



COUNCIL

MOVED BY _____

DATE: May 22, 2007

SECONDED BY _____

WHEREAS The Town of East Gwillimbury is supportive of waste diversion options that encourage the sustainability of the environment;

AND WHEREAS one of the short-listed sites for the proposed “Residual Waste Processing and Energy from Waste Facility” is on Garfield Wright Drive in the Town of East Gwillimbury;

AND WHEREAS Council of the Town of East Gwillimbury has considered this proposal and expresses the following concerns:

WHEREAS, WITH RESPECT TO NATURAL HERITAGE, the proposed site is zoned industrial and is located in the Provincial Greenbelt, at the headwaters of the Black River – an important part of the Lake Simcoe watershed. There is a potential risk of environmental harm from spillage, emissions, or other unintended events when placing a significant waste management facility in a headwaters area, and :

WHEREAS, WITH RESPECT TO AIR EMISSIONS, although emissions from incineration at such a facility must meet provincial standards– any emission will have an environmental impact;

AND FURTHER, WITH RESPECT TO AIR EMISSIONS, it is noted that the Town of Newmarket has had very negative experiences with the Halton Recycling facility adjacent to Highway 404, particularly with odour and air quality;

AND WHEREAS, WITH RESPECT TO AGRICULTURE, the proposed facility would be located in close proximity to a number of food producing farms, and the Town is concerned about any possible effects emissions might have with respect to agricultural operations in East Gwillimbury;

WHEREAS WITH REPECT TO TRAFFIC AND IMPACT ON LOCAL ROADS, any waste facility brings with it the issue of truck traffic. The Town does not wish to experience truck traffic hauling waste to an incineration facility, and problems can arise with odour, spillage, debris, litter and pollution from engine exhaust;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of East Gwillimbury should not be considered as a willing host to the proposed “Residual Waste Processing and Energy from Waste Facility”.

CARRIED

DEFEATED

TIED (LOST)

James Young, Mayor