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The mayor and council have gone out of their way to claim that everything is fine and dandy because the "EXPERTS" have told them so. It became apparent that such blind faith needed to be investigated. We decided to do some checking of court documents as related to Shaheen and Peaker so that we may understand the background of our consultants. Upon a search of court documents we came up with 18 cases that have resulted in court cases with Shaheen and Peaker involved in some form. We will post one case in particular that has similarities to the Orillia MURF site. As this case is still before the courts we caution that no finding have been judged so our use of this example is for comparison only to the MURF Swamp.

The claim of the plaintiff is set out in their filing so please read the entire document including Shaheen and Peakers Defense. It is interesting to note that many of the claims for damages are also concerns we have expressed. In particular that not enough bore holes were done to get an accurate reading of what is down below. Another concern is the historical claim that many drums of toxic materials such as paint and solvents were disposed of on the site and Shaheen and Peaker has not investigated these claims. You will note in the suit that it is claimed by the plaintiff that Shaheen and Peaker "failed to identify and confirm the presence of these underground storage tanks" (para. 12). So please read the document and decide for yourself whether we need a fresh and independent review of this site. As stated there are other cases and we will bring them forward as warranted. Call the mayor and councillors and let them know that a review should take place. One opinion is not good enough where health and the environment is at stake. The mayor has already claimed that should there be problems future councils will have to deal with it. You can open and print the entire document and please make copies to share it with others. **The Citizens Coalition of Orillia is holding a public meeting on Tuesday Nov. 30, 7pm at Regent Park Public School Simcoe St.** With mounting evidence that what is happening can have devastating effects on not only Orillia but the entire area we need your help to at least get an independent review. So come on out and get involved. The Coalition needs your physical and financial support to make sure we are safe from harm whether this generation or the next.

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