



**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF DURHAM**

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Public meeting held May 12 on proposed energy-from-waste facility**

**WHITBY, ON** – The Regional Municipality of Durham would like to thank the approximately 200 residents who attended last night’s public information centre, in the Municipality of Clarington, to learn more about the proposed energy-from-waste (EFW) facility.

“Public consultation has been a key component of this process since it began in 2005,” said Regional Chair Roger Anderson. “Although both Durham and York Regions have completed the public consultation requirements, as outlined in the Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference, we decided to host this event to help further educate our residents about this proposed facility and its technology. Plus, it provided an opportunity for us to highlight the waste management programs that make Durham Region number one in Ontario for waste diversion.”

Residents were invited to drop in to the Garnet B. Rickard Recreation Complex in Bowmanville from 4 to 6 p.m. to speak with Regional staff and consultants about project milestones, site-specific studies to date, and current waste management programs. This segment was followed by a formal presentation and moderated question-and-answer period beginning at 7 p.m. The studies presented included impact assessments for noise and vibration, traffic, visual elements, socioeconomic, energy and surface/storm water.

Residents are invited to attend the next public information centre on Tuesday, May 19 to learn about the Site-specific Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment. The public information centre will be held at the Garnet B. Rickard Recreation Complex in Bowmanville. It will include a drop-in information session from 4 to 6 p.m. A formal presentation will begin 7 p.m., followed by a moderated question-and-answer period.

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. For more information on the Durham/York Residual Waste Study, or to review project milestones to date, visit [www.durhamyorkwaste.ca](http://www.durhamyorkwaste.ca), call 905-307-8628 (or toll-free at 1-866-398-4423), or email [info@durhamyorkwaste.ca](mailto:info@durhamyorkwaste.ca).

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