

Metroland – Letters to the Editor

Educate yourself on impacts of incineration

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To the editor:

Regional Chairman Roger Anderson flippantly says that "It is easy for people to go around saying no to something." What an insolent remark against people whose only wish is to breathe clean air and to protect our health and environment from toxic emissions from the burning of mercury, lead and other carcinogenic materials.

Pity the world and all its corruption if everyone just followed the leader like a herd of sheep.

But people, since time began, have been speaking up for what they believe is right and thank god for that. The citizens of this community and its broader regions have spoken. It is their right. It's called freedom of speech. It's also called democracy.

Edmund Burke, 18th century philosopher, said it best: "The only thing needed for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." It appears that is what the regional chairman, the mayor and regional councillors would like us to do. Nothing.

I encourage everyone to do something. Do your own research from the numerous sites available. Read the pros and cons of incineration, read the studies done by the Ontario Ministry of Environment, educate yourself on why incinerators are so widely rejected throughout the world and understand the perceived negative health effects. Stay away from biased incinerator consultant sites for potential buyers. Follow the trail of truth, then make your own informed decision on whether it will be economically, environmentally and medically safe to continue to raise your family in a waste-incinerator community.

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