

MUNICIPALITY OF PORT HOPE
RESOLUTION

23/2017

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WHEREAS all forms of incineration of waste, including Gasification, Plasma Arc, Pyrolysis, Energy-from Waste, Combustion and all other forms of burning of waste, produce very large quantities of deadly and/or health destroying substances that cause cancer, heart and circulatory disease, birth defects, mental disease and much more;

AND WHEREAS safe and environmentally friendly alternative means of waste-disposal management are available, including reduction, reuse, recycling, properly insulated landfill and other;

AND WHEREAS incineration is not banned in Bill 151;

AND WHEREAS incineration is explicitly condoned in the document "Strategy for a WASTE-FREE ONTARIO Building the CIRCULAR ECONOMY" released by the Government of Ontario in December 2016 (see page 10; emphasis added here: "Although **energy from waste and alternative fuels are permitted as waste management options**, these methods will not count towards diversion in Ontario");

AND WHEREAS with the latter statement, that energy-from-waste will nevertheless not count toward diversion, it is already acknowledged that incineration does not contribute to the circular economy; and in fact incineration is incompatible with a circular economy;

AND WHEREAS for the reasons given in paragraphs 1 and 2 above, incineration should not be performed in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Ministry of Energy announced on 27 September 2016 that it is suspending Energy-from-Waste projects (see https://news.ontario.ca/me/en/2016/09/ontario-suspends-large-renewable-energy-procurement.html?utm_source=ondemand&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=p), therewith removing a major impediment to obtaining political agreement on an outright ban on incinerators;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ontario Minister of the Environment and Climate Change be requested to revise existing legislation, to **explicitly ban construction of incinerators, and phase out use of existing incinerators, in Ontario;**

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, the Minister of Energy, Lou Rinaldi, MPP for Northumberland-Quinte West, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Chiefs of Ontario (COO) and all Ontario Municipalities.



Mayor R.J. Sanderson