoride on everyone without their consent.

For example, a recent Canadian study speaks to the neurotoxicity of fluoride. You can see that study here: <https://www.cnn.com/2019/08/19/health/fluoride-neurotoxin-canada-study/index.html>

It is time to empower people to take responsibility for their own health choices. It is incredibly easy and affordable to supplement fluoride with toothpaste and/or fluoride drops or tablets. In fact, if they so choose, The City could easily provide these supplements for people to pick up at pharmacies or host fluoride pick up locations.

But some people simply wanting this to be convenient for them, at the cost of everyone else who does not want their families to ingest fluoride, is incredibly lazy, selfish and disgusting. My choice to not consume fluoride has absolutely zero impact on someone who chooses to consume fluoride. Let them take personal responsibility for their choice, as will I.

Forcing all Calgarians to consume a neurotoxin against their will is medical tyranny. This must remain a personal choice that we are free to make. As the saying goes, **“I will not light my child on fire to keep yours warm.”**

To be clear, I do not give permission for my tax dollars to be spent to fluoridate the city water system. I do give permission for my tax dollars to allow people to be given the opportunity to pick up or receive supplemental fluoride for their individual use.

I hope that you can all see that this is an extreme over - reaching of what The City representatives should be doing for their citizens. The science is NOT settled – and there is significant science to suggest that consuming fluoride is incredibly unsafe and should not be forced onto people against their will.

I hope that you take these facts and concerns into consideration. And please encourage your citizens to start taking responsibility for themselves. This is not a place for The City to be making blanket decisions that impact all citizens. And there is zero evidence that could convince me that this needs to be imposed on my family, or anyone who does not want it.

Best Regards,

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