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Rescind your vote, Gord

Dear Gord,

As a local doctor, I just don't understand why you would suddenly (you were quoted after Council Monday in the Times as being in support of "unwilling" status flip-flop on your vote and become the man who single-handedly paved the way for incineration in Durham. No new information had been released, yet you changed your mind. Vital information was hours away from being released, yet you changed your mind. A man has a right to change his mind, but it would be interesting to know the real reason you switched your vote. Certainly something good 'must be coming your way, in order to sell out this entire community for incinerator technology that thousands of doctors around the world agree is unhealthy. And we still have to bury one-third of it as toxic waste. Why you would supposedly depend on the opinions of a few farmer friends instead of unbiased health experts is shocking to me.

So many of us are talking and are upset at your vote and the implications of your decision. It is so frustrating to know, and understand how unsafe the incinerator will be, how detrimental to our community it will be, and yet you are now committed to making this happen.

Gord, you still have time to change your mind. You can still file for a "motion of reconsideration" and recall council and rescind your vote. There is more to be gained politically by stopping the incinerator as the people are not willing to host it. Those that were pushing for the incinerator will not be reelected and those that stood united against the incinerator will be rewarded by the people. There is' much to be gained by advocating for legislation to press for more compostable materials in packaging.

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