

Metroland Letter to the Editor

Mayor should say no to incineration

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To the editor:

I recently attended the Relay For Life event which was held in Bowmanville and sponsored by the local chapter of the Cancer Society.

This was a great event and very well-organized. As a father of a cancer survivor, I found myself filled with a number of emotions ranging from excitement and celebration to fear and sadness as we walked the first lap with all the other survivors and caregivers. Cancer has touched so many families in our community but the sense of hope and resolve to find a cure was predominant throughout the evening.

I felt frustration and conflict as Mayor Jim Abernethy spoke during the opening ceremony. While our mayor should be present and support such community based events and spoke with conviction of his personal and professional support, I could not help but wonder why he would not be a stronger voice in opposing the development of an incinerator in the Courtice area. The threat to our environment and potential catalyst to ill health of Clarington's population should be top priority in the stewardship and accountability of this elected official.

I am asking the mayor to stand firm against further studies and assessments and simply say no to the Region.

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