



## **STRATFORD CITY COUNCIL ADDENDA**

Adoption of Addenda to the Special Council Agenda:

Motion by

**THAT the Addenda to the Special Council Agenda, be adopted as printed to include the following:**

### **4.0 Receipt of Correspondence and Hearing of Delegations:**

The attached Cost Sharing chart with respect to the proposed cost-sharing / development agreement with Xinyi Canada Glass Limited is provided for discussion purposes. It has been revised from the version provided with the agenda on Friday, November 13, 2020.

Attachment – REVISED Cost Sharing chart

4.1 The following persons have submitted correspondence with respect to this matter:

- John and Jane Bex
- Don Landry
- Bill James-Abra
- Allie Bell
- Stephen Landers
- Jan Van Stralen
- Amber Verhoeve
- Robin Wilhelm
- Linda Mackay
- Ruth Barrett
- Richard Fitzpatrick
- Pauline Shore
- Carmen Grant
- Valerie and Terry Aitken
- Jackie and Tom Collings
- Talyn Pride

- Kathryn A Mallon
- Connie Eaton
- John Lewis
- Deb Gadbois
- Sean Patrick McCabe
- Linda Jordan
- Justine Nigro
- Philip McCabe
- Scott Wishart
- Amanda Dobbie
- Victoria Lewis
- Doug Nicholson
- David Kerr
- John Van Dyk
- Leanne Landers
- Anita Jacobsen
- Katherine Hewitt
- Mike Jorna
- Judy Hartman
- Susan Bray
- Michael Player
- Sandra and David Jordan
- Andrew Watson
- Laila Lee
- Ken Wood
- Jamie Gibb
- Frank Backmund
- Larry Baswick
- Marilyn Haslam

Attachment – Correspondence Received

Motion by

**THAT the correspondence from the persons listed on the November 16, 2020 Council Addenda, as printed, with respect to the proposed cost-sharing / development agreement with Xinyi Canada Glass Limited, be received.**

The following persons have requested to present to Council:

- Chris Gougeon
- Jamie Gibb
- Dorothy Van Esbroeck
- Collan Simmons
- Gayle Robins
- Mike Sullivan

- Eleanor Kane
- Patrick O'Rourke
- Melissa Verspeeten
- Emily Chandler
- Augusta Dwyer
- Sharon Collingwood
- Larry Baswick
- Manfred Meurer

Motion by

**THAT the registered delegations be heard.**

## XINYI COST SHARING

	Estimated Costs	Xinyi Share	City Share	Xinyi Cost	City Cost
<b>Highway 7 Improvements</b>					
Signals @ HWY 7 and Perth Line 29	\$1,000,000	80.0%	20.0%	\$800,000	\$200,000
Turning Lanes @ HWY 7 and Perth Line 29	\$2,000,000	80.0%	20.0%	\$1,600,000	\$400,000
Non-signalized turning lanes to Xinyi land on HWY 7	\$500,000	100.0%	0.0%	\$500,000	\$0
Design & Contract Administration	\$525,000	80.0%	20.0%	\$420,000	\$105,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,025,000</b>	<b>82.5%</b>	<b>17.5%</b>	<b>\$3,320,000</b>	<b>\$705,000</b>
Based on development traffic volumes being generated by the development of the annexed lands and Wright Business Park					
<b>Sanitary Sewer Pumping Station</b>					
Design	\$240,000	31.6%	68.4%	\$75,840	\$164,160
Contract Administration	\$400,000	31.6%	68.4%	\$126,400	\$273,600
Construction	\$3,360,000	31.6%	68.4%	\$1,061,760	\$2,298,240
	<b>\$4,000,000</b>	<b>31.6%</b>	<b>68.4%</b>	<b>\$1,264,000</b>	<b>\$2,736,000</b>
Xinyi share based on land area					
<b>Watermain</b>					
Design & construction from terminus on Erie St. to Perth Line 29	\$575,000	60.0%	40.0%	\$345,000	\$230,000
Design & construction from Perth Line 29 to Xinyi entrance on HWY 7	\$650,000	100.0%	0.0%	\$650,000	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,225,000</b>	<b>81.2%</b>	<b>18.8%</b>	<b>\$995,000</b>	<b>\$230,000</b>
<b>Perth Line 29 Improvements from HWY 7 to Rail Crossing</b>					
Construction of left turn lane to Xinyi	\$1,439,000	100.0%	0.0%	\$1,439,000	\$0
Road reconstruction	\$886,000	25.0%	75.0%	\$221,500	\$664,500
Road Design & Contract Administration	\$500,000	25.0%	75.0%	\$125,000	\$375,000
Design, Administration & Construction Gravity Sanitary Sewer	\$895,000	0%	100%	\$0	\$895,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,720,000</b>	<b>48.0%</b>	<b>52.0%</b>	<b>\$1,785,500</b>	<b>\$1,934,500</b>
Left turn lane works are approx. 325m long, remainder of road is 200m. This used to determine the % splits.					
<b>Line 29 Watermain Dunn to HWY 7</b>					

Design & Construction	\$425,000	0%	100%	\$0	\$425,000
Total	\$425,000			\$0	\$425,000
<b>Total for all Infrastructure Works</b>	<b>\$13,395,000</b>	<b>55.0%</b>	<b>45.0%</b>	<b>\$7,364,500</b>	<b>\$6,030,500</b>

**FUTURE TAX REVENUE (2020-2027)**

Annual Estimates

Xinyi Tax Revenue (\$150m assessment, net of education portion)	\$4,450,000
Less: Perth South Compensation (24%)	-\$1,112,500
	<u>\$3,337,500</u>

**FUTURE TAX REVENUE (2028+)**

Annual Estimates

Xinyi Tax Revenue (\$150m assessment, net of education portion)	\$4,450,000
Less: Perth South Compensation (28%)	-\$1,246,000
	<u>\$3,204,000</u>

**Tatiana Dafoe**

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**From:** noreply@stratford.ca on behalf of John & Jane Bex  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 15, 2020 1:59 PM  
**To:** City Clerks  
**Subject:** re: proposal for Xinyi Glass factory

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] DO NOT CLICK links or attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

We have read the information on your website regarding the Xinyi Glass factory proposal and we are concerned about the possible impact on our water supply and the environment. We do not wish the city of Stratford to proceed with this proposal. John & Jane Bex.

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**From:** [Don Landry](#)  
**To:** [City Clerks](#)  
**Subject:** Xinyi Canada Glass - MZO  
**Date:** Saturday, November 14, 2020 9:33:33 PM

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The lack of due process in the case of the Xinyi glass plant amounts to an unacceptable abdication of responsibility by Stratford Council as a whole.

That a Minister's Zoning Order (MZO) is being used to speed approval of this facility - without the thoughtful, methodical and reasonable processes that must be demanded before such a development can be undertaken - is a slap in the face to responsible governance and to the citizens of Stratford.

This city and its leaders ought to be fighting against MZO's on principle, not accepting the will of a provincial government that is determined to use - in bad faith - a tool that was meant only to speed the process for projects that were deemed to be urgently needed.

There is no urgent need for a glass plant, obviously.

My questions to council are: 1) Who requested the MZO? 2) Were all councillors made aware of this? 3) Who on council will stand up against the attempted circumvention of responsible due process?

Don Landry



## Tatiana Dafoe

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**From:** noreply@stratford.ca on behalf of Bill James-Abra [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 14, 2020 10:13 AM  
**To:** City Clerks  
**Subject:** Xinyi Glass Plant

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I am writing with concern about the proposed Xinyi glass plant. My questions concern both the environmental impact, and the process.

Process first: how was it decided that the City (along with the County and Township) would ask for a Minister's Zoning Order? Why was that considered necessary? Or, put another way, why did you think it was important to avoid the usual zoning application process? I have to say, frankly, I don't like that decision and I don't trust it.

