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WASTE:

Durham incinerator will be a costly white elephant

To the Editor:

Why the Region of Durham is forging ahead with plans to build a costly, polluting incinerator to burn waste is a mystery, especially since the Province has made it clear, through the Waste Diversion Act Review, that it is moving to zero-waste policies and initiatives.

The Durham incinerator promises to be a costly white elephant as the Province ramps up programs to make producers responsible for the waste they produce and ever more material is diverted from the waste stream. Instead of adding to a dirty airshed and taking money from taxpayers' pockets, the Region should be investing in cleaning up the environment and creating opportunity for jobs in the recycling, reuse, and repair industries.

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