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*Letter to the Editor:*

## **Incinerator effects will not be nice**

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Dear Editor,

The latest issue of The Oshawa Express (2011/03/23) contained two letters from readers outraged, and rightly so, about high taxes.

These taxes have both a municipal and regional component. Although I share these concerns, I cannot but wonder if we are simply not getting what we deserve.

Let me explain.

For years the region has been charging ahead with its plan to build an incinerator, ignoring other safer and cheaper options. For those who are unaware, this is the largest Durham Region capital project ever undertaken at well over a quarter of a billion dollars.

This is also a project that will also adversely affect public health, as can be readily demonstrated; even medical professionals have taken position against it.

Yet, politicians have continued to push for this "landfill in the sky."

"Don't Worry, Be Happy" seems to be their mantra.

A major difficulty that was, and continues to be, encountered has been the general apathy of the population who has largely ignored the need to take even simple actions before further problems are created.

Over the long term, we will see the results and rest assured that these will not be nice, both in terms of health and taxes. We should keep in mind that many current tragedies, including the current Japanese nuclear crisis, were not supposed to happen, according to their proponents.

There is still time to act. People should contact their local politicians to express their opposition to what is currently going on.

Will Rogers once said: "If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging."

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