

Letter from Don Gallinger regarding Sprung

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The following is an email I received from Don Gallinger in his own words regarding a situation many of you are probably not aware of. This email has been forwarded to Steve Berman, Ian Adams, Keith Hull and Chris Carrier. Don also forwarded me an email string showing that Green Leaf was an active participant in this process. This is ongoing so stay tuned.

*Last spring while many many of Collingwoods finest citizens were sitting on numerous committees to investigate the building of a beautiful Central Park Sports and Cultural facility in Central Park the Pretty River Academy received a phone call from Mr. Paul Bonwicks office. For those not in the know Mr. Bonwick is the brother of the Town of Collingwoods mayor Mrs. Sandra Cooper. Mr. Bonwick also employs on a consulting basis councillor Ian Chadwick. For good measure add another councillor related to the mayor by marriage, another councillor best friends of Mr. Bonwick and I am certain the citizens of Collingwood will understand where I am going with the family compact!!! **Mr. Bonwicks office informed the Pretty River Academy that they were NOW the Mid – Ontario Distributor for SPRUNG STRUCTURES** and could they bid bid on the Dome that was proposed for the School to cover the previously installed Artificial Turf. The school handed this assignment over to 2 board members, the board chairperson Mr. Matthew Lidbetter and myself. For over a month we negotiated back and forth with Mr. Bonwicks office. Sprung actually had a meeting with Mr. Bonwicks in June so the 2 representatives actually came to the school and met with Mr. Lidbetter and I on site. We showed them our school, the field and discussed having a **SPRUNG STRUCTURE** at the Pretty River Academy. **The Sprung reps said to have 3 Domes in Collingwood** would be fantastic. They promised to really sharpen their pens to give us a great quote.*

Then we received the Sprung Structure proposal from Mr. Bonwicks office. We presented it to the full Board of Directors at the school. We had 2 quotes on the table. One from Yeadon Structures out of Guelph and the one on a Sprung Structure coming from Green Leaf out of Mr. Bonwicks office. Unfortunately we could not accept the Sprung quote. The price presented to the Board was more than 3 times the price quoted from Yeadon. I am sure the Sprung Buildings are good The 2 under construction by the Town of Collingwood are still standing. For the information of any readers our supplier Yeadon has erected over 650 Domes including the practice field DOME for the Pittsburgh Steelers football team. A very impressive structure. And if I may be so bold WHY would the Town allow an untendered bid for these Sprung Structures when there are so many other manufacturers and suppliers in the marketplace? I am no authority but in spending 2 months researching these structures for the Pretty River Academy there were many firms that could have covered our Pool and hockey rink at a fraction of the price. Our price was less than a third of the price of a Sprung Structure. \$880,000.00 vs. \$2 and a half million. And then another point. Why would you allow so many citizens of your community to volunteer their time and effort last **May and June** on the beautiful Central Park project when **sprung officials told us we would be the 3 rd structure?** Citizens of Collingwood and all the User groups of the Dome please ponder this QUESTION. Because the Pretty River Academy DID NOT purchase a Sprung Structure last spring from Mr. Paul Bonwicks office would that decision in any way be WHY the Town wants the Dome Down? For Debate purposes IF the Pretty River Academy WOULD HAVE purchased a Sprung Structure last May through Mr. Bonwicks office would the town be supportive of the Sports Dome? Would the mess we are in have been totally averted? My only purpose in this letter is to save our Sports Dome for all the Town s User Groups . We will be the laughing stock of Canada if a fantastic facility like this is removed from our Town. Oh yes!!! By the way; I have saved all the e mails between the Pretty River Academy, Sprung, and Mr. Bonwicks company Green Leaf. Just in case any one cares about Sprung quotes, date lines etc. etc.

Sincerely Don Gallinger

