

Tuesday, May 29

## Oshawa Motion says Ban the Burn

Oshawa Regional Councillor Nicholson has placed the following motion on the agenda for the next Oshawa Council Meeting, Monday, June 11 at 6:30 pm, and the public is welcome to attend.

Let's hope that our Clarington Council takes a close look at this motion and will take similar actions. The public is behind this by a huge majority. We are all becoming much more informed - more so than many of the politicians who are pushing this project on us. Many have not bothered to do any research into incineration, as they have their one-sided consultants giving them all the information they need - to keep pushing for it. According to Regional Consultants so far, there is really no down side to hosting an incinerator. It's all light and roses; all good. Only harmless water vapour emissions from the stack. Ash that will disappear and barely need to take up any space in landfills. No traffic problems, no infrastructure problems, not toxin problems. Health concerns? Heck no! It's as safe as other government sanctioned things like asbestos - oh, wait. I forgot, they changed their minds on that one. It's as safe as Thalidomide. Oh wait, they changed their minds on that one too. It's as safe as... well, you get the picture. Those dioxins and furans which have no safe levels at all, will be at a level that the government will tell us is safe. And we all trust the government (all levels), right?

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### **MOTION**

*Whereas the Township of East Gwillimbury has unanimously opposed the location of an incinerator within its boundaries and has indicated that it is not a willing host community for an incinerator, and*

*Whereas the Region of Durham has consistently refused to support resolutions that would require any municipality in Durham to be a willing host community before being considered for an incineration site, and*

*Whereas sites in Clarington will cause a real and demonstrated health hazard to the residents of Oshawa, with prevailing winds depositing dioxin, furans, nanoparticles and other noxious and poisonous materials over large portions of Oshawa.*

*Be it resolved,*

*That the Council of the City of Oshawa indicated to the Region of Durham and to the Region of York that it is not a willing recipient of the wastes and poisons discharged into the air from a proposed incinerator potentially located in the municipality of Clarington.*

*That the Council of the City of Oshawa urges our neighbouring municipality of Clarington to join with East Gwillimbury to indicated its opposition to an incinerator being located in Clarington and that they pass a resolution indicating that they are not a willing host municipality for any potential incineration site.*

*That the Council of the City of Oshawa urge the Region of Durham and the Region of York to respect the wishes of the local Councils by committing to a protocol that would not allow any incinerator to be located in any community that is not a declared willing host community by a resolution of its local council after public consultation.*

*The Council of the City of Oshawa strongly urges all local Councils in the Region of Durham and the Region of York to support the actions taken in East Gwillimbury and to take similar actions to those included in this resolution.*

*That a copy of this resolution be sent to all regional and local councils and council members in the Regional Municipalities of Durham and York and to all MP's and MPP's in ridings located within those regions.*

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We commend Councillor Nicholson and hope Oshawa Council will send their very strong voices to the Region for the benefit of Clarington, Oshawa and all Durham Region residents.

There is a better way than Thermal Treatment or Energy From Waste (INCINERATION). There are safer, less expensive, and much CLEANER ways to deal with trash. No one technology is absolutely perfect (yet), but experts are working on it. And to date, they have come up with a better way. Lets hope they will take the time to examine it.