The Oshawa Express

Letter to Editor

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Looking for deputy mayor at incinerator meetings

Dear Editor:

Odd how Oshawa's deputy mayor (Brian Nicholson) is suddenly all knowing about the WTEF project. As an interested member of the general public I attended two committee meetings and three information meetings, never once seeing him in attendance. Throughout the process there has been little mention of the Montenay operated facility in Vancouver, an ISO 14001 WTEF in the lower Fraser Valley with a very enviable environmental record of no measurable impact.

One does not have to go to Europe, with different environmental legislation, on an all expense paid junket to discover these facts.

I agree with him that the Clarington site is not the best, the other two were never given a chance:

- 1) Pickering dump, purchased from Toronto (glad to be rid of it), Hydro has major installation to the south (Cherrywood), the dump can be mined (as in St. Lucie County, Florida) to maintain a constant level of feed for a WTEF and reduce the levels of future dump emissions; or
- 2) A joint facility with Hydro (or the province) on the defunct Wesleyville Generating Station site.

I should also mention the St. Lucie site is built for the sole purpose of dump removal, so if feed decreased due to recycling efforts increasing the plant would still operate at design capacity.

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