Which sets up my second concern. Has the City truly considered the environmental impact of this glass plant? This opinion piece in the Beacon Herald raises serious questions  
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Thank you,

Bill James-Abra  
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**From:** [Allie Bell](#)  
**To:** [City Clerks](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed glass plant  
**Date:** Saturday, November 14, 2020 1:10:32 PM

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To whom this may concern,

I must offer my disdain and complete distrust in the benefits of participating in a project that puts the health and well being of citizens at grave risk due to the environmental devastation that will come from such a thoughtless development. The employment infrastructure in Stratford is already worrisome and by inviting yet another factory here (a factory that so many cities have rejected) will not improve the situation and will in fact cause the exact opposite effect. We do not need another factory, we need to be a haven for entrepreneurs and green technology. The added congestion will negatively impact tourism which will hurt the already tenuous position of the arts. Not to mention, this city council has declared a climate emergency but this action defies that claim. This factory will make emissions targets impossible to achieve, will negatively impact the burgeoning housing boom (no one wants to live near a factory that is destroying the water supply and guess what - in Stratford everything is near the factories)

For once, listen to the people of the city. The majority do not want this factory. We do not want to put pollution and profits ahead of people and the environment. I want my child to have a chance at a future and this factory steals that chance.

Allie Bell  


**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [City Clerks](#)  
**Subject:** Xinji Plant  
**Date:** Sunday, November 15, 2020 12:53:03 PM

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To the Mayor and Councillors  
Re: Xinyi Glass Plant

I understand the City's desire to add to its industrial base. However, I have very serious reservations about the proposed Xinji plant, as follows:

1. Stratford will pay \$5.8 million up front, but will receive less than 75% of increased property tax revenue;
2. Despite the assurance from the UTRCA that this plant will not affect our water supply, the fact that we need such assurances causes me to wonder. Further, what happens when the plant decides to increase capacity, along with its water consumption? Such increased demand would be hard to resist, as such a demand would be accompanied with the threat of plant closure if the demand were not met. What happens in time of drought?

Please deny this application.

Stephen Landers BA, CPA, CA

[REDACTED]

Ph: [REDACTED]  
Email: [REDACTED]

**From:** [Jan Van Stralen](#)  
**To:** [City Clerks](#)  
**Subject:** Glass Factory  
**Date:** Saturday, November 14, 2020 7:07:36 PM

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To Counsel,

By way of this email, I would like to see the proposed Glass Factory be put on hold until there is greater clarity regarding air quality, water consumption and labor. These long term decisions are of great concern to me.

1. The draft environmental reports being studied by Stratford council do not include an air quality report, except one that merely states it will meet all standards.
2. The plant will consume significant quantities of water — about one-third as much as the entire town of Stratford consumes. Can our aquifers stand this for long periods?
3. Xinyi has indicated it will be bringing in a workforce of “temporary” Chinese labour and live on the premises with promises of future local employment. More clarity required.

With thanks and appreciation,

Jan

Jan Van Stralen

**From:** [Amber Verhoeve](#)  
**To:** [City Clerks](#)  
**Subject:** glass company infrastructure concerns  
**Date:** Saturday, November 14, 2020 9:17:00 PM

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It is highly important that the railway crossing be upgraded at Nile/Guelph intersection to include warning lights and security bars and the area on Nile Street between Shakespeare St and Guelph St be deemed a quiet zone so the train only honks if there is something blocking its path like the rest of Stratford. If this is the only proposed glass plant in Canada, then there will be considerable rail traffic. As it stands currently, there are no security measures to protect this rail crossing. The trains are very noisy honking 4x every time they cross which includes shunting back and forth, which as it stands is excessive. With the recent infrastructure development of the park including the skate park and tennis courts and brand new child play area and for the quality of living for surrounding neighborhoods, it would be sensible to both protect the intersection but also silence the trains to protect everyone's ears and enjoyment of the area. Infrastructure upgrades for this plant needs to include the rails.

Thank you,  
Amber Verhoeve

Sent from my Galaxy

**From:** [Robin Wilhelm](#)  
**To:** [City Clerks](#)  
**Subject:** Xinyi objection letter  
**Date:** Sunday, November 15, 2020 11:03:25 PM

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Hello...please provide this letter to members of City Council.  
Thanks.

To Members of Stratford City Council:

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed Xinyi glass plant.

I am all for providing jobs for Stratford residents, and having industry in balance with our arts history. However, lately, City Council seems to be throwing caution to the wind in the projects it chooses to host within our city. First, the proposed gas plant which will bring much increased truck traffic through a largely residential area, not to mention the possible pollution and odour issues that may arise. Also the fact that the old plant may prove difficult to adapt to this use.

Now, Council proposes a huge glass plant be built that will, in my opinion, have possibly devastating effects on our ground water resources, and possible air and ground pollution issues. What ever happened to Stratford being a 'green' city, encouraging composting for its residents, and encouraging environmentally conscious business and industry? Both of these proposed new projects fly in the face of that past mind set.

Why do we need to be searching and encouraging such large, potentially polluting and resource depleting projects? Are we trying to be a big city like Toronto? Are we trying to prove something to the rest of Ontario, that we want to play like the big boys? What's wrong with being the lovely small city we are? We don't need to tempt fate with such risky ventures as these!

I am old enough to remember during times of drought, when the citizens were asked to conserve water, and restrict watering in order not to endanger our water reserves. That was before any of these huge, resource wasting industries. According to the City of Stratford website's information about this project, you state that water use is anticipated to be approximately 2,500 cubic meters per day. That is the equivalent to 2.5 MILLION liters per day!! Even if some of that is reclaimed, the other figure projected is 1.6 MILLION liters per day!! Now we're being asked to accept that an industry requiring up to 1.6 MILLION litres of water per DAY is just fine, that we have lots of capacity. But, they require a guarantee that they will get THEIR water first, 24/7 for 12 years minimum!! REALLY?? What about the 35,000 + citizens of Stratford who also require water on a daily basis? I also see that the waste from this

new plant is to be directed to our sewage plant, which is old and would prove to be even more of a strain on our infrastructure! Does council value this new industry above the citizens who live here?

Several cities much larger than ours have already turned down Xinyi's proposal for fear that this industry's requirements are extreme and not sustainable. I suggest they made the right decision... I believe this industry would be far better off to consider a location that draws lake water from one of the great lakes. It is a much larger resource that won't endanger drinking water. I'm uncertain why this wasn't considered by the company.

Please, council members, put your citizens ahead of this foreign, demanding, resource draining industry!

Sincerely,

Robin Wilhelm



## Tatiana Dafoe

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**From:** noreply@stratford.ca on behalf of Linda Mackay [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 16, 2020 8:04 AM  
**To:** City Clerks  
**Subject:** Xinyi Canada Glass Limited

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] DO NOT CLICK links or attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear City Council,

I am adding my deep concerns about the proposed cost-sharing / development agreement with Xinyi Canada Glass Limited. There has been detailed environmental risks outlined with this project, polluting our air and soil and using an unprecedented amount of water.

I am cautioning that due diligence must be taken, and that environmental impact research be done before any commitment to this project. And that this information is duly shared with our community before any decisions are made. And better yet, given that other communities close to us have refused this project due to these concerns, please say NO.

At times, local objections may be people resisting change. But I see this as the community waking up to the reality of this particular project and the serious environmental and resource laden impact this will have on our community.

Please say NO.

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**From:** [Ruth Barrett](#)  
**To:** [City Clerks](#)  
**Subject:** Concerns about Xinyi glass plant  
**Date:** Sunday, November 15, 2020 8:26:21 PM

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Well, the optics aren't very good, are they?

I know for a fact that the province issued an MZO and bypassed the existing process of public consultation that's involved with re-zoning, and the City has been less than transparent about the progress of the proposed Xinyi glass plant. Finally, after months of near-silence (during which time we've all been held hostage by the pandemic and world politics and not paying close enough attention) there is suddenly a rushed flurry of activity over a matter of days. First, there was Xinyi's 2.5-hour infomercial disguised as a public information meeting, leaving questions unanswered and concerns unaddressed. There is barely any time for concerned citizens to gather and submit their thoughts by Monday noon, ahead of Tuesday's meeting to discuss a cost-sharing agreement! This all smacks of Ford's heavy-handed influence and his sick obsession with making Ontario "Open for Business" at the cost of our environment, standard of living, and autonomy in this municipality.

