

## Report of the Strategic Initiatives Committee

January 14, 2008

### Recommendation (**unanimously approved**):

Whereas the Township of East Gwillimbury has unanimously opposed the location of an incinerator within its boundaries and has indicated that it is not a willing host community for an incinerator; and,

Whereas the Region of Durham has consistently refused to support resolutions that would require any municipality in Durham to be a willing host community before being considered for an incineration site; and,

Whereas sites in Clarington will potentially cause a real and demonstrated health hazard to the residents of Oshawa, with prevailing winds depositing dioxin, furans, nanoparticles and other noxious and poisonous materials over large portions of Oshawa;

Be it resolved,

1. That the Council of the City of Oshawa indicated to the Region of Durham and to the Region of York that it is not a willing recipient of the wastes and poisons discharged into the air from a proposed incinerator potentially located in the Municipality of Clarington; and,
2. That the Council of the City of Oshawa urges our neighbouring Municipality of Clarington to join with East Gwillimbury to indicate its opposition to an incinerator being located in Clarington and that they pass a resolution indicating that they are not a willing host municipality for any potential incineration site; and,
3. The Regions of York and Durham are requested to agree to protect the health and safety of the residents of Clarington and Durham by incorporating into the design and installation of the EFW facility the most modern and state of the art emission control technologies that meet or exceed the European Union EU monitoring and measurement standards; and,
4. The Regions of York and Durham agree to continue to support an aggressive residual waste diversion and recycling programs in order to achieve and exceed on or before December 2010 a 70 diversion recycling rate for the entire Region and such aggressive programs shall continue beyond 2010; and,
5. That the Council of the City of Oshawa urge the Region of Durham and the Region of York to respect the wishes of the local Councils by committing to a protocol that would not allow any incinerator to be located in any community that is not a declared willing host community by a resolution of its local council after public consultation; and,
6. That the Regions of Durham and York be requested to respond to and address, early in 2008, the issues identified by the peer review consultants that are necessary for the submission of the EA documentation to the Ministry of the Environment; and,

7. That the Regions of Durham and York commit to including in the Request for Proposals and Certificate of Approval, Maximum, Achievable Control Technology (MACT) for the emission standards and monitoring that the EFW facility will meet; and,

8. That the Regions of Durham and York be requested to delay the final selection of a preferred site for the Energy from Waste facility until such time as the submissions in response to the Request for Proposals have been reviewed, a preferred technology and vendor has been selected, and the sensitivity analysis in relationship to the site selection and the specific human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment has been carried out; and,

9. That the final site selection be delayed until the business case for the Energy from Waste facility has been adopted by the Regional Councils, incorporating the appropriate costs for the Host Community Agreement as reflected in Clarington Council's Resolution GPA 632-07 and C-592-07 (Attachment 13 to PSD-141-07); and,

10. That the Council of the City of Oshawa strongly urges all local Councils in the Region of Durham and the Region of York to support the actions taken in East Gwillimbury and to take similar actions to those included in this resolution; and,

11. That a copy of this resolution be sent to all Regional and local councils and Council members in the Regional Municipalities of Durham and York and to all MP's and MPP's in ridings located within those regions.