

We need answers on energy from waste

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To the editor:

I have to express my dismay at and disappointment in the behaviour of our local councilors, namely Adrian Foster, Ron Hooper, Gord Robinson and Willie Woo.

The residents of Clarington are looking for and are entitled to information regarding the Energy From Waste proposal currently before our community. In refusing Regional Chairman Roger Anderson, the opportunity to address council, these four denied their constituents access to what may well have been vital information regarding this project.

Specifically we need answers to the following:

1. If not EFW what other viable options do we have and how long do we have to come up with them?
2. What are the results of epidemiological studies done in other jurisdictions where EFW is used (i.e. California, Florida, Holland and other European cities)?
3. What are the locations of the four proposed EFW sites in Clarington?
4. What are the criteria used in choosing a site?
5. Why four sites in Clarington and only one in York?
6. Will we be taking waste from other municipalities or will this be a "Made In Clarington" solution?
7. What mode of transportation will be used to move the waste (truck, rail, etc.) and how will it affect residents in the immediate area?
8. How many jobs will be created in the construction and eventual operation of an EFW facility?
9. How many tax dollars will result from hosting such a facility?

This is not the time for dissension and political posturing. The issue is too important to the future of our municipality. Clarington council must provide a united front in a decision that will affect our lives for years to come. As citizens and taxpayers of this municipality we deserve nothing less from our elected representatives. We need and expect informed answers to our questions and concerns. Anyone willing to provide us with credible information should be treated with dignity and respect and given every opportunity to do so.

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