ADDENDUM TO THE
DURHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING
July 26, 2011

PRESENTATIONS

1) Gregory Crooks, M.Eng., P.Eng., Principal, Environmental Management, Stantec, and Dr. Christopher Ollson, Ph.D., Vice President, Strategic Development, Intrinsik Environmental Sciences Inc., Further Evaluation and Updated Risk Assessment for Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5}) Facility Emissions

2) Dr. Ray Copes, MD, MSc, Director, Environmental and Occupational Health, Public Health Ontario, Associate Professor, University of Toronto, Health Review of Updated PM_{2.5} Emission Modeling Results for Durham EFW

3) Mr. Clifford Curtis, MSc, P.Eng., MBA, Commissioner of Works, The Regional Municipality of Durham, Certificate of Approval Number 7306-8FDKNX

4) Mr. Matthew L. Gaskell, B.A., J.D., Commissioner of Corporate Services, The Regional Municipality of Durham, Durham-York Co-owners’ Agreement

SECTION 2 – SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE

CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING MOTION FOR DIRECTION

CC 136  MR. BOB ALMACK, DURHAM RESIDENT, emailing the Clerk’s Department, requesting to appear before Council at the Special meeting on July 26th. (Our File: D04-71)

(Motion to Hear)

CC 137  MR. DONALD HASSIG, DIRECTOR, CANCER ACTION NEW YORK, CANCER ACTION NEWS NETWORK, COLTON, NEW YORK, USA, emailing the Clerk’s Department, requesting to appear before Council regarding persistent organic pollutants (POPs) exposure cancer risk and strategies to decrease exposure, including phase out of incineration as a waste disposal technology. (Our File: D04-71)

(Motion to Hear)

CORRESPONDENCE TO BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION

CC 138  DR. PAUL-ANDRE LARÔSE, OSHAWA RESIDENT, emailing the Clerk’s Department and advising of a recently published article on the health implications of incineration in Vancouver entitled, “Metro Vancouver’s
proposed incinerator might have a nanopollution problem". Dr. Larose notes that "the July 21, 2011 article quotes Professor Vyvyan Howard who has profusely researched and written on the subject and his conclusions are based on a vigorous scientific approach". (Our File: D04-71)

(Receive for Information)

MR. DONALD HASSIG, DIRECTOR, CANCER ACTION NEW YORK, CANCER ACTION NEWS NETWORK, COLTON, NEW YORK, USA, emailing the Clerk's Department, and advising that on July 23, 2011, Cancer Action New York submitted a letter and three documents to the Durham Regional Council seeking to facilitate the process whereby the Chair and Councillors become fully understanding of the state of knowledge science on the subjects of persistent organic pollutants (POPs) exposure cancer risk and risk reduction strategies. Mr. Hassig also attaches a letter, dated July 6, 2011, sent to Mitra Hormozzi, Chairperson, New York State Commission, on Public Integrity. The letter "constitutes a formal complaint against New York State Department of Health Commissioner Nirav Shah, MD., alleging that Commissioner Shah has chosen not to warn New York State residents of the persistent organic pollutants (POPs) exposure cancer hazard due to political considerations". (Our File: D04-71)

(Receive for Information)

MR. BOB ALMACK, DURHAM RESIDENT, emailing the Clerk's Department, and requesting that Regional Council watch two (2) "you tube" clips on intensive plastic recycling that is currently being done in California, Europe and Asia. Mr. Almack notes that "intensive plastic recycling is an economically and environmentally sound alternative to burning plastic". He adds that "in his delegation, he will be urging Regional Council to do a feasibility study on bringing this technology to Durham, making Durham the leader in plastic recycling". (Our File: D04-71)

(Receive for Information)

MR. GLEN SILVER, PRESIDENT, CONCERNED CITIZENS OF SENeca COUNTY, INC., ROMULUS, NEW YORK, USA, emailing the Regional Chair and Members of Council on behalf of the Concerned Citizens of Seneca County, advising of their opposition to the proposed incinerator and transportation of resulting waste across international boundaries. Mr. Silver notes that "the citizen group live within only a few miles of a so-called municipal solid waste (MSW) landfill that is the largest in the Northeastern United States at 6,000 tons a day, and that additionally accepts the ash from a Covanta incinerator from the town of Jamesville, NY, which is just outside Syracuse New York. Not only do they have the one landfill that takes in the ash waste from an incinerator near Syracuse, NY they have a second landfill less than 18 miles away that takes in 3,000 tons a day of MSW that is currently in a 'pilot' stage with building an incinerator of its own." Mr. Silver also notes that "the first point he wishes to leave you with
is that although he and members of his organization don't live in the area of New York State that you are currently targeting for your ash disposal, he speaks for a vast number of New York State residents in saying that low income, rural communities are disproportionately burdened by incinerator ash contamination." Mr. Silver further notes that "the second point he wishes to make is that the U.S. New York State regulatory framework for handling ash is inadequate to protect the environment and public health due to limited staff resources. Limited staff resources means that state regulatory agencies are largely trusting the facilities which receive ash to verify compliance". Mr. Silver also notes that "more importantly still he is worried that you aren’t properly considering the cumulative effects of persistent bio-accumulative toxins present in the ash such as dioxin, as well as their synergistic effect on human health when combined with other toxins present in the ash as well as within our environment in general". Mr. Silver adds that "32,000 members of the U.S. based Physicians for Social Responsibility have also furnished his organization with a letter stating their opposition to incineration that he would be happy to forward for consideration, if requested". He "vehemently implores Council to consider other alternatives". (Our File: D04-71)

(Receive for Information)

MR. BARRY DUTTON, DURHAM RESIDENT, emailing Members of Council and advising of his opposition to the Clarington Incinerator and requesting the process be halted immediately. Mr. Dutton notes that "most of the questions he has posed to Durham Regional staff and Council have, like most other residents that have spoken, gone 100% unaddressed and unanswered by all of Council and staff". He asks "who is standing up for Clarington’s air shed". He also notes that "other, better options presented by residents to Council over the last 5 years as safer and less expensive and more environmentally sound alternatives have not been seriously considered by Council in their rush to get approvals for this facility". Mr. Dutton includes a video link of one his delegations. He adds that "he is still available for meetings on these issues and ready to listen to answers, not just political spin". He also "invites anyone who would like to donate to the cause, to the legal fund, to please get a hold of him asap". (Our File: D04-71)

(Receive for Information)

SECTION 3 – DELEGATIONS, MOTIONS, NOTICE OF MOTIONS

8. Mr. Bob Almack, Durham resident (CC #136)

9. Mr. Donald Hassig, Director, Cancer Action New York, re: persistent organic pollutants (POPs) exposure cancer risk and strategies to decrease exposure, including phase out of incineration as a waste disposal technology (CC #137)