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Results of recent public-opinion polling to be presented during January 2008 Works Committee meeting

WHITBY, ON – It's your garbage. What do you want us to do with it? That was the question raised during a recent public-opinion poll undertaken as part of the Durham/York Residual Waste Study.

From Dec. 12 to 13, approximately 600 residents in both Durham and York Regions were contacted, via telephone, and asked to participate in an Ipsos Reid survey about the proposed energy-from-waste facility.

"We are trying to establish the level of support in both Durham and York Regions for this proposed energy-from-waste facility, which is why we have undertaken public-opinion polls," said Mirka Januszkiewicz, Director of Waste Management. "We have conducted telephone polling about the Durham/York Residual Waste Study in the past. But this time, we asked more specific questions related to various aspects of the project itself."

The proposed energy-from-waste facility is part of an Environmental Assessment (EA) process currently being undertaken by both Durham and York Regions to examine ways in which to manage residual waste—the waste that remains after composting and recycling. As part of this process, the consultants recently recommended a preferred site located on Regional-owned property in the Municipality of Clarington.

The results of this study will be presented to the Region's Works Committee during its next regularly scheduled meeting on Jan. 9, 2008. If approved by Works Committee, the results will be referred to the Jan. 23, 2008 meeting of Durham Regional Council—the same time frame in which members of Regional Council will be asked to vote on the consultants' recommended preferred site.

For more information on the Durham/York Residual Waste Study, visit www.durhamyorkwaste.ca, call 905-307-8628 (or toll-free at 1-866-398-4423), or e-mail info@durhamyorkwaste.ca.

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