

To Clarington Council

Re: Durham Region Waste Plan And Recycling proposal

I am writing on behalf of over 500 residents, and many more every day, who reside in Clarington.

We have been monitoring very closely the actions of Durham Region and its attack on our waterfront.

Some years ago, our Municipality of almost 100,000, fought diligently against the Regions plans to burn garbage within our municipality. We lost the battle to stop incineration but managed to put in place limits and monitoring. Both have been ignored or exceeded to the point where the Ministry of Environment has had to be called in due to exceedances of cancer-causing agents being released at unacceptable levels from the now outdated incinerator.

In a recent addition of our local Metroland newspaper the Durham Region Chair, John Henry, said that the Region is embarking on a 20-year plan to deal with ALL of the Regions waste. This 'plan' is to be discussed, as if public consultation was of important to the Region.

However, while the Region is telling everyone, that they are consulting with the public. They are quickly proceeding with a formal proposal to construct a 200-million-dollar Mega garbage processing plant in Clarington. The Mega plant will ultimately increase the amount of burning at the incinerator.

We think that Clarington Council was right to tell the Region we are NOT a willing host for such a large plant. Clarington residents also do not want the entire Regions garbage and maybe more coming here.

Surely there are better uses for our limited waterfront?

We are a growing group that have raised over \$10,000 towards a legal challenge to the Regions poor plan, which they are rushing through WITHOUT proper scrutiny.

We are hopeful Council will allow our lawyer and our members to address Council soon so that we can work together against the Regions plans.

We are demanding that a full Environmental Assessment be required for three reasons:

1. The incinerator required an EA from the beginning and has not met the standards and regulations that it committed to then.
2. The Regions 20-year plan means that Clarington and Oshawa residents will be forced to live with whatever else is burned for a very long time.

3. Turning our waterfront business park, and Provincial waterfront park into one of the largest garbage processing plants in the GTA is not what our Official Plan or your residents had in mind.

This is an important election issue and one that local Councillors Regional Councillors and our members of Provincial Parliament need to pay attention too.

Together we can stop more burning.

Together we can put n end to Clarington being the garbage dump for the Region and surrounding areas.