

Metroland – letters to editor

Put the incinerator in Pontypool

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To the editor:

Why Clarington for an incinerator when just north of here is the perfect spot: Pontypool Gravel Pits.

It has the area to build, the big power lines, is away from populated areas, has rail lines that could transport the likes of Toronto garbage instead of the roads.

It has the road accessibility that has gravel trucks going out full and returning empty. Why not garbage? In my view, this is a cash cow for this area. But will anyone look at this area? Likely not.

Brian Green

Newcastle

Here's 10-step plan to cut local taxes

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To the editor:

Here's a blueprint for Charlie Trim and council in order to achieve the two per cent increase for next year's budget. Has he seen the commercials with the tag line "hand in my pocket"? Well it's time council gets its hand out of the constituent's pockets. Here's how you do it in 10 easy steps.

1. Close Total Hockey.
2. Don't pay library employees \$60,000 to \$65,000 like the last job posting for an adult director.
3. No to the museum part-time person for \$27,500.
4. Less hours at the libraries.
5. Sell off the Courtice and Bowmanville arenas to Canlan Ice Sports or something of the like.
6. Pools -- think private again here.
7. Sell the indoor soccer stadium to a private firm, just like the arenas.
8. Town-operated fitness places: there are plenty around like Lifestyles, Curves, etc.
9. Cap civil servant wages and roll back the high ones. Six figure salaries are out. The private sector is taking a pounding. It's time the public take one too.
10. Any future projects think private. And don't be afraid of the word "cut."

In the last election the people of Clarington sent council a clear message -- that tax increases would not be accepted. That message was ignored in a big way. It wasn't necessarily current council's fault because the previous regime ran the tab up on projects we didn't need. But it's not too late Charlie Trim. How about a 0 per cent increase for next year. It can be done. Please get your hand out of our pockets.

Paul Morgan

Bowmanville