Both London and Guelph wisely and successfully turned away the same proposed glass plant from their jurisdictions. Far from their recent experiences being a red flag, this city council appears to have rolled over at the slick presentation and promise of tax revenue and a few jobs-- many of which will be filled by migrant workers (who historically are not treated well by this company) and out-of-town experts. China has an appalling record regarding human rights and environmental protections. They are currently holding Canadian citizens hostage, and actively engaging in brutalizing minorities, among countless other heinous crimes. Worldwide, companies like Xinyi sell the lofty ideal of "clean" facilities and "good jobs", but rarely do they deliver, and communities who fall for it are left holding the bag.

Do you honestly believe that Ford (with his own shameful environmental record) will hold these people accountable? Do you believe them when they paint a pretty picture of a facility with solar panels and water recycling? That building an unsightly 300-foot smokestack will somehow make the 24/7 emissions of God-knows-what SAFE? That our precious water supply will be just jim-dandy and unaffected? And if this does go ahead, it opens the doors for other pushy big business owners (pals of Ford, no doubt) to shove their way into our beautiful little community and others like it. I do not trust Xinyi as far as I can spit.

The council is being sold snake oil and forcing us to drink it, will we or no. If Stratford's citizens are not heeded and this project turned away like our sensible and intrepid neighbours have

done, we will neither forget nor forgive you for ruining our community and endangering our health. The all-mighty dollar is NOT the be-all-and-end-all in this life, though Ford would have you believe otherwise. We WILL remember at the polls during the next provincial and municipal elections and be voting accordingly.

Shame on you if you do not listen to us. Say no to this terrible idea.

Sincerely,

Ruth Barrett  
Stratford

**From:** [Richard Fitzpatrick](#)  
**To:** [City Clerks](#)  
**Subject:** Xinyi Glass factory  
**Date:** Sunday, November 15, 2020 9:15:26 PM

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No to this proposed glass plant until full citizen participation and full transparency are allowed !!

**From:** [Pauline Shore](#)  
**To:** [City Clerks](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Glass Factory in Stratford  
**Date:** Sunday, November 15, 2020 9:33:54 PM

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Having researched the health hazard of silica dust in the air(silicosis), from delivery of the same to the proposed glass manufacturing plant, and in the process of manufacturing- I implore you to not inflict this monstrosity upon the people of Stratford!

Sent from my iPhone

## Tatiana Dafoe

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**From:** City Clerks  
**Sent:** Monday, November 16, 2020 8:58 AM  
**To:** Jodi Akins; Tatiana Dafoe  
**Subject:** Fw: Xinyi Glass Project

**From:** noreply@stratford.ca <noreply@stratford.ca> on behalf of Carmen Grant [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, November 16, 2020 8:57 AM

**To:** City Clerks <clerks@stratford.ca>

**Subject:** Xinyi Glass Project

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Members of Council, and Mr Mayor --

with respect to the Xinyi Glass Plant, as a citizen of Stratford, I have many questions and concerns about the overall safety of this project.

Although economic prosperity is always a positive goal for a smaller city like ours, at what price does it come?

I attended the online information session this past Saturday, and listened to the answers provided to questions asked, covering topics from worker housing, to traffic direction, to air quality - and the overall feeling I was left with is one of suspicion.

The fact of the matter is that this decision is being made without the consent of the people. That you have not made this impending construction public knowledge (before pushing it through to this point in the process) is unacceptable.

What is the benefit of economic prosperity if there is no quality of life with which to enjoy it?

Environmental destruction and damage will surely occur, and although Mr Pidgeon and the other panelists tried to indicate that we have little-to-nothing to worry about, I have my doubts.

To invest in a project of this magnitude without the absolute certainty that our water table is safe, our air quality will remain safe, and our soil will remain safe is unethical.

What is the environmental cost for economic prosperity?

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**From:** [Terence Aitken](#)  
**To:** [City Clerks](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed glass making plant in Stratford  
**Date:** Sunday, November 15, 2020 4:37:40 PM

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Dear Sir/Madam

We have 3 concerns:

1. vast water consumption.
2. air pollution.
- 3, housing of workers on site - not a normal Canadian practice.
4. use of farmland.
5. rejection by other municipalities is of concern.

Hence we wish to register our reservations about this proposed project.

sincerely,

Valerie and Terry Aitken, 

**From:** [Jackie Collings](#)  
**To:** [City Clerks](#)  
**Subject:** Submission re Chinese company XInyi  
**Date:** Sunday, November 15, 2020 4:49:35 PM

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To Stratford City Councillors

Tom and I wrote of our concerns about the glass factory in August but it was never put in the Beacon, but we also sent it to City councillors and to the Mayor.

On Saturday Nov 14 we read 2 articles about the plant as if it had already been decided.

The virtual public meeting is no good for us, so I am writing this e-mail as we are very concerned, and believe that this will be a huge mistake for Stratford. ( We have been residents of Perth South and then of Stratford for 60 years.

We knew that Xinyi had been offered a site in Amherstview which had extra hydro and scrub vacant land and was on the shore of Lake Ontario and had the rail line right there, but they turned it down because they wanted to be on the other side of Toronto.

Did the zoning change come from the Provincial government and specify the change from agricultural land to the XInyi Glass plant and no other use? That doesn't even seem democratic as the people in and around Stratford have no say in this, and it affects us all

1. It would use a staggering amount of water which. Is our most precious resource.

2 The massive furnaces will produce Carbon dioxide, sulphur oxides and nitrogen oxides which affect the respiratory system of humans and animals and damage the vegetation.

3 The huge infrastructure costs which Stratford would have to pay as a percentage of the total is like giving a blank cheque to the Chinese company who would only pay 56.7%.

4 We doubt very much that it will ever provide jobs for our population because the Chinese company will bring their workers from China with them. According to the article in the Beacon, the plan for the factory shows dormitories with 96 apartments with bathroom and kitchen that the say is for emergencies! They will be for their workers

There seems to be so many things against this proposal!! Why would anyone want to agree with it?

Please push the pause button and reconsider this proposal.

Yours Sincerely Jackie and Tom Collings (former Perth County Engineer) for 30 years"

**From:** [City Clerks](#)  
**To:** [Tatiana Dafoe](#); [Chris Bantock](#); [Jodi Akins](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Proposed glass factory comment  
**Date:** Monday, November 16, 2020 9:17:41 AM

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**From:** Talyn Pride <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 16, 2020 9:09 AM  
**To:** City Clerks <clerks@stratford.ca>  
**Subject:** Proposed glass factory comment

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Hello,

As a resident of Stratford I strongly oppose the proposed glass plant. My concern is the negative environmental impact it will have on our community. Stratford has recently made positive environmental strides e.i green bins. We can continue to progress and fight climate change instead of regress and allow this plant to be built.

Thank you



## Tatiana Dafoe

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**From:** noreply@stratford.ca on behalf of Kathryn A Mallon [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 15, 2020 6:57 PM  
**To:** City Clerks  
**Subject:** Chinese Glass Plant

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Dear Council Members,

Please do not allow this glass plant to proceed.

My husband and I have been taxpayers of Stratford since 1965. We love this city.

There are so many reasons why the glass plant should not be built.

Here's why:

1. Water - that is our most precious resource! Stratford has a lot of good water but you cannot waste it. We must look to the future.
2. Air - we are trying to clean up our world, not pollute more.
3. Human Rights - China has a very poor record. Do we want to encourage them to take over Canada when they are currently holding 2 Canadians hostage?
4. Fossil fuels - that's the past not the future.
5. Jobs - local businesses have trouble finding workers now. Canadians do not want to work under these unsafe and unhealthy conditions.
6. Reputation - Stratford is known for culture, values, parks, innovation (eg. self-driving cars), etc. Do you want the world to see us as a backwoods, polluted, small-minded city to be avoided at all costs?
7. Transparency - what's the rush? What are you hiding? Who is getting a big kickback from this - the premier, the mayor, or city council? Too much smoke and mirrors!
8. What guarantees do you have regarding this project? They bring in their own labour force which provides little benefit to the community if they live on site in dormitories.
9. You are destroying good farmland. Where do we get our food in the future?
10. Hypocrisy - You talk about blue boxes, green bins, etc. Who cares if you allow the biggest pollutor of all to set up next door?

We remember the foresight of Mr. Orr directing the rail lines away from the Avon River. Will we remember you as the people who destroyed our water, our air, and our community?

You have a responsibility to Stratford not to a big company from China.

Where do you think the profits will go?

Maybe you don't care about the fate of the children of our future but many of us do!

