

Metroland Letter to the Editor

Landfill a better option than incineration

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To the editor:

Re: Incineration offers best long-term garbage solution, editorial, May 23.

I strongly disagree with your editorial that incineration offers the best garbage solution, certainly not for the local taxpayer who will get stuck with the \$198-million construction and hefty operating costs.

According to a recent article in the Globe and Mail, to incinerate a tonne of garbage is estimated at \$250 long-term, while landfilled garbage is estimated at \$70 per tonne. Also to build a landfill would cost a fraction of what it would cost to build an incinerator.

Why was the option to build a landfill in Durham never explored by the Region? Maybe it is now time to consider a landfill before the taxpayer is burdened with this costly project.

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