

The County of Peterborough
Waste Management Committee

To: Chair and Members of Committee
From: Chris Bradley, Director of Public Works
Date: September 19, 2007

Subject: Peterborough/Durham EFW Negotiations

Recommendation: That Committee recommend to the respective Councils that staff be directed to cease negotiations with staff from the Region of Durham related to involvement with the Durham Energy From Waste initiative.

Discussion:

Staff of the County and City of Peterborough, at the direction of the Waste Management Committee, have been involved in detailed discussions with staff of the Region of Durham related to the possible partnering of the municipalities with respect to disposal of waste materials from the County/City Waste Management Facility and the proposed Durham Energy From Waste (EFW) Facility.

At this point in time, there does not appear to be net financial benefit for any of the participants in the process. The cost for the County/City to handle, transfer and tip our municipal solid waste at the proposed Durham EFW Facility is estimated to be in the range of \$150 - \$170 per tonne. This cost would have to be off-set by a corresponding cost for the disposal of bottom ash by the Region at the Peterborough County/City Waste Management Facility.

The Region of Durham will have available the options of disposing their bottom ash at other municipal or privately owned landfills within the Province of Ontario for a significantly lower cost, that is, approximately \$80 to \$110 per tonne. It is anticipated that there will be sufficient capacity within the province for the approximately 33,000 tonnes of bottom ash that the Durham will be producing on an annual basis.

As a result of the lack of potential for successfully concluding a negotiation related to a partnership with the County/City and the Region of Durham, staff suggest that negotiations cease at this time unless and until the Region of Durham indicate they are interested in proceeding for other than financial benefit.

Respectfully submitted,