Incineration information only goes one way

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Open letter to Environment Minister Laurel Broten

We received today a generic letter dated June 29 regarding the Durham/York residual waste study.

It is essentially a non-information letter, reiterating information on the website, which we have studied in detail and formulated questions to which we have received no meaningful response.

This letter refers to numerous meetings, yet we just learned of the project in April.

Some of the meetings, we have learned, had only three people attending, another had 11, hardly considered "open and transparent with extensive public consultation".

All of these meeting notices clearly missed many people.

Two of our 2007 notices arrived two days after the scheduled meeting dates, yet we are, arguably, the most affected by the project, as we back right onto the site.

We concede there have been presentations, a one-way direction of information from them to us, but absolutely no answers have been provided to our questions, even though we have put them in writing to the proponents with copies to you.

Furthermore, we are being advised, the Town of East Gwillimbury must request a peer review, not our own independent group of concerned citizens, Communities First, www.communitiesfirst.ca

No one in East Gwillimbury has yet requested a peer group study so this is the first — not a duplication — but they are denying us this prudent and reasonable privilege, notwithstanding the fact Clarington received such funding.

They continue to stonewall us and we are concerned.

They have not been forthcoming with information, haven't answered our questions and now are denying us funding.

Please assure us you will not recommend an approval, due to obvious and purposeful withholding of information.

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