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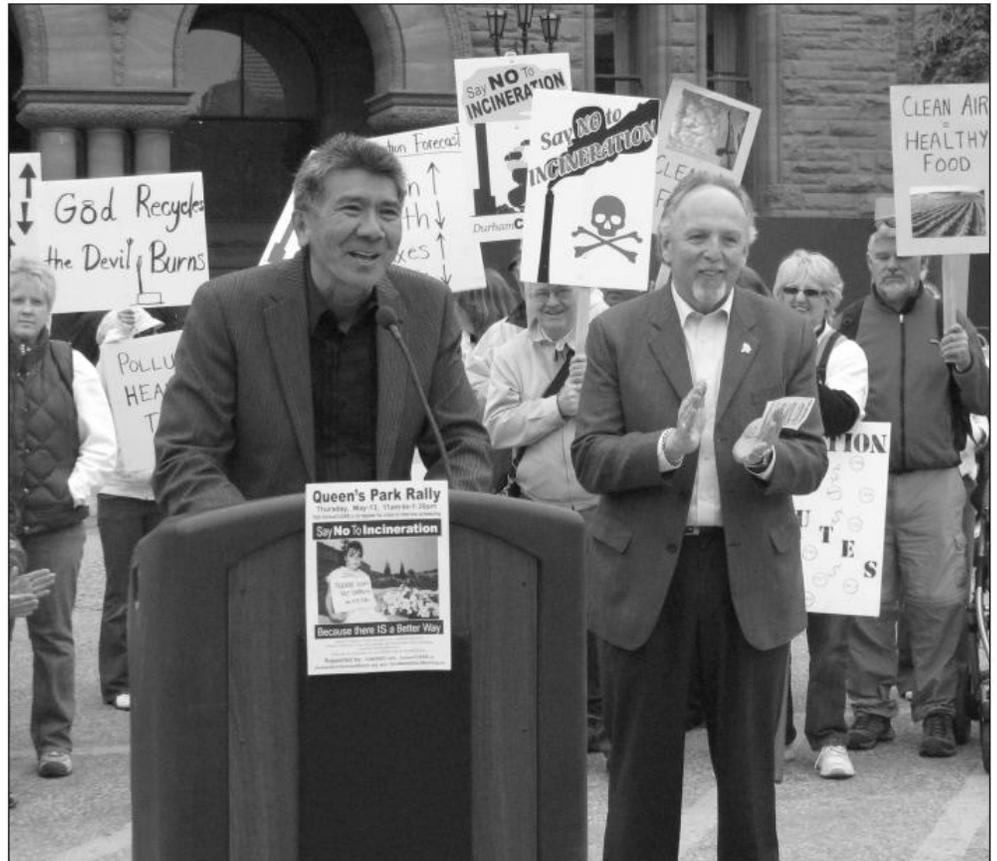
“The fight is not over” ~ Woo

Clarington councillors Willie Woo and Ron Hooper attended the Queen’s Park anti-incineration rally last Thursday.

Speakers at the rally included NDP Energy and Environment critic Peter Tabuns, leader of the Green Party of Ontario Mike Schreiner, and policy adviser for Greenpeace Canada Dave Martin.

Councillor Woo, who also spoke at the rally, said there was a strong push to see the incinerator project pushed through during this term of council.

“Incineration was not on the radar screen as we were campaigning in 2006,” he stated. Yet the incineration issue has dominated this four-year term of council, according to Woo. “While we were going through the environmental assessment process, our three Regional Councillors seemed to take their direction from the Region with the Regional Chair quarterbacking the process,” Woo stated. While each Clarington Council meeting begins with an invocation which states, “Grant us the wisdom to make wise and meaningful decisions,” Woo said, “A burn barrel with a smoke stack is not wise and not meaningful.”



Clarington councillors Willie Woo (centre) and Ron Hooper (right) participated in the anti-incineration rally at Queen’s Park last Thursday morning.

On behalf of Councillors Hooper and Adrian Foster, Woo thanked the anti-incineration group for their persistence and input over the course of the environmental assessment process, which began early in 2006. The three local councillors have been united in

their efforts to stop the Region from building its \$372-million waste incinerator in Courtice.

The Region of Durham submitted the final environmental assessment study for the incinerator project to the Ministry of Environment last July. The

Minister’s decision on the incinerator could come as early as next month.

The protest was organized by a number of local anti-incineration groups and was attended by approximately 100 protesters.