

## **Clarington in line for \$200k more for incinerator review**

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DURHAM -- Clarington is a step closer to receiving another \$200,000 from the Region for reviewing an incinerator proposed for Courtice.

Durham Region's finance and administration committee on Tuesday approved increasing the pot available for peer reviewing the process to \$500,000 from the current \$300,000.

Clarington has spent about \$380,000 so far on consultant and legal fees.

Mayor Jim Abernethy said the municipality is performing its due diligence and the costs are what Clarington staff had anticipated they would be. He said the committee made the right decision.

"It's not going to cost the Clarington taxpayers directly, it's a cost that should be shared by all residents of Durham Region," he said.

The increase still has to be confirmed by council and the Region will look to York Region, a 50 per cent partner in the environmental assessment for the incinerator, for part of the funding. If York does not agree to kick in, Durham will pick up the entire tab for the increase.

Finance Commissioner Jim Clapp said nothing is changing other than the amount of money available to Clarington.

"We would still review the invoices and work with Clarington staff to be informed of what's going on ... we would bring it back to committee and council before we made the payment."

But, Scugog Mayor Marilyn Pearce, the finance and administration committee chairwoman, cautioned Clarington about additional costs.

"You know what happens if you go to the well too often, it dries up," she said.