

*Metroland – Letters to the Editor*

Let's get on with incineration

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To the editor:

Re: "Incineration not the best solution for trash," Doug Hart letter, Jan. 27.

Doug Hart said in his letter, "Incineration is not a solution."

I beg to differ.

If he had said that it is not the only solution or is one of a number of solutions then I could agree.

Let's face facts. Diversion (reduce, reuse and recycle) is doing well, but it is not a raging success. Look around at the litter on our streets, school yards and parks. Look at the illegal dumping on our rural roads. And look at what your neighbours are throwing out each and every week.

The houses on my street have large backyards and yet I am the only one who composts and mulches yard waste. What does that say about the success of diversion What does that say about the commitment and effort of the average citizen

Doug Hart also said, "We will always produce trash."

That's the sad reality of our waste problem and time is rapidly running out for our current and future landfill options. Given this sad truth, incineration is clearly one of our best solutions. And contrary to what opponents say, incineration is a proven and safe technology and it recovers energy and puts it to good use. Just ask the Swedes.

Let's get on with it.

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