



## THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF DURHAM

# MEDIA ADVISORY

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### **Durham Regional Council set to vote on energy-from-waste business case**

**WHITBY, ON** – Members of the media are advised that Durham Regional Council will vote on the business case for a proposed energy-from-waste (EFW) facility, during its May 28 meeting.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, May 28 beginning at 10 a.m.

**WHERE:** The Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rosland Rd. E., Whitby, in Regional Council Chambers

**WHY:** To consider the business case for a proposed EFW facility. This business case was presented to a joint meeting of the Finance & Administration and Works committees on May 21.

The business case presents a conservative and comprehensive risk and cost evaluation and a final recommendation on waste management options available to Durham. The business case evaluates alternatives from Durham Region's perspective, and includes both an economic analysis and a lifecycle costing analysis of the best options available to the Region: energy from waste and other Ontario landfill. The report recommends Durham pursue an EFW facility because it provides the best opportunity for a viable, long-term and environmentally sustainable local solution to Durham's waste management challenges.

**NOTE:** The business case is available to the public on Durham Region's website at [www.region.durham.on.ca](http://www.region.durham.on.ca).

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. This EA is also referred to as the Durham/York Residual Waste Study. For more information, visit [www.durhamyorkwaste.ca](http://www.durhamyorkwaste.ca), call 905-307-8628 (or toll-free at 1-866-398-4423), or e-mail [info@durhamyorkwaste.ca](mailto:info@durhamyorkwaste.ca).

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