Please stop this disaster before it is too late.

You have a responsibility to act in our best interest!

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**From:** [Connie Eaton](#)  
**To:** [City Clerks](#)  
**Subject:** XINYI GLASS FACTORY  
**Date:** Sunday, November 15, 2020 4:31:38 PM

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Dan Mathieson, Members of Stratford City Council:

During this time of Covid when we are encouraged by health professionals to get outside in the fresh air to keep our immune systems strong, Stratford does not need an industrial polluter such as the proposed Xinyi glass factory.

Having recently viewed the award-winning documentary, "American Factory" on Netflix, I strongly oppose the Xinyi glass factory being built in Stratford. This troubling documentary tells the story of a Fuyao Glass, a Chinese glass factory, taking over a closed GM factory near Dayton, Ohio. Thousands of former GM workers are hopeful of returning to work, even at less than half their GM pay, but eventually they are required to work long hours and find the unfortunate conditions much like factories in China. I highly recommend this documentary to everyone to get a look at what the future for workers at this proposed glass plant might come to endure. It is also a sad glimpse of the future of factory work.

China is full of promises but not so good at keeping them, as per Hong Kong's takeover. Conditions for workers are not guaranteed, nor is employment, no matter the contract. The proposed housing suggests that a third of the 320 employees could have direct links to Beijing. XINYI Assessments done of water usage and harmful emissions cannot be trusted going into the future, especially coming from a company hired by Xinyi. Stratford's air and water should be guarded carefully especially now during this time of covid.

Of further concern is the long arm of the Chinese United Front that is attempting to dictate what people, including students, can speak about or even wear in Canada. Chinese Canadians and their families are being threatened every day. Two Canadian seniors in Ottawa were threatened and forced to leave a park in Ottawa because they were wearing t shirts the Chinese donors to the Dragon Boat race didn't approve of.

I love Stratford. I care about Stratford and all its people. This luring contract is a pretty package marked Danger.

Please oppose Xinyi Glass Factory.

Thank you,

Connie Eaton  
Stratford



**Tatiana Dafoe**

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**From:** noreply@stratford.ca on behalf of John Lewis [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 15, 2020 2:26 PM  
**To:** City Clerks  
**Subject:** Question for Monday's special council meeting

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Did the city request the Minister's Zoning Order which transfers the land for this project to the city with no municipal re-zoning process or environmental assessments?

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**Tatiana Dafoe**

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**From:** noreply@stratford.ca on behalf of John Lewis [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 14, 2020 10:15 AM  
**To:** City Clerks  
**Subject:** Glass Plant Special Meeting Question

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Mayor Mathieson has stated that comparing Guelph's and Stratford's water supplies are like comparing apples to oranges. What exactly are the differences?

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**From:** noreply@stratford.ca on behalf of Deb Gadbois [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 15, 2020 4:09 PM  
**To:** City Clerks  
**Subject:** Xinyi Canada Glass Limited Project

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I'm very concerned about changes in the environment if this company should be built here also if at some point theirs a water shortage due to the usage plus how will that effect the residents of Stratford, ON? Will this bring up taxes for homeowners also water usage when theirs a drought? Plus I have information about them wanting to build in Guelph but were denied, so has anyone ever thought to ask why that is? Plus my other concern is over a period of time how much of the environment will be impacted with their pollution also waste water that isn't manageable though the water waste program? As a resident of Stratford I strongly disapprove this company to be built in Stratford!

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**From:** noreply@stratford.ca on behalf of Sean Patrick McCabe [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 14, 2020 9:11 AM  
**To:** City Clerks  
**Subject:** Glass Plant Proposal

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Why the rush? The proposal was made public on October 29th with very few details and Council is scheduled to vote on November 17th.

What is the environmental impact of industrial development on this farmland and of the the Xinyi plant's planned water use, energy use, and smokestack?

Why was the usual municipal re-zoning process -- which includes public consultation, environmental assessment, and a right of appeal -- bypassed with a Minister's Zoning Order?

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**From:** [Linda Jordan](#)  
**To:** [City Clerks](#)  
**Subject:** chinese glass factory  
**Date:** Saturday, November 14, 2020 9:10:00 AM

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This is a terrible idea. Stratford has always been very proud of their low carbon footprint and now they are willing to allow such a big factory. I do not trust anything the chinese say and I am sure the temporary chinese workers will be permanent. We live on line 26. How is the traffic along here going to change? It is already terrible for farmers. How long before they dry up our well? I guess it doesn't matter because tourists won't see it as it is out of town and farmers don't matter. We have 3 children who are raising their families in Stratford and are very upset about this business. Money is not everything. Disgusted with the whole thing. After covid I really don't have much faith in anything the chinese say. Linda Jordan [REDACTED]  
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## Tatiana Dafoe

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**From:** noreply@stratford.ca on behalf of Justine Nigro [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 14, 2020 7:46 AM  
**To:** City Clerks  
**Subject:** glass manufacturing plant

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What is the environmental impact of industrial development on this farmland and of the the Xinyi plant's planned water use, energy use, and smokestack?

As residents of Stratford, we deserve to have environmental assessments completed before allowing industry to move in.

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**From:** noreply@stratford.ca on behalf of Justine Nigro [REDACTED]  
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Why was the usual municipal re-zoning process -- which includes public consultation, environmental assessment, and a right of appeal -- bypassed with a Minister's Zoning Order?

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## Tatiana Dafoe

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**From:** City Clerks  
**Sent:** Monday, November 16, 2020 9:42 AM  
**To:** Tatiana Dafoe; Chris Bantock; Jodi Akins  
**Subject:** Fw: Glass Plant

**From:** noreply@stratford.ca <noreply@stratford.ca> on behalf of Philip McCabe [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, November 16, 2020 9:38 AM

**To:** City Clerks <clerks@stratford.ca>

**Subject:** Glass Plant

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I am concerned about the political and human rights consequences of allowing a Chinese Factory to built in Stratford

Let us consider Would a Stratford Company be allowed to build a plant in China. Probably not based on competition and decisions are made

not in accordance with democratic trade principles

The other issues are related to the two Michaels who are still in jail and also the activities of the Chinese government in Hong Kong.

I think we need to deliver a strong message to the Chinese government that their political actions have economic consequences. This is our only mechanism in controlling their political actions.

The on site housing is also a concern

This will be a highly automated plant with the use of high tech robotics and I would think very few labour jobs. This may be a " gated factory community " that does not integrate with our society. I think this is another dangerous president

Yours sincerely

Philip McCabe

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Dear Tatiana,

I belatedly caught my misspelling of the glass manufacturer's name. I have corrected it in this version. If it's too late for you to use this copy, I absolutely understand. My apologies, regardless, for any inconvenience.

Best,  
Scott

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Dear city councillors,

So, forgive my confusion. Maybe I'm missing something here.

When the Stratford Festival proposed to build a \$100-million performing arts space to provide a non-polluting boost to our arts-based economy, city council offered at least two public meetings, no registration required, over a period of several weeks to gauge public opinion.

Fast forward three years and a foreign-owned glass manufacturer, who was sent packing by other municipalities in Ontario (e.g. Guelph-Eramosa) over residents' environmental concerns, is welcomed with open arms by our city officials, all with little-to-no chance for residents' face-to-face input thanks to Covid. Convenient for Xynl, no so much for Stratford citizens.

Quite simply, we need to put the brakes on this decision, now. All Stratford taxpayers deserve a series of town-hall discussions—in person, post-Covid—to openly discuss this contentious proposal. Two years ago, Guelph-Eramosa residents raised valid concerns about Xyni, whose sales pitch about jobs, tax revenue, etc. were identical to today's.

The problematic issues with Xynl also remain the same, however: Pollution from a 100-metre stack that contributes to acid rain (a fact already acknowledged by Xyni's Daniel Lau) and the extraction of more than of one-million litres of water daily from the environment.

Obviously the groundwork for this deal took place months ago, with the annexation of Perth South farmland. Now, just two weeks after the 'good news' announcement by investStratford, city council is ready to debate a development agreement.

To be clear, I am not opposed to new industry—potentially even one rejected by environmentally-aware citizens elsewhere—locating in Stratford. This city's residents, though, deserve better than an apparently breathless rush to accommodate Xynl with next-to-no public scrutiny.

