

## Fluoride Free Lethbridge Newsletter – October 11, 2013

*If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small.* – Proverbs 24:10

Fluoridation of the Lethbridge drinking water was one of the top three election issues a couple of weeks ago. Now, the word on the street is that “fluoride” is the **top** election issue.

Consequently, we’re getting “adversity.” Pro-fluoride groups are rising up and AHS is coming out with the big guns, writing letters to the candidates to persuade them fluoridation is safe and an advisable health measure.

This week, James Frey, as Senior Communications Officer for Alberta Health Services – South Zone, forwarded a personalized email to all of the candidates on behalf of AHS, promoting water fluoridation. Not only is Frey’s agenda inappropriate in his position of public administration, the information is entirely inaccurate and misleading. **See links** for Frey’s letters (there are two: [James Frey’s Letter](#) to Candidates for Council and [CMOH Letters](#) re Fluoride to Le and Council Candidates\_SIGNED 33) and [our rebuttal](#) to Dr. James Talbot’s personal letter to the candidates.

Dr. Anthony Hall issued a press release about this egregious impropriety by the AHS. It’s also [available here](#).

Lots of interesting reading for the weekend. (Sorry for all the attachments, but so much is happening.)

### Upcoming Events

**Fluoride in our tap water: Medicine or Toxin?**  
**Tuesday, October 15 at 7:30 PM**  
**Community Room, CASA**  
**230 8<sup>th</sup> Street South**

Dr. James Beck, co-author with Dr. Paul Connett and Dr. H.S. Micklem, of the "*The Case Against Fluoride: How Hazardous Waste Ended Up in Our Drinking Water and the Bad Science and Powerful Politics That Are Keeping It There*" will be the main speaker. He will be accompanied by Dr. Robert Dickson, a Calgary family doctor who, like Dr. Beck, played a significant role in persuading the Calgary municipal government to remove hydrofluorosilicic acid from Calgary tap water in 2011.

On September 29 Dr. Gary W. Fong, President of the Alberta Dental Association and College, was invited by Dr. Anthony Hall to join Drs. Beck and Dickson by making a presentation at the upcoming Lethbridge event or to appoint a delegate to do so. Dr. Fong has indicated through an intermediary that he will not be taking part in the

forthcoming event nor will he appoint a delegate of the Alberta Dental Association and College to do so.

Are there any takers to debate the pro-fluoride side?

With or without the pro-fluoride side being represented, it will be an interesting evening. Plan to attend.

**Mayoralty and Councillor Candidates' Forum**  
**Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce**  
**Wednesday, October 16, 6:00 – 9:30 PM**  
**Yates Memorial Centre**

This is one of the major forums, so come early to get a seat and make arrangements to ask questions.

## **Election News**

Who to vote for?

The responses from the candidates to the questionnaire concerning their position on fluoridation are posted [here](#). Their short comments sum up what they believe.

You may find the following enlightening:

Dr. Bob Dickson asked FFL to forward a letter to the councillor candidates because his computer wouldn't allow him to send to multiple addresses. Chris Spearman replied to this. See the correspondence [here](#).

At the SACPA forum Chris Spearman was asked directly about his demeaning email concerning Dr. Dickson and if that's how we, as citizens of Lethbridge, could expect him to respond to us. He straight out lied to the audience, saying he felt he was being attacked by Dr. Dickson. You can read the correspondence for yourself and see who attacked whom.

## **Take Action**

Let the candidates know how you feel about being forced to take a medication (fluoride) without your consent by going to this [link](#). They've made their positions clear, now make yours!

What is so difficult to understand about the ethic of free choice of medication treatment? What is so irrational or so unjust of us to ask for a say in what we take into our bodies, especially when science declares far more than reasonable cause for doubt? Why are

some politicians so cowardly as to propose passing the buck to an electorate, which itself has no right whatsoever to enforce medication without informed consent?

What is so hard to understand? It is only hard for those with selfish political agendas.

It's that simple.

### **Promotional Materials**

Add your **FFL [Lawn signs](#)** to those the candidates are putting up. This IS an election issue!

Wear your **FFL T-shirts**. Keep the conversation going.

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