

New partner for incinerator?

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Another municipality has entered talks to become part of the Durham-York incinerator study.

While Peterborough has been an observer of the study since it began, last week it started to hammer out details of what its involvement might be.

Peterborough has a landfill that might be the destination for ash that the proposed incinerator would produce, making its involvement a good fit, said Vaughan Regional Councillor Mario Ferri, chair of York's solid waste committee.

The proposed incinerator, to be located at one of four sites, one in East Gwillimbury and three in Clarington, would be able to accept about 250,000 tonnes of waste a year, with the option to expand to 400,000 tonnes.

With York committed to sending 20,000 tonnes and Durham needing about 100,000 tonnes capacity, the proposed energy-from-waste incinerator would have leftover capacity and could accept some of Peterborough's waste.

Despite the move, there continues to be opposition to the incinerator from both residents and politicians in York.

The group Communities First has posted a petition on its website opposing the Durham-York incinerator that has registered nearly 1,000 signatures.