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Dear Ms. Gasser:

**RE: The Regional Municipality of Durham's Long-Term Waste
Management Plan (2021-2040)**

Thank you for your comments submitted to the Municipality of Clarington (Clarington) Planning and Development Committee received November 25, 2020. Regional Municipality of Durham (Region) staff offer the following responses with regard to your questions.

Consultation on the Long-Term Waste Management Plan (LTWMP) vision and objectives started in April 2020 which included Regional staff and Local Area Municipality representatives. In June and July, consultation sessions were held with four Regional Advisory Committees including the Energy from Waste-Waste Management Advisory Committee (EFW-WMAC) (July 15). At this EFW-WMAC meeting, the concern regarding ability to comment on the guiding principles was raised. To address this concern, staff included the ability to comment on the guiding principles in the online consultation and public survey. Public consultation launched on August 19 and included an online open house and survey and a virtual town hall (November 5), for residents to ask questions to staff in a live forum. Public consultation closed on November 8. The draft vision and objectives that were presented for consultation were guided by Regional Council direction in 2019 to develop a vision to continue and enhance the reduce, reuse and recycle principles.

The EFW-WMAC held a second meeting to develop committee comments on the LTWMP guiding principles, vision and objectives (November 18). These comments were provided to Works Committee and waste management staff and will be considered as part of the LTWMP Record of Consultation. At the November EFW-WMAC meeting, staff indicated that they would support the inclusion of Reduce and Reuse in the guiding principles.

In January 2021, Regional Council will consider a report recommending approval of the revised guiding principles, vision and objectives for the LTWMP. These will form the framework of the LTWMP and will be used to develop targets and the action plan. Once the LTWMP is drafted, staff will again consult with Regional staff, Local Area Municipality representatives, Regional Advisory Committees and the public. The EFW-WMAC will be consulted as part of this second round of consultation.

In summary, the EFW-WMAC provided formal comments on the guiding principles, vision and objectives which were taken into consideration in the drafting of staff recommendations to Committee/Council scheduled to be presented January 2021. Additional consultation opportunities will occur in the summer and fall of 2021 on the draft LTWMP.

Sincerely,



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