

Incineration location a concern

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To the editor:

Every time I drive the Lakeshore road from Newcastle to Port Hope, I shake my head in disgust at that mothballed coal-fired hydro generating plant down there, that we are still paying for in our hydro bills. When I first learned that electricity was being produced in Europe by incinerating non-recyclable garbage, I immediately thought of Wesleyville! That facility already boasts its own 401 interchange, roads system, rail sidings, buildings, a Lake Ontario freighter-dock and hydro transmission lines attached to the power grid. Ontario Power Generation already owns a huge swath of surrounding property and very few people live nearby.

Scrap tires and the useless garbage of the GTA could fuel a new high-tech burner. The steam created would drive the turbines to create electricity and recyclable by-products could be returned to industry for re-use, using rail or ships so Hwy. 401 traffic wouldn't be adversely affected. Ontario Hydro could turn a costly blunder into an immensely profitable venture and we wasteful energy consumers could feel a little better about ourselves for turning our bad habits into electricity.

So my question is, why are we considering a location within a populated growth area when a blatantly viable facility already exists, 15 km east of Clarington?

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