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Garbage problem topic of meeting

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York and Durham Regions are partnering to get rid of their garbage and they want to hear the public's concerns about incineration.

York and Durham currently send their waste to a landfill site in Michigan, but that agreement ends in 2010.

The regions are working on a residual waste environmental assessment study to find a way to manage future garbage.

"The success of the environmental assessment process results from public participation," said Andy Campbell, director of waste management for York Region.

"The meeting we're having on Tuesday (tomorrow) is an opportunity to get input into where York and Durham are going on the planning and we need public participation."

THERMAL PROCESS

York and Durham had to determine what type of technology to use and both regional councils agreed on a thermal incineration process, similar to what Peel Region has been using for the past 12 years.

"Thousands of people drive by the Peel incinerator every week and people don't even know there's a garbage incinerator there," Campbell said. "There's no smell or smoke."

The preferred site to build the incinerator is at Clarington at Hwy.401 and Courtice Rd. area.

Campbell said a final report will be put to the Joint Waste Management Group on Nov. 27.

The public meeting is tomorrow at the Roman Palace Banquet Hall, 1096 Ringwell Rd., Newmarket, starting at 4 p.m. A drop-in information session from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. will be followed by a formal presentation.