

## Let's get real on incineration issue

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To the editor:

Re: Staff's recommendations ignored by council, Dec. 12.

I just read Jennifer Stone's report on Monday night's Clarington council fiasco, when Mayor Jim Abernethy and councillors Ron Hooper, Charlie Trim and Mary Novak rolled over and played nice for the Region on the incinerator site selection.

I just wanted to comment on how out of touch our esteemed mayor is on engineering projects of any magnitude and deeply confused on the subject of environmental assessment.

Mayor Abernethy suggested that the EFW facility could heat a General Motors facility by running a steam line. Using Google Earth, I estimate a line reaching from the preferred site at Courtice Road and Hwy. 401 to GM headquarters, some four kilometres distant, would need to go through Darlington provincial park.

If you wanted to go the nine kilometres to the Autoplex, you would need to also cross Second Marsh and at least one residential area. I think the mayor's little project might merit an environmental assessment.

As a resident of Bowmanville, I am frustrated that our representatives not only refuse to look after our best interests, but are throwing out whizz-bang noisemakers to divert the public from the real concerns being raised by citizens, municipal staff and Clarington's own expert consultants.

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