

Metroland Letters to Editor

Regional chairman finds it easy to say no

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To the editor:

Re: 'Easy to say no' to incineration: Regional Chairman, Feb. 29.

Regional Chairman Roger Anderson says it's easy to say no to something. He's right and he's been doing it for years now in the matter of the waste incinerator. He found it easy to say no to a motion from the health and social services committee to defer the site selection: he simply ruled the motion out of order.

Lately, he is also saying no to the four municipal councils who voted to oppose or delay the incinerator: he told them it wasn't any of their business.

And most importantly, he's been saying no to all the residents who have asked council to look at alternatives to incineration: he told them they hadn't done enough research.

In fact, it would take courage and personal integrity to admit that burning garbage will have long-term health and environmental effects on the region and its neighbours. It would take a lot of work to find a truly sustainable solution to the garbage problem. After demonizing landfills for years, it is now easier for Mr. Anderson and the pro-incineration faction on regional council to commit hundreds of millions of taxpayers' dollars on a landfill in the sky.

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