

Metroland - Letter to Editor

Let's look at all waste alternatives

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To the editor:

I read with interest that our politicians have returned from their second boondoggle to Europe in regards to incineration.

I have not heard anything about any boondoggle trips to San Francisco or Halifax or Edmonton to observe how communities committed to zero waste and effective recycling programs have implemented their systems.

One could conclude that our politicians have already made up their mind without seriously considering the alternatives and are merely looking for ways to "sell" their decision to the public.

We need open, frank debate about the pros and cons of all waste-handling alternatives. Our politicians seem determined to only consider incineration and ignore other possible solutions.

Also, sadly, after some good balanced reporting on this issue, it appears This Week has again jumped on the incineration bandwagon by reverting to the misleading "Energy From Waste" terminology instead of the more apt "incineration" and running what can only be called an incineration promo piece not once but at least twice (Region returns confident in technology).

I hope in the future to see much more reporting on incineration alternatives from This Week, since we're not getting it from our politicians.

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