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CAD cell proposal

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Dear
Sir/Madam,
Please consider
this a voice
against the
proposed CAD
cell proposal.
I question the
claims of time
and money that
would be saved
under this
proposal as the
term of years is
very vague due
to various
funding levels.
Also how is it
that the many
years of
research that
lead to
hydraulic
dredging has
lead us to the
wrong decision
regarding the
cleaning of the
harbor? It's
only been seven
years. If so I
hope someone
is held
accountable.
Medical issues
also trouble me.
We have had
enough trouble



in this area with
airborne
contaminant
issues and high
cancer rates.
This method
would expose
us to these
issues while the
current issue
does not.

I also question
the longevity of
the CAD cell
structure. They
have not been
around long
enough to even
know for sure if
they could
withstand
severe weather
situations over
an infinite
period of time,
also they have
rarely if ever
been used for
the purpose of
containing
burnt PCB's. If
the PCB's are
not in the
harbor then we
don't have to
worry about
them being
released from a
failed cell.
Small increases
in overall costs
of the project
time of
completion

under the
current method
of disposal
should be
considered the
cost of a very
necessary
insurance policy
against the
possibility of
repoluting the
harbour.

Lastly I
question the
accountability
of the funding
of this project
as a whole. It is
my
understanding
that an
additional \$4
million was
appropriated for
this project on
top of the
annual \$15
million. At this
time there does
not appear to be
any plans to
extend the
dredging season.
In fact it will
apparently be
shorter!
Workers on this
project were
told at the end
of last season
that this would
actually be a
longer seson.
Where is the

money going?
Of course I feel
more funding is
need for this
project, but
without money
being
appropriated for
actual
operations
what's the
sense?
Ultimately
more funding
and better
accountability
along with the
current method
of dispossal
would best
serve this
process.

Thank you for
the opportunity
to express my
opinion.
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Resident