To quote Coun. Kathy Vassilakos from Stratford's declaration in February of a climate emergency: 'There are a lot of decisions that we make – that staff make every day – that should be filtered

through an environmental lens.'  
Just sayin'.

Cheers,  
Scott

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Scott Wishart

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**From:** [City Clerks](#)  
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**Subject:** Fw: Attention city council/proposed Xinyi glass factory.  
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**From:** Victoria Lewis [REDACTED]  
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On such an environmentally and politically charged topic I believe it is incorrect for the mayor and council to proceed without public approval.

Putting projected economic gain or any priority over environmental impact is the short sighted thinking that has us on the brink of an irreversible global climate disaster.

Allowing China with its record of humanitarian and environmental abuse with whom our government is in delicate negotiations to gain such a significant foothold in our community and thus our nation is politically irresponsible.

Your behavior unfortunately begs the question, What sources are you relying on to keep informed of the realities of our present societal and environmental moment?

It is your political duty to be informed. Canada is fortunate enough to still have the unbiased resource of a world class public broadcaster, CBC, and it is your political responsibility to keep accurately informed. This means more than simply watching the daily news. I strongly suggest you listen to the daily public affairs program THE CURRENT accessible at any time on free CBC radio podcasts.

You are obligated in your position of public trust to act on non politicized expert advice.

An educated, informed and concerned citizen,  
Victoria Lewis

Sent from my iPad



**From:** [City Clerks](#)  
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**Subject:** Fw: Xinyi's glass plant  
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**From:** Doug Nicholson [REDACTED]  
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**To:** City Clerks <clerks@stratford.ca>  
**Subject:** Xinyi's glass plant

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I do not want Xinyi's glass plant controlled by communist China anywhere near my city (Stratford). Also, keep them out of our education system. Period

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**Subject:** Xynyl Glass Plant Submission

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Dear Stratford Councilors,

Reasons I am against this proposal are:

1. The company aims to meet emission standards?. They are placating you with the bare minimum required--not going above and beyond for Stratford. Since we are downwind of this plant this is very concerning as it should be for all residents. Have you seen a plant this size in operation and do you have what the current emissions are of that plant? This is needed before this plant gets built anywhere in North America. Stratford and area's farmland does not need to get contaminated nor do residents need additional toxic exposure from Stratford's manufacturing. How would you enforce this plant to be in compliance with emissions when China basically does what it wants and when it wants?

2. This land was made available just for the glass plant--the land was never offered for sale. If Stratford wants additional manufacturing then the land should of been made available with the zoning changes and then offered for sale. I am very disturbed by Stratford City Council looking at just this proposal when who knows what opportunities would have come along if it was offered for sale through normal marketing practices.

3. I also believe this idea is very short-sighted of Stratford. Stratford's housing availability is massively short of low to medium sized housing developments. This land should be used for housing that is in the range of \$300-450,000 per residence which can be accomplished. This manufacturing proposal is way too close to Stratford. It will greatly impede any other type of expansion in the south of Stratford it also will devalue anything surrounding it.

4 Also the water this plant needs should go towards additional housing, commercial business and only small to mid-size manufacturing. The economic growth this would have would be equal or greater than a glass plant.

Please do not engage in a proposal that is bad for Stratford and Area.

I would appreciate answers to the above. If you decide to go ahead with this and I test my forage crops, soil, and milk from my cows and find any contaminants in the future, who is paying the bill?

John Van Dyk-dairy farmer

Situated 2.5 miles southeast from proposed site.

**From:** [Leanne Landers](#)  
**To:** [City Clerks](#)  
**Subject:** Xinyi Glass Plant  
**Date:** Monday, November 16, 2020 10:56:48 AM

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To Stratford Councillors ,

I would like to voice my concern regarding the planned glass factory development as listed below:

1. Farm Land – Good farmland is being appropriated surrounding Stratford and unfortunately the financial gain from its non agricultural use is blinding the participants to the long term impact on agricultural sustainability.
2. Pollution- The large emission stacks will be producing nitrogen oxides and sulphur dioxides along with steam (water). Nitrogen oxide dissolves in water vapour in the air to form acid as per the Government of Canada website. Sulphur dioxide is on the toxic substances list.
3. Ministry Rezoning Order- Mayor Mathieson indicated that there was no public consultation because of the MZO, but according to the province any MZO's filed for non-provincially owned land were at the request of municipalities, so based on that the City of Stratford **was** involved in requesting this rezoning **without the normal consultation process**.

Please reconsider the impact of this large plant on our sensitive area,

Thanks Leanne Landers (concerned resident of Stratford)

**Leanne Landers**

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**From:** [Anita Jacobsen](#)  
**To:** [City Clerks](#)  
**Subject:** Xinyi Canada Glass  
**Date:** Monday, November 16, 2020 10:59:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [Concerns Regarding Xinyi Canada Glass Limited.docx](#)

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After listening to Xinyi Canada Glass Limited's public information session on Nov. 14, I have outlined a few of the concerns I have regarding the project, which I would like Stratford City Council to consider. They are included in the attached document.

Thanks,

Anita Jacobsen

## Concerns Regarding Xinyi Canada Glass Limited

After listening to Xinyi Canada Glass Limited's public information session on Nov. 14, these are a few of the concerns I have regarding the project, which I would like Stratford City Council to consider:

1. At the same time that the City of Stratford is developing a Climate Action Plan seeking to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Stratford, Xinyi wishes to establish a float glass factory within the city that will have a natural gas furnace operating continuously 24/7 for the next 12-15 years burning fossil fuels and as a result emitting greenhouse gases (GHG) into the atmosphere. As well, Xinyi anticipates 50 transport trucks a day coming to the factory and departing to distribute their product throughout Canada. These transport trucks will also be burning fossil fuels. Although Xinyi will be eliminating waste products below the 2023 limits, these are still significant amounts of GHG they are producing.  
What steps will Xinyi Canada take in Stratford to mitigate the impact of the GHG they produce? How will they reduce or offset their carbon footprint that they will produce during site construction, glass production, and distribution of product?
2. If the project goes ahead, what steps are being taken to ensure that the site is built under a sustainable design framework? Xinyi outlined plans for recapturing heat from the manufacturing process to heat the plant and the water supply and stated that the warehousing section of the plant had the potential for solar panels. When will the solar panels be added to the plant? Why aren't they part of the initial build? What about permeable surfaces for parking lots and hard surfaces surrounding the building? Can green roofs be considered for their ancillary buildings such as the office and emergency preparedness centre?  
A woodlot on site has been designated to be removed. Xinyi has committed to replanting elsewhere at a rate of 3 trees to every 1 removed. However, does the woodlot need to be removed in the first place? It isn't near the furnace/factory/ warehousing portion of the build and doesn't appear even to be in the location of the storm water pond. Can Xinyi leave the woodlot until expansion requires use of this portion of the site? The trees they have committed to planting can be used to offset some of the carbon they will produce during the build. If the woodlot does have to be removed, can the forbs and woodland plants within the woodlot be salvaged and used in naturalizing efforts elsewhere?  
If the project goes ahead, what plans does Xinyi have regarding the landscaping of the site? From their artist renderings of the site, the factory is surrounded by lawns, which are cheap to install but are the most expensive landscaping option to maintain. They require inputs of water, fertilizer, and continual mowing which again adds greenhouse gases to the atmosphere. Can Xinyi commit to a sustainable landscape design for their property, for instance based on an Ontario tallgrass prairie around the site which would support the local environment and reduce their landscape maintenance costs by about 90%?  
Since they are producing a lot of heat from the furnace can Xinyi look at installing heated sidewalks and potentially parking lots/driveways so that they can reduce or eliminate the use of salt and sand needed to clear snow in the wintertime?
3. For what length of time will the use of the emergency preparedness centre be needed? Xinyi stated that up to 50 experts will be staying there during installation and training. Will these experts be gone after 2024 once the facility ramps up to full capacity? Understanding that a few



personnel may need to be on-site in case of equipment issues or power outages, how many people does Xinyi anticipate would be in the emergency preparedness centre after the training and installation phase of the project? What would the building be used for once training is over?

