



THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF DURHAM

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Final draft of the Durham/York Residual Waste Study to be released; presentation to committee and councils shortly

WHITBY, ON – Residents of Durham Region are invited to review the final draft Environmental Assessment (EA) study document, which outlines, in its entirety, the steps taken in the Durham/York Residual Waste Study. This study began in 2005, when Durham and York Regions started working together to examine ways to manage residual waste—the waste that remains after composting and recycling.

The final draft EA document will be available to the public on June 12. The Durham/York Residual Waste Residual Waste Study includes site-specific reports (outlining possible risks to human health and ecological life at the recommended preferred site, Clarington 01), a record of consultation, commitments, and other aspects of the project. The final draft EA is scheduled to be presented to a Committee of the Whole meeting on June 16, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

This meeting will also include an updated version of the Region's business case, which was originally presented in May 2008. In response to the new information presented in April by the recommended preferred vendor—which outlines higher capital costs, but lower operating costs—an updated business case will be also be presented.

The draft EA documentation is expected to be presented to Durham Regional Council on June 24. Please note that approval of the draft EA documentation is also required from York Regional Council, which is scheduled to meet on this topic on June 25. Submission of the final EA documentation to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment will only occur after approval of both Regional Councils.

Any individuals who are interested in reading the final draft EA study document are invited to download a copy from the Region's website (www.durham.ca), the study website (www.durhamyorkwaste.ca), or view a printed copy in the Clerk's Department at The Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, located at 605 Rossland Rd. E. in Whitby.

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 email info@durhamyorkwaste.ca.

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