

*York Region News*

## **York can do better than 65% waste diversion**

Letters to the Editor

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Re: York needs to take action, ownership in trash dilemma, editorial, June 28.

I commend The Era-Banner for its comprehensive editorials and articles regarding waste management in York Region, most recently in the June 28 issue.

It has helped raise the profile of an issue that deserves a greater sense of urgency and priority from the public and governments.

Initiatives for responsible waste management through reduction, recycling and reuse have been moving with glacial speed at all levels.

I suggest we make this a key topic for our provincial political candidates as their campaigns get under way for the fall election.

They need to hear the message that the affluent GTA needs to play catch up with many other jurisdictions in the world already practicing 90 per cent or better waste diversion rates.

During discussions of where to place a mega-incinerator, even 65-per-cent diversion in York seems to be a lofty target. We can do better, much better.

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