

# THE SCUGOG STANDARD

SERVING SCUGOG, UXBRIDGE, BROCK, MANVERS AND SURROUNDING AREAS

## Reader disappointed with EFW

*To the Editor:*

We are disappointed that our Scugog regional representatives and the other 15 voted to leave the legacy of an incinerator to our children and grandchildren for the next 25 to 30 years. Future generations will be asking, 'What were they thinking?' 'Were they not clever enough either politically or technically to develop a more sustainable waste management strategy plan?' 'Did they not know that landfills bury and incinerators burn the evidence?' 'Did they not know that it is not landfill or incineration but that it is landfill and/or incineration?' We still need to landfill the 30 per cent ash that remains.

We applaud the seven regional representatives who felt other alternatives would be better for our environment and the need to protect our resources and not endanger our health or break the bank. Some of them were also concerned about Covanta's track record of excess emissions and poor labour relations.

On July 15, Covanta was assessed \$400,000 in fines when annual emission tests on a US incinerator showed dioxin/furan levels in the exhaust stream more than 250 per cent higher than the allowable permit and regulatory level.

Interestingly, the public was not invited to participate in the ground-breaking ceremony scheduled for Aug. 17 - even though we, as taxpayers, are paying for this unnecessary incinerator and for this event.

As taxpayers, we have a right to know how much it would cost to get out of the contract with Covanta. In fact, we have been given no cost updates since 2009.

The biggest cause of pollution today is the action of industry and the inaction of our governments.

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