

*Orono Weekly Times – Letter to the Editor*

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## **Council's blind eye to the incinerator**

To The Editor:

The Toronto Star edition of Friday 2011/11/25 outlined the tragic long-term health consequences of failing to have regular eye examinations.

An analogy can be made with Durham Regional Council where there is a marked reluctance against even the most basic form of self-examination.

At its last meeting of Wednesday 2011/11/23, it defeated a motion that simply proposed a review of its internal approval process in order to learn from the incinerator groundbreaking extravaganza, an event that can only be described as obscene.

It thus seems that, to say the least, Durham Council is consistent in its inconsistencies, as it has also steadily opposed better protecting the health of its citizens by approving anything better than a very basic form of incinerator emissions monitoring.

Durham Council obviously knows that one cannot take action against exceedances and violations if one does not quantify them in the first place.

Thus, it has a convenient excuse to do nothing and consequently avoid any form of enforcement as part of its stewardship mandate.

Unfortunately, ignoring a problem, whether relating to visual health, budgetary issues or incinerator emissions, does not make it go away.

Clearly, Durham Region is intent to continue on a path of self-denial that can only lead to major subsequent problems for its residents.

One may wonder why...

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