

Metroland – Letter to the Editor

**Let's push hard for more diversion**

Mon Oct 29, 2007

To the editor:

Re: Clearing up muddle about green bins, blue boxes, editorial, Oct. 24.

The editorial about the confusion regarding what is placed in our blue boxes missed the larger issue which is not what can or cannot go into the bin.

Why so few items are accepted as recycled materials should be giving people cause to scratch their heads.

Contrary to your editorial, most of those plastic muffin/berry/etc., containers are recyclable -- our Region just opts to not collect them.

If we are as serious about waste diversion as we state we are, perhaps we need to expand what we recycle.

This seems much more logical than burning or burying recyclable materials and would likely eliminate the need for an incinerator. The Region will claim there is not enough demand for these recycled materials, which may have merit in a short-term view of waste management.

However, if we start feeding these materials into the belly of an incinerator, the only chance we have to increase diversion will have gone up in smoke.

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