Energy-from-waste facility could come to Port Hope Fri Apr 11, 2008

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PORT HOPE - Port Hope could soon be home to an energy-from-waste facility.

At the April 15 committee of the whole meeting, representatives from Sunbay Energy Corporation will present plans to build a gasification power plant on a 23 acre site on Wesleyville Road, just south of Hwy. 401.

According to committee agenda documents, the Ontario Gasification Facility will include a waste tipping floor and feedstock preparation area to shred municipal solid waste and tire derived fuel; a plasma gasification area where the waste will be turned into synthetic gas; and standard power generation equipment to produce 26 megawatts (MW) of electricity.

The agenda report also indicates site control for the facility is complete. The development phase of the project is expected to take six to nine months, with final design, site preparation and construction expected to start this fall/winter.

The company has targeted an early-2010 commercial operation start date.