

CAW, Durham Labour Congress say 'no' to incineration

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DURHAM -- The CAW and Durham Region Labour Council have joined the list of those opposed to building an incinerator here.

The proposal to build a facility in Courtice to deal with residual waste has met with a groundswell of opposition, including resolutions passed by the local Labour Council and the CAW's council.

CAW leader Buzz Hargrove has also weighed in.

"Concerns regarding the short and long term health impact on citizens, the surrounding environment, economic consequences and sustainable waste alternatives must be considered before processes such as waste incineration are allowed to take place in our communities," said the union's national president.

The stance taken by the unions is reflective of the community, Dave Renaud, of the CAW Durham Region Environmental Council, told Clarington councillors Monday.

"The people of Clarington are just starting to get a grasp on this," said Mr. Renaud. "The decision is moving way too quickly, and this council has to either (ask the Region to) defer (the site decision) or declare themselves an unwilling host."

Council voted 4-3 to request the Region defer site selection until more information is known.

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