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Good morning,

I am writing in support of the Vivian Silica Project.

This has been a long process, a divisive process and at times pretty frustrating.

There are many opinions out there and for whatever the reason, the groups against this project have the loudest voices. Many people in our community of Springfield are afraid to speak in favour of the project because this has become divisive and at times just mean.

Sio Silica held an online information session in February and these groups were incensed that we held it online and not in person.

These same groups are now incensed that the CEC is being held in person and not online.

Our community is afraid to voice their opinion as they do not want to get become a social media target.

This is sad to me.

I have chosen to believe in the science.

I am going to assume that engineers, hydrogeologists and hydrochemists know more about this project than I do.

I make the same assumptions when I visit a doctor, mechanic, dentist, lawyer, plumber etc.

When I was preparing my thoughts for this letter of support, a video popped up on my LinkedIn feed. I've pasted it below, taking the risk that these thoughts, also, will become social media fodder.

That's ok - I can handle it.

It seems to me that we should all be working collaboratively together to find the safest way for this silica extraction. All of the groups should be making suggestions on making this project more efficient, safer etc. If we can agree that we all want a greener future, and that pure silica is a building block to that green future, then I will suggest we follow the premise of the below video and discover what unites us. Collaboration can be risky but the reward could be stunning.

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Respectfully,

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