

April 30, 2021

Dear Clarington Council,

I am writing to you today to alert you to a recent item issued by City of Toronto staff seeking authority to negotiate with other landfill and EFW facilities to take waste and I am writing to ask you to take action regarding this item. The item can be found at:<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2021.IE21.5>

On Wednesday, April 28th, a motion was passed by the City of Toronto Committee regarding this item seeking authority for the waste director to negotiate sending City of Toronto waste to EFW facilities under certain conditions. That motion can be found here:
<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2021.IE21.5>

Toronto Council will be voting on the Committee's motion and this item next week, Wednesday May 5th, so Clarington Council will need to take action at Council on Monday night in order that the Municipality's concerns be heard in time.

While we do not know whether the DYEC incinerator or St Marys Cement are under consideration in terms of Toronto developing their contingency plan, it is important for Clarington to be pro-active and make it clear that the Municipality vehemently opposes Toronto waste being sent to Clarington to burn.

I urge you to write to the City of Toronto and make it clear that Clarington opposes the burning of Toronto waste in Clarington.

Clarington is already the host community to the DYEC incinerator that burns waste from Durham and York Regions and St Marys cement kiln, a major Ontario polluter, that also burns waste and, for St Marys, the waste service area is not restricted. Clarington was also chosen as the site for the Region's proposed mixed waste pre-sort and AD facility.

Furthermore, as you are well aware, St Marys has just received approval to quadruple the amount of waste they can burn with now a vast expanded list of potential wastes from unlimited sources with Clarington now seeking leave to appeal on that approval.

The air shed is overburdened as evidenced by the numerous exceedances already measured by the EA and ambient air monitoring done for the DYEC and Regional reports predict more and further in the future as air standards undergo major and long overdue updates.

Clarington residents deserve better and Clarington should not be treated as a waste burning sacrifice zone.

Furthermore, the current DYEC Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) only permits for the burning of waste from Durham and York Regions.

For Section 2 of the ECA Approval see below:

2. **SERVICE AREA, APPROVED WASTE TYPES, RATES and STORAGE**

- (1) The service area for the Site is the area within the jurisdictional boundaries of The Regional Municipality of Durham and The Regional Municipality of York.

The 2010 EA approval for the DYEC allowed only waste from Durham and York Regions.

There has been a barrage of proposals bringing more and more garbage to Clarington.

A related cause for concern is clause 7.4 in the Host Community Agreement (HCA).

Please see below for Section 7 of the HCA.

7. EFW Facility Waste Sources

7.1 Durham shall ensure that the source of the waste processed at the EFW Facility is consistent with that identified in the EA Terms of Reference and supporting documentation.

7.2 The Parties agree that Industrial, Commercial and Institutional ("ICI") Waste, with a similar composition to municipal solid waste, may be processed at the EFW Facility provided that said ICI Waste is first screened at a transfer station to ensure the removal of any undesirable and hazardous materials.

7.3 The EFW Facility may be utilized to process biosolid wastes generated from water pollution control plants located within Durham Region on an emergency basis in order to support Durham's other operations provided that biosolid wastes do not comprise more than 10% of the total annual tonnage of waste processed at the EFW Facility in a calendar year.

7.4 Notwithstanding the provisions of 7.1 hereof, in the event that the source of waste processed at the EFW Facility at any subsequent time includes the City of Toronto, then Clarington shall be paid the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per tonne for each tonne of waste from that source.

I urge Clarington Council to be proactive. Please send a letter to the City of Toronto, in time for their May 5th meeting, that makes it clear that the Municipality vehemently objects to the City of Toronto sending their garbage to burn anywhere in Clarington.

Thank you,

Wendy Bracken