4. Given a normal theatre season, has any thought been given to traffic flow patterns to the factory related to the tourist traffic coming to the Stratford Festival? Traffic is steady coming into town from 10-noon for a 2 pm show, and then leaving at 5 pm when the show is over. If a shift change occurs at 5 pm also, this could cause traffic issues on one of the major routes into/out of town. For evening performances, tourist traffic heads into town between 5-8 pm and leaves at 11 pm, which should be considered for evening shifts.

Anita Jacobsen

Energy and Environment Committee member,

## Tatiana Dafoe

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I have several questions for tonight. Please see attached.

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I have several questions for discussion at this evenings meeting:

1. During the webex on Saturday, it was stated that the type of staff required will be "skilled" staff. What guarantees are there for local residents to be hired and trained for these positions?
2. Are there any assurances that the salary for employees will be equal to or better than a "living wage" salary for Huron Perth?
3. Are there written assurances for majority of employees being Canadian nationals?
4. On the webex it was mentioned that at the end of the life span for the plant and plant stack that the plant would be shut down for 9 months for retooling. Does that mean that the employees will be unemployed during that time?
5. What is the record of Xinyi on occupational health and safety incidents?
6. Has any City Council member visited Glass Production plants in the USA, particularly Dayton Ohio?
7. On the webex it was mentioned that Xinyi is working with universities regarding training of co-op students. What agreements are in place to ensure that most co-op students being placed will be Canadian nationals?
8. What is the cities plan for the housing of any foreign employees?
9. Does Xinyi begin paying property taxes at the onset of a signed agreement? If not, when do they start paying property taxes?
10. On the webex they did not have any information around greenhouse gas emission levels. Should Xinyi exceed the accepted standards, what does the city and/or province have in place to ensure Xinyi complies with Ontario accepted standards?
11. What are the exact costs down to the city for this deal and how does it impact the Stratford residents?
12. What tax incentives have been given to Xinyi by the city and province to open shop here?
13. It is my understanding that foreign companies starting up in China "must" be majority owned by China. Why are we allowing a foreign company to enter Canada, province of Ontario and Perth County in particular, with 100% Chinese ownership?
14. What majority of the executive will be Canadian nationals?
15. Considering the present-day pandemic and inevitable future pandemics, has the city considered how they will protect local residents from infection and spread from executive and expert staff coming from other countries.

**From:** [City Clerks](#)  
**To:** [Jodi Akins](#); [Tatiana Dafoe](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Glass Plant energy estimates  
**Date:** Monday, November 16, 2020 11:17:15 AM  
**Attachments:** [Energy Impact of XINYI plant on Stratford.docx](#)

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**From:** Mike Jorna <[REDACTED]>  
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I have concerns about the impact on the city of the proposed Industry. I do not envy this Council's very difficult decision on the matter, but hope the information in the attachment will prove useful.

Mike Jorna  
[REDACTED]

## Energy Impact of XINYI plant on Stratford.(ESTIMATE)

Prepared by Mike Jorna-----Nov16.2020

Data used in calculations: (sourced from Google)

-Energy content of 1 m<sup>3</sup> of Natural gas-----38.3 MegaJoules or  $3.8 \times 10^7$  J

-Energy needed to evaporate 1 litre of water from room temperature to steam at 100 C is  $2.6 \times 10^3$  kJ or  $2.6 \times 10^6$  J or 2.6 MJ

Based on the stated daily water needs of 2500 m<sup>3</sup> and assuming daily outflow of 1000 m<sup>3</sup> to the treatment plant, the “missing” 1500 m<sup>3</sup> of water has been evaporated using energy from natural gas and electricity.

The energy needed to evaporate 1500 m<sup>3</sup> per day, or 1.5 million litres per day would be  $1.5 \times 10^6 \times 2.6 \times 10^6$  J for a total of  $3.9 \times 10^{12}$  Joules or 3.9 million megajoules. This energy would be emitted from the plant via the effluent stack into the atmosphere. If the smokestack carries any other effluent or small amounts of particulate matter, the SW prevailing winds will carry the output of the stack over the entire city.

To make an energy comparison: the daily energy use of a typical Stratford home consists of about 10 m<sup>3</sup> of natural gas plus 40 kwh of electricity (consumption numbers taken from the author's hydro and gas bills.

10 m<sup>3</sup> natural gas contain 380 mJ or  $3.8 \times 10^8$  Joules

40 kwh electrical power contain  $40 \times 1000$  watt.hours  $\times 3600$  s/h

Or  $144 \times 10^6$  J or 144 megajoules.

Total typical home energy use per day is about 520 mJ

Comparing to the plant energy output of 3.9 million mJ, the plant uses 3.9 million mJ / 520 mJ or approximately 7000 times as much as the typical home each day.

Since Stratford has about 12000 to 14000 dwelling units, this plant alone will use as much energy as half the entire residential demand of the city.

Even with their estimate of heat recovery to cogenerate enough electricity to fill the needs of 3000 homes the proposed plant will still dump the energy equivalent of 4000 home needs each and every day.

Imagine the impact on Stratford's Carbon footprint which we are trying to reduce with our proclaimed Climate Crisis.

## Tatiana Dafoe

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I say no to this factory. I hope council will represent me, a citizen. I do not believe this factory will benefit our city. Bringing their own labourers will not reduce our unemployment rate. I do not understand how we can offer our natural resource, water, for their manufacturing process. We cannot possibly know how much water is available in the future from our Artesian wells. We cannot predict status quo of the Detroit River system. Again, I say no. Judy Hartman

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**From:** Susan Bray <[REDACTED]>  
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To the Clerk,  
Good morning. I respectfully ask that my question be read out and addressed at today's council meeting <https://calendar.stratford.ca/meetings/Detail/2020-11-16-1700-Special-Council/c3e9d6b8-09e1-4edc-a9e5-ac7201036af2>.

Question:

Will Xinyi post a bond to cover to cover environmental cleanup? We have every right to require this bond because our city is sharing infrastructure costs and providing the land.

An engineer (with a great deal of expertise in manufacturing, who has managed projects for well over 30 years in steel manufacturing plants, and supervised building a nickel mine in Madagascar) said, (and I quote), "If the company posts a bond to cover environmental cleanup then you have some assurance they won't fold up their tents and leave the Stratford community and the Province with the cleanup bill."

My experience living in Hamilton Ontario for over 20 years has taught me that manufacturing affects both infrastructure and environment, and we must be certain to act with due diligence before proceeding.

Please discuss this.  
Thank you,

Susan Bray



**From:** [City Clerks](#)  
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To the mayor and council;

Mike Sullivan's article in the Nov. 13th Beacon Herald gave more than enough reasons to turn down Xinyi Glass's request to build a plant here but there are other considerations to take into account.

The People's Republic of China is a communist dictatorship under Xi Jinping.

In the PRC there is - no freedom of speech - no free press - no free media of any type - no freedom of association or assembly - no freedom of religion - no rule of law - no free elections. What there is however is a surveillance police state.

Xi Jinping has imprisoned up to two million Uighurs subjecting them to brainwashing, torture and murder. Chinese citizens in Hong Kong are being detained, tortured and murdered because they are standing up for the rights the PRC guaranteed for 50 years when it took over Hong Kong in 1997. Xi Jinping has imprisoned without trial the TWO MICHAELS, Canadian citizens, for political reasons. Xi Jinping uses covert agents to threaten and intimidate Canada's Chinese community. Chinese agents have infiltrated Canadian government at the federal and provincial level. Chinese intelligence services and government officials are involved in the monitoring and or coercion of students, faculty and other university officials in Canada.

Would any of you have allowed a company from Hitler's Nazi Germany to build a plant here? Would you have allowed a company from Stalin's Russia to build a plant here. If not, why would you allow a company from Xi Jinping's Peoples Republic of China to build a plant here?

Sincerely

Michael Player

**From:** [City Clerks](#)  
**To:** [Tatiana Dafoe](#); [Chris Bantock](#); [Jodi Akins](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: concerns about glass plant  
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Good afternoon,

We are writing in about our concerns for the proposed Xinyi glass plant. First of all, we are worried about Stratford's water supply. While the current water levels may support the needs of this glass plant, there is no guarantee that we will have enough water in 5 or 10 years. We firmly believe that we cannot accurately predict that we will have enough water - rainfall levels, droughts, and global warming, environmental toxins, etc could all have a significant impact on both our water supply and consumption.

