
Flouride opinions changed with times

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As a citizen of Waterloo concerned with the fluoridation of our drinking water, I sat in on the (Jan. 14) council meeting.

I would like to share my impressions of that meeting with Waterloo's residents.

Much information was presented on both sides of the issue. Recent scientific reports lead me to believe that what we've been doing here in Waterloo may indeed not be safe for our residents. These reports site many health concerns with the fluoride being added to our water.

Kudos to councillors Vieth and Freeman for putting forth recommendations to immediately stop fluoridating our water while we determine the safety of the fluoride being used.

Unfortunately, not enough of our councillors were able to see the dangers here and voted for the status quo.

I was surprised by Coun. Whaley's lack of concern.

He wanted to sweep the whole issue under the rug and not burden Waterloo's residents with another referendum on the issue. He felt the three previously held referendums settled the issue and there was no need for a fourth one.

Well Mr. Whaley, times have changed. We know a lot more about this issue today than we did 40 plus years ago.

For example, do you really think that residents who previously voted in favor of fluoridation would have done so if they'd known that our water was to be fluoridated not with a pharmaceutical grade fluoride, but with hydrofluorosilicic acid, a toxic byproduct of the fertilizer industry?

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