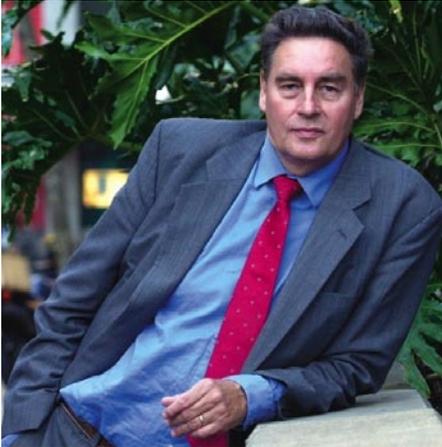


# Energy-From-Waste

*The Environmental/Safety/Social Issues*

## A Public Forum on the Proposed Durham/York Facility Guest Speaker Biographies



**Dr. Paul Connett** is a graduate of Cambridge University and holds a Ph.D. in chemistry from Dartmouth College. In May 2006, he retired from his full professorship in chemistry at St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY, where he taught for 23 years.

Over the past 22 years his research on waste management has taken him to 49 states in the US, 7 provinces in Canada and 49 other countries, where he has given approximately 2000 pro bono public presentations. Ralph Nader said of Paul Connett, "He is the only person I know who can make waste interesting."

**INCINERATION and WASTE.** He co-edited the newsletter Waste Not with his wife Ellen. He has co-authored 6 peer reviewed and published articles on dioxin and numerous other articles on waste management. His most recent publication on waste is a booklet "A Citizens' Agenda for Zero Waste" he co-authored with Dr. Bill Sheehan of the Grass Roots Recycling Network. This can be found at <http://www.grrn.org>. His arguments against incineration can be found at <http://www.no-burn.org>. Dr. Connett has also co-produced over 50 videotapes on waste management and a 10-part series on the dangers of dioxin.

His other research interests have focussed on the mechanism of action of toxic substances on the body. These substances include PCDDs (dioxins), PCDFs (furans), PCBs, chromium VI, lead and fluoride.



**John Jackson** has worked on waste issues for the past twenty-five years, with a focus on waste management options, environmental contamination issues, and public participation and consultation.

John is a board member of Waste Diversion Ontario and the Recycling Council of Ontario. He is also coordinator of the Citizens' Network on Waste Management. He also was a member of the garbage sub-panel of Central Ontario's Smart Growth Panel, and of the Minister of the Environment's Advisory Panel on Improvements to Ontario's Environmental Assessment Process.

His publications in the waste field include:

- *Resources - Not Garbage*,
- *"The Use of Compensation in 'Closing the Deal'"*,
- *"Resource Management Systems: An Alternative to Current Waste Management Systems"*,
- *"Citizens, Science, Technology and the Environment"*,
- *Managing Wastes: A Guide to Citizens' Involvement*,
- *"The Ethos of Growth & Our Environmental Crisis"*,
- *"NIMBY: A Positive Influence"*,
- *Chemical Nightmare: The Unnecessary Legacy of Toxic Wastes*,
- *A Citizens' Guide to the National Pollutant Release Inventory*,
- *"Extended Producer Responsibility in Canada, Europe and the United States"* and *"Towards Materials Efficiency: The Sustainable Use of Natural Resources,"* in *European and Canadian Environmental Law: Best Practices and Opportunities for Co-operation*.

John has taught waste management at Trent University in Peterborough since 1996. He was a member of Ontario's Environmental Appeal Board from 1992 to 1997.

John is currently program director for Great Lakes United, a bi-national coalition of groups dedicated to protecting and restoring the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River basin.



**Erin Shapero** is a Councillor in the Town of Markham. First elected to council in the 2000 municipal election at age 25, Erin ran on a green anti-sprawl platform pledging to protect green spaces, natural heritage, water and air sheds. Committed to putting the needs of residents first, she was the first in York Region to refuse campaign contributions from the development industry instead focusing on the grassroots support from her community. Erin was acclaimed in 2006, and re-elected in 2006 with 82% of the vote.

In her last 7 years on council, Erin has focused much of her energies on the protection of the environment and quality of life for residents of Markham and the GTA. Her goal is to transform Markham into a world leader in sustainability. She works extensively on greening the urban landscape, changing the face of development and protecting the town's remaining natural features and sensitive areas including the Don and Rouge Watersheds, the Oak Ridges Moraine and Markham's farming communities.

As chair of the Town's Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee, Erin spearheads many initiatives including clean air, pesticide reduction, Kyoto climate change task force, zero waste, greener building standards, renewable energy projects and the Markham's Office of Energy Efficiency.

Prior to Erin's Role as Municipal Councillor, she was Executive Director of Public Spaces, an organization dedicated to promoting sustainable urban planning across Toronto and the GTA.

Erin holds an Honours degree in Environmental Studies from York University.