We are also concerned about the air quality implications. Is there an air quality report? We cannot blindly trust the company's statement that all standards will be met. We are extremely worried about the large quantities of sulphur oxides, nitrogen oxides, carbon dioxide, and particulate matter that is going to be released into the atmosphere. If Ontario has cancelled gas-generated power plants in the past due to these concerns, why are we going to go ahead with this?

We also wonder why this company is coming here in the first place? It has been searching for a place for over two years with no luck. Please take the time to truly ask yourself why no other municipality has jumped at this so-called opportunity. Surely we are not their ideal choice? Not only do we not have a large workforce for them to draw from (many of our current factories already have to bring people in from other communities), but we are also not ideally situated for access to major highways like the 401. Our road infrastructure is also severely lacking, and we live in the snowbelt as well.

The cost-sharing proposal causes us great concerns as well. According to the document, necessary infrastructure upgrades to roads and watermain/sewer systems is estimated to cost our city about \$5.8 million. First of all, our current roads are already some of the worst in southwestern Ontario, so I would prefer to spend that money on fixing our current roads. Second of all, where is this money coming from? Our tax rates are already significantly high, making it very difficult for people to live here.

That brings us to our last point, if this plant is going to build a dormitory of 48,300-square-foot "apartments" with kitchens and bathrooms for up to 96 workers, what is that bringing to

our community? We highly doubt that any emergency preparedness site would require 96 people. We feel strongly that this plant's goal will be to bring in its own people, making us question what benefit it will bring to our town? Stratford is not in need of more factories, it is in desperate need of more affordable housing and a diversified job market.

Sure, this plant would bring valuable property tax income to the city, but we feel strongly that we can explore other avenues to achieve this that would be much safer for the citizens, water supply, and environment.

Sincerely,

Sandra & David Jordan  
Stratford

**From:** [City Clerks](#)  
**To:** [Tatiana Dafoe](#); [Chris Bantock](#); [Jodi Akins](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Comments from Andrew Watson; Xinyi Glass Proposal  
**Date:** Monday, November 16, 2020 11:39:47 AM  
**Attachments:** [Comments from Andrew Watson, Xinyi Glass Proposal.pdf](#)

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**From:** Andrew Watson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 16, 2020 11:37 AM  
**To:** City Clerks <clerks@stratford.ca>  
**Subject:** Comments from Andrew Watson; Xinyi Glass Proposal

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Attached in a PDF document are my comments for council to consider regarding the Xinyi Glass proposal.

Regards, Andrew Watson

I've sent ten questions to Stratford council in regards to the Xinyi Glass project, the questions were to understand the who, what and why behind it. Three council members responded.

To understand exactly who did what, what did they do and why they did what they did we need to go beyond the infomercial type communications from the corporation and the city itself. The residents of Stratford are asking many of the right questions while council sees development dollars as the sole deciding factor, moral and environmental factors be damned.

Looking at the process thus far, there are flashing lights in regards to the MZO (Minister's Zoning Order) the Government of Ontario's instrument to impose a development upon an unwilling municipality. It's a dangerous tool that bypasses the checks and balances a community has in regards to its own developments, it also takes oversight powers away from concerned citizens. What we're seeing now at Stratford council is the end process, the wrapping of a package with a bow.

From the information I've digested thus far and from a precursor investigation there are adequate indicators to expect and demand an in depth investigation into this MZO and the City of Stratford's involvement in getting the MZO. After rightfully being declined by Guelph/ Eramosa, Doug Ford and Xinyi moved on to finding another location. Some of the other locations ideally suited for such a venture have access to lake water, rail and highways. Some of these locations and others not considered are brown fields (former industrial sites) which are ideal for such a development. Somehow Stratford became a possible site which is the big question many of us in Stratford find peculiar.

It's not that Doug Ford and Xinyi Glass closed their eyes and put a finger on Anywhere, Ontario to impose such a development. This factor alone would suggest that there's a degree of complicity with the City of Stratford. The complicity does not suggest that there is something nefarious at play, it suggests that our council is working hard to bring new economic activity to our city. The size and the scope of the Xinyi Glass project exceeded what was within the boundaries of our fair city. When Kathleen Wynne was premier, the Government of Ontario allowed an annexation by the City of Stratford with a caveat, this is the last time Stratford should be allowed to expand its borders into farm land. In other words, enough is enough.

Enter Doug Ford. So how does he know that the City of Stratford is eager for such a development yet the city doesn't have such a property available? Does Doug Ford have telepathic abilities, does he have a Devine gift or did someone from the City of Stratford approach the province. This is the chicken and the egg scenario, who initiated this? While many in Stratford were dealing with the daily fatigue of the Covid epidemic the province and the City of Stratford was in action with the use of a MZO. It's fair to say that most residents of Stratford haven't a clue what an MZO is, nor do they know that it essentially removes their ability to have an oversight role to safeguard their community.

Enter the Ontario Zoning Regulation 356/20 ( <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/r20356?fbclid=IwAR01dkvgxdRR8QUI7eApINHacqVHCAbxwUN-pdzPmgvvcHQPVYFcTU2cHSQ> ) specifically for the now identified glass factory property. Unlike many property zone changes, for example farmland to industrial, this particular regulation has a specific land use. A glass manufacturing facility, any other use is not permitted. This in itself is peculiar considering the City of Stratford has cloaked the expansion of industrial property to attract new industries, not a specific type.

It would be nice to think that the City of Stratford would put a pause on this development so we can get some transparency on what has taken place. If Stratford City Council does not heed the concerns of our community we are left with few options as a community. Of the

options available one will be to apply to the Ontario Ombudsman to investigate the who, what and why. ***Let the Chips Fall Where They May.***

**From:** [City Clerks](#)  
**To:** [Tatiana Dafoe](#); [Chris Bantock](#); [Jodi Akins](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Xinyi's glass-making plant in south Stratford - Comment to Council Special Meeting November 17 2020  
**Date:** Monday, November 16, 2020 11:45:42 AM

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**From:** Laila Lee [REDACTED]  
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**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Xinyi's glass-making plant in south Stratford - Comment to Council Special Meeting November 17 2020

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Dear Members of Council, City Clerk Dafoe, and members of City Staff

It may be presumptuous of me to offer this submission as I am new to the community. I hope despite this the council and city will accept my comments in the spirit they are given - to contribute to this wonderful town that we all love.

I know very little about this project. I have heard from many people many things. I have been told so many different things I don't know what is true and what is not.. I hear people speak about jobs, cleanup, water use, and air quality. Others have said we are giving money away the city doesn't have. I do not know enough about any of these things to offer a real opinion on any of them.

I don't know if any of my neighbors have been given enough information to judge this project fairly. I do not know enough about this project to have an opinion if it's good or not for Stratford. I feel the city is doing itself a huge disservice failing to communicate facts to residents while the community, province, and world are in turmoil and distracted due to the pandemic.

Let us put to the side all the other questions and let's consider solely what will be before council on Tuesday the 17th - The contribution agreement. The City proposes spending almost 6 Million dollars to build infrastructure which may be suitable solely for this project. Has the council done a good job of communicating to the distracted public the pros and cons of this agreement to Stratford residents?

Let us consider public perception only. The City released a complex legal document. on a Friday. The public has a deadline of noon to comment about the spending of millions. The council will decide the matter at a special session on Tuesday - the next day. This leaves the open council to unfair charges that it was rushed through. The council should consider how this looks. The council should ensure open and honest scrutiny of this agreement. The council

must ensure that no one can allege this was a giveaway to a multinational or a backroom deal. If this matter is decided tomorrow that precisely, and quite unfairly, exactly what I think will occur and we need to avoid this.

Given the covid situation people having concerns about their own health and livelihoods to think about. Rushing to approve the spending of almost 6 million dollars of Stratfordian's tax money needs to provide for proper public debate. Failing which the decision would be open to unfounded allegations. I am very concerned that a good project could be tainted by this and we need more public discussion

Two questions I would like the council to debate

(1) Does the city really needs to contribute financially to obtain this plant?

Some of my neighbours say this firm is here because no one else is willing to let them set up shop.

(2) Do we have to pay \$6 million upfront for the infrastructure that is only good for this plant?

