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Letter to the editor
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Politically driven gravy train

Dear editor,

On June 24th Durham Region Council voted to move the incinerator project forward, thus taking the entire region backward. What everyone should note is that it's not a done deal, not by a long shot.

Now the project moves to the next phase with Durham planning to submit to the Ministry of the Environment by the end of July. Concerned residents should continue to submit questions and concerns about the environmental assessment (EA) study documents and their conclusions to the Ministry after submission of the EA, and to regional councillors on an ongoing basis.

Had Clarington Mayor Abernethy and Regional Councillors Trim and Novak voted to protect the interests of residents and the municipality, the vote would actually have been 15-13 against incineration. Everyone should remember that this is a politically driven gravy train for consultants and the incinerator industry, pushed largely by Durham Region's unelected chairman Roger Anderson.

It is very important to continue to register our concerns with all elected regional representatives, even during the summer recess. At any time, for any number of reasons, councillors could reverse their current positions and kill the project. We are asking them to choose safer, more affordable and sustainable solutions, not the incinerator.

Register with BOTH citizens@ZeroWaste4ZeroBurning and info@DurhamEnvironmentWatch.org to receive alerts about key events.

Regards,
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