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*Letter to the Editor*

## **Incinerator done deal**

To the Editor:

RE: "Region warns Council not to delay EFW", Jan. 26th, *Orono Weekly Times*

After years of lengthy delays, long discussions, huge costs, we now have two Host Community Agreements in place signed by both local and regional governments. I am sure these agreements are tighter than a drum, and the breach of any of these HCA would result in heavy penalties and costs.

Where were the Mayor, Adrian Foster and Councillors Mary Novak, Ron Hooper and Willie Woo during their last term of office before these agreements were signed at the time that the incinerator could have been stopped? For these agreements to be passed and put in place, the majority of council would have had to have voted in favour of them, which they did. Several councillors and the Mayor ran a campaign in the last election to stop the incinerator, a promise they knew or should have known they couldn't keep. Their theory was, "Promise them anything, as long as I get elected."

What did they think, that the Region was just going to roll over and re-open these agreements and re-new the whole process again, starting from the beginning? Not a chance. I can't believe that Council could be so naive and gullible. The incinerator is a done deal.

The problem between Clarington Council and Regional Council now is the Region is aware that the present council is an unwilling host. To negotiate or change any part of the HCAs, no matter how miniscule, will be met with stiff resistance, threats of lawsuits and huge costs. Clarington Council have shot themselves in the foot.

To spend more money on this project will only be a cost to Clarington taxpayers with negative results.

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