



**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF DURHAM**

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Energy-from-waste business case accepted by Durham Regional Council**

**WHITBY, ON** – Durham Regional Council today accepted the business case for a proposed energy-from-waste (EFW) facility. The business case, prepared for the Region by Deloitte and Touche, is an economic and financial analysis of the feasibility of using energy-from-waste as a means of disposing of Durham Region's residual waste.

"The business case proves that an energy-from-waste facility is the best option for the management of Durham's garbage," says Durham Regional Chair Roger Anderson. "Using the Federal Gas Tax funds towards the upfront cost ensures that the funds are being used for something that benefits all Durham residents—the management of our waste."

"What we've proposed for Durham is a state-of-the-art facility," explained Cliff Curtis, Commissioner of Works. "This facility will meet or exceed the more restrictive of Ontario's A-7 and European Union guidelines; and minimize impacts to health and the environment with stringent emission controls. We've also kept the door open to district heating capability, which can reduce the use of fossil based heating fuels."

The business case includes detailed analysis of EFW financial implications, potential budget and property tax impacts, and project risk assessment, based upon the business case report.

"This business case presents a conservative and comprehensive risk and cost evaluation, including both an economic analysis and a life cycle costing analysis of the best options available to the Region," said Jim Clapp, Commissioner of Finance. "The report recommends that Durham pursue an EFW facility because it provides the best opportunity for a viable, long-term and environmentally sustainable local solution to the Region's waste management challenges."

Any individuals who are interested in reading the business case are invited to download a copy from the Region's website ([www.region.durham.on.ca](http://www.region.durham.on.ca)), the study website ([www.durhamyorkwaste.ca](http://www.durhamyorkwaste.ca)) or obtain a printed copy from the Regional Clerk's office at Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, located at 605 Rossland Rd. E. in Whitby.

Since 2005, Durham and York Regions have been working together to examine ways to manage residual waste—the waste that remains after composting and recycling. The Environmental Assessment's next steps include a number of site-specific studies to address any potential air, land or water impacts, in addition to related health concerns. For more information on the Durham/York Residual Waste Study, 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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