

Let's not reinvent wheel on incineration

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To the editor:

It's a funny thing -- people are always prepared to complain about a solution or suggestion, but very rarely do they step up with an alternative solution.

Let's face facts:

In the GTA, we have a garbage disposal problem. Recycling does not handle enough of the solid matter that we produce to reduce the waste to a manageable level. Nobody wants the solid waste buried in their backyard (Not even Michigan).

So, faced with these facts, we've come back to incineration to handle the solid waste. We, as a province, used to do this.

Peel and Hamilton-Wentworth both had incinerators that ran well and were "efficient" for their time. Times have changed and so has technology. I agree with everyone with respect to two arguments: We need more info and we need to expand recycling.

Let me offer a potential plan of action.

1. Let's look at countries which must recycle as models on how to execute it. Japan, Denmark and Sweden are a few examples of countries that incinerate because they have to. Also, they've been doing it for quite some time.
2. All plastics should be added to the recycling program because they can all be ground up and made into pellets.

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