

Regional council not working to protect our water

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To the editor:

At its meeting March 7, 2007, Durham Regional council endorsed a resolution presented to it by Kairos Durham Chapter. It was one of over 120 Canadian cities to endorse this resolution. Council resolved, in part, that "access to clean water is a basic human right..." and that "fresh water is ... a public trust and a collective responsibility."

I spent about four hours last Wednesday listening to many of the delegations that presented to council objections to the establishment of an incinerator in Courtice. I understand the incinerator would burn our residual garbage, produce minimal power and produce considerable hazardous waste that would have to be disposed of.

Many of the delegations indicated concerns about the effect of the incinerator's emissions on our air shed, our land and our water.

Last year council resolved to protect water. This year it ignored cautions about the quality of our water.

This is very disturbing.

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