

Media Advisory

Canadian Auto Workers Durham Regional Environment Council

Energy from Waste

A public forum to discuss the potential social, economic and environmental impacts of a Energy from Waste Facility proposed for Durham Region.

Wednesday, May 9, 2007
CAW Local 222 Hall
1425 Phillip Murray Ave.
Oshawa, ON

Canadian Auto Workers Durham Regional Environment Council (CAW D.R.E.C.) will host a public discussion for the residents of Durham Region regarding the proposed Energy from Waste Facility. The community will gain information from speakers both “for” and “against” the facility. We are offering the public the opportunity to ask questions and stay informed. Information will include; health concerns, economic impact, employment, alternatives to fund proven sustainable waste alternatives and other concerns.

“Our council proudly represents more than 33,000 CAW members. They, together with all citizens of Durham Region, are entitled to a broader set of facts on Energy from Waste,” says Dave Renaud, President, CAW D.R.E.C. “We need to fully understand the negative or positive ramifications that the Energy from Waste facility will bring to our community in the long and short term.”

These concerns and others will be explored at the Pro & Con Debate.

Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. An expo representing interested and relevant organizations will be on hand.

Discussion will begin at 7:00 p.m. with confirmed “con” speakers:

Dr. Paul Connett, Cambridge University graduate, with a Ph.D. in chemistry and over 22 years of waste management research.

John Jackson, Program Director for Great Lakes United, an international citizen’s coalition dedicated to protecting and restoring the Great Lakes and over 25 years of experience working on waste issues.

Erin Shapero, Councillor, Ward 2 Markham, who continues to be a tireless advocate for environmental causes and the interests of her constituents.

A question and answer session will follow.

Representatives of the Regional Municipality of Durham have declined an invitation to participate in the forum due to the fact that they do not engage in panel discussions on any current projects. Representatives of Ontario’s Premier, Dalton McGuinty’s, Operations Office have not presently returned any of our calls or e-mails requesting their attendance. We are presently working to confirm a list of “pro” speakers.

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