

*Metroland - Letters to Editor*

## Columnist on mark with views

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To the editor:

Re: Incineration debate about money, Cindy Vautour Smith column, Jan. 13.

Cindy Vautour Smith has hit the nail squarely on the head and scored a bull's eye with her analysis.

In the same issue in which the column appeared were printed the results of a survey that stated 75 per cent of residents agreed or somewhat agreed with building an incinerator to help deal with our region's waste disposal challenges.

There are always Chicken Littles running around screaming the sky will fall for virtually every new proposal from soup to nuts. If we lived the life that some of those who protest (do thou protest too much) suggest, we'd all be driving a horse and buggy and they'd be protesting the accumulation of manure on the streets.

Since this is the real world and no matter what we do there will always be some trash, we have to find a way to dispose of it in the most responsible manner possible; environmentally, economically and ethically. Burying trash in the ground to rot for generations cannot be a viable solution.

The people and forces the protesters/environmentalists should be battling with are the federal/provincial governments and big business for not legislating restrictions on packaging that can't be recycled. Here is where you will find the true enemy.

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