

Metroland – Letter to the Editor

We need more waste diversion, questions answered

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To the editor:

Do incinerators really emit heavy metals such as vanadium, manganese, chromium, nickel, arsenic, mercury, lead and cadmium, toxic at even the smallest levels?

What's left in the remaining ash from burning garbage?

Is it toxic and where do we put it?

Much of Durham Region is upwind of the proposed incinerator site while all of Clarington is downwind, yet here we sit on our hands.

Obviously waste diversion is the only real answer to our garbage problem. Two bags of garbage a week, the compost bin and four recycling boxes every two weeks is what we produce as a family.

The extra bag of garbage is full of plastics, cups, shopping bags, take-out packaging and other things the region won't accept as recyclable and that's a shame. Why is it that Quinte and City of Kawartha residents can recycle much of their waste plastic and even their grocery bags! Diversion obviously is not a priority for our Region.

The big question: Is there any chance our children could get sick from the dioxins produced by an incinerator? They can't answer that either. Clarington is being far too quiet at this critical time. Saying nothing is stating we are a willing host.

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