

December 9, 2025. Dr. Harold Popma's presentation to Tantramar Town Council

Thank you deputy mayor and councillors good evening...

Yes, we all use electricity. No, we do not want more pollution. Let me explain.

I have presented you, councillors and mayor, with documents from the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment, which provide reliable information related to the continued burning of fossil fuels and the effects of those fossil fuel burnings on planetary health as well as human health.

In my view, as a retired physician among you, the ongoing environmental impacts related to the RIGS project do not adequately focus on human health. Fortunately, as I've just mentioned, the relevant studies and documentation on this topic have been done. I can give you those results. Here they are.

The burning, you've heard them before, the burning of fossil gas and diesel in the proposed refurbished jet engines will spill out pollutant chemicals into the air and ultimately also contaminate water and soil. These volatile organic compounds are harmful to our bodies and then can make us sick when we breathe them and when we drink them and over 25 years the effects accumulate.

So I submit to you, we do not want more pollution. Fortunately there are clean energy alternatives available and already in use, convince NB Power of that. I ask you, what future health risks, such as bronchitis, heart disease, cancer, and more, are we willing to accept?

Stop this proposal. Go for clean energy, now.