

New waste incinerator approved for Durham

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Durham Region council has voted 19-to-7 to approve building the Toronto region's first garbage incinerator in 16 years. The preferred site, also endorsed by York Region, is a 12-hectare property in Clarington, south of Highway 401 near a nuclear power plant.

The incinerator, which would process up to 400,000 tons of trash per year, would cost anywhere from \$150 million to \$250 million.

But before any ground is broken for the new site, it will first undergo environmental and other assessments, followed by a final council decision.

The last incinerator in the GTA was built in Brampton in 1992. Halton and Niagara regions and Hamilton are also considering their own models to burn trash.