

How you can get involved

What you can do – you may do any or all of the following:

1. Write to Regional Council regarding your concerns about incineration/thermal treatment of waste.
2. Write to Clarington Council to encourage them to **remain** an unwilling host to an incinerator facility.
3. You can cc or write directly to the Minister of the Environment, as well as the Project Manager for the Ministry, so your concerns are on the record with them, and so that they understand that there is much concern by residents/voters.
4. You can write to the Region's Project Consultants. Any questions you ask of them **MUST** be answered and included in the Environmental Assessment that will be sent to the Ministry for final approval. It is another way to get your questions and concerns on the record. The more the better.
5. You can speak as a delegation at Council or GPA (local) or Regional Council or Committee meetings if you so choose. Raising your concerns in person can be very effective.
6. If you wish to have your name included on our "Action/Alert" List, send an email to info@durhamenvironmentwatch.org. You will receive notification of upcoming events.

The recently released "Consultant Report" has not considered alternatives other than incineration; in addition, it has identified Courtice as the preferred location to build an incinerator.

Wherever it may be located, incineration is bad and its consequences are well documented. One would hope that elected politicians, both on the Clarington Municipal Council and the Durham Regional Council, would rise to their responsibilities and consider ALL the implications before reaching a decision.

There are numerous questions that should be addressed, such as:

- The presence of a thousand tons a day incinerator in Clarington;
- The prospects for lowered air quality and higher contributions to Green House Gases;
- The health related implications, such as cancers and respiratory problems;
- The effect on taxes of a capital project estimated at \$200 Million;
- The need to import waste to burn from other regions as our waste diversion program increases;
- The consequences on property values;
- The impact on the food, dairy and water supplies;
- The implications for local agriculture and its financial viability;
- The anticipated effects on road traffic, congestion and pollution.

Politicians will have more incentive to examine these issues if the population clearly indicates its concern. Consequently, it is important to contact both Councils BEFORE the matter proceeds further.

It is quick and easy to do so, but it should be done in writing.

There are 4 easy steps to follow. Your letter or e-mail should be:

- **addressed** to Clarington **and/or** Durham Regional Clerk, to the attention of Council;
- **concise**, Just a few sentences is enough to get your concerns across.
- **identifiable**, *i.e.* containing your full name, address, telephone number;
- **dated** (and signed, if regular mail is used).

Note 1:

This should be addressed to the Clerk, so as to be properly put on record. It should contain the following: "**Please make available to all councillors and include in next Council meeting's agenda**".

Note 2:

You can increase your effectiveness if you also get your family and friends to also take action; spread the word.

Regional Council and Clarington Council must be swamped with letters and e-mails – yours. It is crucial our Council see and understand our community concerns.

We cannot afford to do nothing.

Letters should be addressed as follows:
(if sent by email, cc all recipients below, for most coverage)

Using the Postal Service	Using E-Mail
<p>The Regional Municipality of Durham 605 Rossland Road East Whitby, Ontario L1N 6A3</p> <p>Att'n: Durham Regional Council</p>	<p>Office of the Clerk, Att'n: Durham Regional Council</p> <p>clerks@durham.ca</p>
<p>Municipality of Clarington Municipal Office 40 Temperance Street Bowmanville, Ontario L1C 3A6</p> <p>Att'n: Clarington Municipal Council</p>	<p>Office of the Clerk, Att'n: Clarington Municipal Council</p> <p>clerks@clarington.net</p>
<p>Durham/York Residual Waste Study P.O. Box 42009 2851 John Street Markham, ON L3R 5R0</p> <p>Telephone: (905) 307-8628 Toll Free: 1-866-398-4423</p>	<p>Region's Project Consultants Durham/York Residual Waste EA Study</p> <p>info@durhamyorkwaste.ca</p>
<p>Hon John Gerretsen Ministry of the Environment 135 St. Clair Ave W, 15th Flr Toronto ON M4V 1P5 Tel 416-314-6790 Fax 416-314-6748</p>	<p>Hon John Gerretsen jgerretsen.mpp@liberal.ola.org</p>
<p>Gavin Battarino, Project Officer Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch Ministry of the Environment 2 St. Clair Avenue West, Floor 12A Toronto, ON M4V 1L5 Telephone: (416) 314-8214 1-800-461-6290 Fax: (416) 314-8452</p>	<p>Gavin Battarino gavin.battarino@ontario.ca</p> <p>(MoE Project Officer assigned to this file)</p>
<p>Gord Miller Environmental Commissioner of Ontario 1075 Bay Street, Suite 605 Toronto, ON M5S 2B1 Canada Tel: (416) 325-3377 Toll-Free: 1-800-701-6454 Fax: (416) 325-3370</p>	<p>Attn: Gord Miller Environmental Commissioner of Ontario commissioner@eco.on.ca</p>

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