

Metroland: Letters to Editor

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Traffic another problem with proposed incinerator

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To the editor:

A major issue which seems to be overlooked in regards to the proposed incinerator site is that of traffic congestion.

While my family is fortunate enough to avoid most 'rush hour(s)' on the 401, most are not. Courtice is ideally situated by the 401 for transportation, and the prevailing winds from the west would move 'residual waste' over Lake Ontario. These factors are justifiable, the congestion of traffic 'trumps' both.

Trash from York has only a couple of routes to Courtice; the 401 and the 407. Feeder routes such as Brock Road, Brock Street, Taunton Road, etc. are ill-equipped to handle any more traffic. Idling trucks in traffic burning diesel are one of the most carcinogenic substances known to man.

I invite anyone in favour of the incinerator site to travel any of these routes at almost any given time and tell me these roads are ready for an onslaught of big rigs daily. The effect on health and the economy is more important than a band-aid solution to our trash.

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