



Durham York Residual Waste Study consultants recommend thermal treatment with energy-from-waste solution

Public consultations to be held to discuss this approach with residents

NEWMARKET – Following the approval of the Terms of Reference for the Durham York Residual Waste Environmental Assessment Planning Study by the Ministry of the Environment (MOE), consultants hired by the study's co-proponents, the Regional Municipalities of York and Durham, have recommended that the preferred alternative for managing residual waste is thermal treatment with energy recovery.

The preferred alternative follows months of technical study and public consultation in both York Region and Durham Region.

"It is imperative that we find an effective solution to managing the waste that we cannot recycle or compost," said York Regional Chair and CEO Bill Fisch. "I am pleased that following extensive study and input from our residents, we have a clear objective to move towards in the creation of a local, long-term solution that will divert waste from landfills."

The thermal treatment of municipal residual waste will incorporate controlled combustion in a state-of-the-art facility that will also recover energy from the process. The thermal process studied was shown to have the least environmental impacts on land, water and sensitive habitats, with gas emissions that are less than the stringent air quality standards established by the MOE.

This process also yielded the greatest energy recovery of all options studied.

"The information provided by our consultants on a preferred technology for managing our residual waste gives us an excellent point of reference as we further consult with our residents," said City of Vaughan Regional Councillor Mario Ferri, Chair of the Region's Solid Waste Management Committee. "I look forward to further discussions with our residents and other stakeholders in our efforts to create a made-in-Ontario solution to our waste management."

With the conclusion from the consulting team of a preferred alternative for managing residual waste, both York Region and Durham Region will be hosting a number of public information centres from May 9th to May 11th to further discuss options with residents.

Following these sessions, residents will have an opportunity to make a deputation at:

- York Region's Solid Waste Management Committee on Wednesday, May 17th at 9:00 a.m.
- York Region's Joint Waste Management Group Meeting on Wednesday, May 17th at 7:00 p.m.

Both meetings will be held at the York Region Administrative Centre, 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket, Committee Room A. Those interested are asked to register in advance for their deputation with Karin Price, 1-877-464-9675 ext. 1322 or Karin.Price@york.ca

The public information centres will take place from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with a formal presentation to start at 7:30 p.m. at the following locations:

<p>Tuesday, May 9th Ray Twinney Recreation Complex Lounge #1 100 Eagle Street West Town of Newmarket</p>	<p>Wednesday, May 10th York Region South Services Centre 1st Floor Corporate Learning Rooms, A, B & C Town of Richmond Hill</p>	<p>Thursday, May 11th St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School Cafeteria 1 Saint Joan of Arc Avenue City of Vaughan</p>
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For more information on the Durham York Residual Waste Environmental Assessment Planning Study, please visit www.durhamyorkwaste.ca or contact Barb Boffey, Study Coordinator at 905 668-7711 ext. 3731 or barb.boffey@region.durham.on.ca