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*Letter to the Editor:*

## **Political promises up in smoke**

To the Editor:

Re: EFW gets the final go ahead, passed in the specially called Durham Council Meeting en July 26, 2011.

Mayor Adrian Foster and Regional Councillor Willie Woo voted in favour of the final package for the Durham/York Co-Owners Agreement. This is the end of the meetings, whether the incinerator will be built or not, this is the fait accompli. There might be a few side meetings, but no meetings to stop the incinerator, it is a done deal.

Both Adrian Foster and Willie Woo ran a campaign in the municipal election last year to stop the incinerator, "elect us and we will work with every fiber in our bodies to stop this pollution-spewing health problem." They had the voters believing it could be stopped, all we had to do was vote for them then they would put their words into action. From the time they started running for their positions until they were safely voted into their respective offices, this was their promise.

After the election, there was a remarkable turn-around in their views. They became allies of the project and of its proponents. The fierce battles that were promised never materialized. All of the Regional councillors voted in favour of the by-laws, agreements and every document placed in front of them to expedite the completion of the incinerator. In the case of our third Regional Councillor, Mary Novak, to be absent from this crucial final meeting is like voting in favour of it.

I think the Clarington voters who were opposed to the incinerator and voted for all our councillors to stop this whole fiasco were duped. The councillors knew they couldn't stop the incinerator and if they didn't know they should not have been elected to their respective positions.

The promise to cancel the incinerator was just to get elected. Fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me.

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