

York on board with incineration site

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YORK REGION -- York Region rubber stamped a Courtice location as the preferred site for a proposed incinerator at a council meeting on Thursday.

In contrast to the marathon meeting in Durham on the issue on Wednesday, site selection went through York's council quickly, with no members of the public commenting on the issue.

Durham and York are equal partners in the Environmental Assessment portion of the project. Last summer, however, York reduced its stake to 12 per cent ownership and waste commitment should the facility be built.

The next step in the process is to select a preferred technology and vendor. A shortlist of five proposals was approved at both York and Durham meetings. Four of the technologies to be considered are mass burn, the fifth is a combination of mass burn and gasification.

The Clarington site, near Hwy. 401 and Courtice Road, is owned by Durham Region. Of the four sites on the final shortlist, three were in Clarington and one was in York, in East Gwillimbury. In May, East Gwillimbury council passed a motion stating it would not be a willing host to the facility.

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