

Hey Hanna,

I am writing in response to not only Bruce Wark's article but to the letter you sent to Town Council.

I want to start off by saying how sorry I am that I was not able to attend the march on the 15th. Know that I would have been there if I had had the opportunity. I looked on every available source of news and social media to follow what I could that day and over the next few days to see what happened and what was said. I had to sit in my office and watch the march pass right by my window and be still when what I wanted to do was join in the fight.

As for the council meeting I again want to say sorry for my dire views on the future of our planet. I do not take them back but I do apologize for them. I meant what I said.....that we as people don't have much of a chance in the future and sadly, my children will have a tough life living in a world that will be very different than what we have right now. The reason I say this is because of my lack in people to do the right thing. I have lived for 43 years and in that time I have been jaded by people and their lack of understanding of what is right and just in the world. That most people can't see past themselves and what is at stake....and not just with climate change but with many aspects of life. I try not to be so sour on what humans do to themselves, people around them and our Earth but it is just so hard to change.

All of this does not mean in any way that I wouldn't fight for every opportunity to change the future. That fight would be with the strongest conviction that we can make a change and save the only home that we have. I completely agree with you that if only people had made better choices in the past, after being told repeatedly that we have to change, we would not be in such a time crunch for global climate change. Because we cannot rely on every person to make all of the changes they we all need to make it is up to those who want to fight to make the change for the rest of the world. Citizens who have a mind to make a change fighting for what they believe in despite being told by others that what they stand for is silly. It will take strong, firm, drastic and disruptive action from all levels of Government to make the changes that the world needs RIGHT NOW. This is what I was trying to say at the council meeting and, it seems, failed to do so. We as municipal councilors need to pressure other levels of government to make a change but also make sweeping changes within the community we live in. Federal and Provincial governments need to enforce climate action policies that are going to piss off and anger a lot of people.....but for the greater good. It is in this way that positive changes can happen and the path to saving the Earth can be tread.

I pride myself and am proud of my wife for trying to groom our kids to be socially, economically, and environmentally aware so that they can make the right choices from the start of their lives and continue to do so for the rest of it as well. My three kids are the greatest and best thing that has ever happened to me and I will fight not just for their future but for the future of everyone.

I hope that I have explained myself well enough but if you want to talk sometime send me a text and we can set a time to meet and discuss. Thanks for the letter to council as well.....I hope that it has convinced everyone of the right thing to do.

Andrew