If we must then rather than gift them this money it should be only in the form of tax rebates over a 15 year period tied to guarantees related to water, air quality, and jobs. What if we spend this money and this firm changes its mind? Who knows what the pandemic may do to this plan

I don't know enough to have an opinion but I would like to see this discussed

(3) Is this the highest and best use of scarce tax dollars at this time?

Some have said we should consider the number of small businesses in Stratford threatened with failure. Think of the losses to the town. Local businesses are the heart of this community the loss will have a devastating impact on the lives of business owners, employees, and availability. It will fundamentally impact the community's quality of life as a whole.

Perhaps we should debate if these funds would be better spent on saving the businesses of our friends and neighbours as we face a second wave.

Again I don't know enough to have an opinion other than I don't want the town to lose its heart our small businesses

The last thing the city needs is to be mired in conspiracy theories that we see in the united states, and those related to this pandemic. Allowing a brief delay to allow comment, debate, and have public scrutiny would eliminate the possibility of the project being tainted by conspiracy theories.

Let's avoid any possibility of allegations by having a short delay and ask some questions. Let this project be judged on its merits. Let's not have it tarred because we rush it through in the middle of a crisis.



***It would behoove the council to delay this decision so that they and the community can wisely consider it. Public scrutiny requires not only that it is done in the open but must also be SEEN TO BE DONE.***

I sincerely appreciate the city and council allowing me to comment and I hope I have helped in some way.

Sincerely  
Ms. L Lee

**From:** [City Clerks](#)  
**To:** [Tatiana Dafoe](#); [Chris Bantock](#); [Jodi Akins](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Glass Plant Input - Say NO  
**Date:** Monday, November 16, 2020 11:53:34 AM

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**From:** Ken Wood [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 16, 2020 11:50 AM  
**To:** City Clerks <clerks@stratford.ca>  
**Subject:** Glass Plant Input - Say NO

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I am not in favour of the glass plant for the following reasons:

1. Concerns about the environmental impact and climate change. This plant will produce significant air toxins, and such industrial class should not be close to our rich farmland and the city
2. We wrought to support federal initiatives regarding international relations with Chins and not welcome them here.
3. Water usage is enormous for one site and protecting our water supply should be a primary concern.
4. I do not believe it will create jobs here as it is clear they will import their own workers.

Ken Wood  
Stratford resident

**From:** [Jamie Gibb](#)  
**To:** [Tatiana Dafoe](#)  
**Cc:** [Chris Bantock](#); [Jodi Akins](#)  
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Ms. Dafoe.

Included is my formal written submission for the public record associated with today's Special Meeting of Council. I'm sending this with my apology for perhaps having missed a time deadline set within today for including written submissions to be recorded. I ask that this letter still be recorded in a way so as to be available to Council and the public.

With Regards,  
Jamie Gibb

In reviewing the cost sharing agreement information attached to the agenda, it is unclear how all of the figures relating to the City's responsibility under the cost sharing were arrived at. In the absence of such information, it is impossible to determine whether or not the cost sharing is reasonable. From the information provided it can only be assumed that the City is paying its proportionate share of the infrastructure based on the total servicing capacity to be created minus the servicing capacity allocated to or the responsibility of Xinyi. It would appear that any servicing capacity that is proposed to be the responsibility of the City of Stratford is intended to service the annexation lands not used for the Xinyi glass plant. These lands have yet to be designated in the City of Stratford Official Plan for any use, let alone urban development. Until a designation for these lands is established in the City's Official Plan, the designation of agricultural under the provisions of the Township of Perth South Official Plan continues to apply. As a result, any expenditure on infrastructure to service the non-Xinyi annexation lands is premature and inappropriately presupposes the future determination of the direction for future expansions to the Stratford urban area that is required by the Provincial Policy Statement to only be considered as part of a comprehensive review process. The proposed expenditure on infrastructure to service these lands also would appear to potentially conflict with section 24 (1) of the Planning Act, which prohibits the City of Stratford from undertaking of public works that do not conform to the City of Stratford Official Plan.

"Public works and by-laws to conform with plan

24 (1) Despite any other general or special Act, where an official plan is in effect, no public work shall be undertaken and, except as provided in subsections (2) and (4), no by-law shall be passed for any purpose that does not conform therewith. R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, s. 24 (1); 1999, c. 12, Sched. M, s. 24."

Jamie Gibb



**From:** [City Clerks](#)  
**To:** [Jodi Akins](#); [Tatiana Dafoe](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Xinyi  
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**From:** Frank Backmund [REDACTED]  
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**To:** City Clerks <clerks@stratford.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: Xinyi

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Dear council:

Stratford sits on precious artesian wells which gives us some of the best drinking water in the world!

This type of industry uses and enormous amount of water and is also very high in omissions!

They should set up beside a lake (how about Hamilton area?)

Stratford is a small clean cultural city, basically with some smaller industry.

We do Not need that type of Heavy Industry here! The cost is higher than any kind of return!

Regards, Frank

Sent from my iPhone

Nov. 15, 2020

To: Stratford City Council  
Re: Xinyi Glass

The possible establishment of Xinyi Glass, a subsidiary of Xinyi Solar, in Stratford could be a welcome addition to our community. It would provide jobs and, perhaps pave the way for other companies to settle or expand here. As I read the city's website description of the company and the transaction I noted that there were only benefits to accrue to us and that the company was environmentally responsible, modern and, apparently, apolitical. Several questions were listed which dealt with issues of traffic, water use, and finances. There were no questions of a political or ethical nature. Understanding that China is unquestionably on a national path to expansion of its influence internationally, I feel some consideration should be given to same.

There is no doubt that China through its United Front Work Force/Department as reported in Canadian media repeatedly and most recently in the June 8, 2020 edition of The Toronto Star is attempting to infiltrate Canadian infrastructure to the end of furthering intelligence gathering for the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). This is happening worldwide and particularly in Australia and the USA. Further, at Canadian universities, groups such as Chinese Students and Scholars Association (CSSA) at McMaster University have been decertified by the McMaster Student Union (MSU) for activities linked to and supported and lauded by the CCP. (CBC News, Sept. 26, 2019). These politically motivated actions, such as interrupting gatherings, free speech and personally threatening pro Uighur speakers with violence, exemplifies the Chinese excursion into our culture and way of life. Everyone should be aware of the Wauwei attempts to gain control of Canada's 5G plans for development of our information systems and recall the undisputed wreckage of Nortel by Chinese informants imbedded in its employee base.

Beyond the political, one must wonder about the moral base of a CCP culture which has no concern for people or the environment. For instance, the two Michaels, the immoral decimation of the Amazon rainforest to plant soy to support its porcine industry, re education and sterilization of Muslims, abhorrent harvesting of shark fin, rhino horn and tiger penis for patently useless human consumption, prevalent use of coal for energy, complete disregard for UK/NATO agreements on Hong Kong, etc., etc., etc.

With this track record of deceit, hubris, stealing, lying, and dishonesty and the possibility that Xinyi Glass may be part of the entire CCP dynamic, should we not exercise some caution before entering into contracts with the company. Xinyi may be a completely stand alone enterprise but may not be. So, here are some questions beyond those found in our city's website.

What assurances do we have that Xinyi is not associated with the CCP?

How can the company guarantee our natural resources, particularly water (it is stated that the company will use 1/3 of the water presently being used by the entire city and its industry) will not be exhausted?

Is there a protocol for vetting each employee to assure he or she is not a member of the UFD?

Has the federal government, through CSIS or other governmental agency, been involved to warrant that the company and its employees are not a threat to our national security?

Do our contracts contain clauses that ensure our exit from partnership and the company's exit from Stratford if it is found to be in contravention of these intents?

There is no more concern than those of employment, finances, and environment when entertaining the entry to our community of most companies from local, national or international origins. However, the Chinese themselves have made it clear that we should be extremely vigilant before hosting them.

Larry Baswick  
Stratford

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Mon. November 16/20

To City Council,

I am very much against the establishment  
of the Xixi Glass Company in Stratford.

This is a very bad idea on so many levels.

Company housing? Sounds like slave labour!

1/3 Stratford Water usage? Outrageous!

Pollution in our air? Absolutely not?

Why would Stratford agree to this?

There is no upside!

Sincerely

Marilyn Haslam

Marilyn Haslam