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To: All Ontario Municipal Councils

Collaborative Action on Sustainable Waste Management in Ontario

As members of municipal councils, we share a responsibility to make decisions that result in the most positive outcomes for both our current residents and future generations. The management of municipal waste is one of the most pressing environmental challenges we face today.

Large urban centres are increasingly looking to rural areas for land to bury garbage waste. Continuing to bury garbage in the ground will inevitably lead to serious consequences:

Globally, solutions already exist. Clean incineration technology can drastically reduce the volume of waste going to landfills while producing much needed electricity. Germany serves as an inspiring model, operating 156 municipal thermal waste incineration facilities with an aggregate annual capacity of 25 million tonnes. At the same time, Germany recycles 66.1% of its municipal waste, the highest rate in the world, driven by strong community engagement, innovative infrastructure, and early education programs that foster a culture of sustainability.

We believe Ontario can and must do better.

We are calling for:

1. The creation of a provincial working group composed of municipalities, the Provincial and Federal Governments, and manufacturing partners;
2. A commitment to exploring and implementing clean incineration, stronger recycling programs, and other sustainable practices;
3. Support from municipal councils across Ontario to advocate for immediate action at all levels of government.

We respectfully request that your council consider supporting this initiative by passing a similar resolution and communicating your support to Premier Doug Ford, the opposition parties, and other relevant stakeholders. By acting together, we can ensure that waste disposal in Ontario is managed quickly, efficiently, and sustainably protecting our environment and safeguarding our communities for generations to come.

✓ Jim Flieler
Councillor, Municipality of Tweed

Resolution for Incineration and a more Robust Recycling Program

Whereas It is incumbent upon the members of council, MPP's and MPs to make the decisions that will result in the most positive outcomes for now and future generations

And Whereas with large urban centres now looking in rural areas of our province and entire country for lands to bury their garbage waste

And Whereas a large landfill site owned by a large urban centre which receives 50% of their garbage at the present time is expected to be full by 2029 creating more environmental impacts

And Whereas continuing to bury garbage in the ground will result in our future generations having lost potable groundwater as a result of garbage leachate rendering it unusable.

And Whereas burying garbage, particularly organic waste in landfills, leads to the production of methane a greenhouse gas, which escapes into the atmosphere and contributes to climate change causing more environmental destruction.

And Whereas we continue to destroy our environment jeopardizing our future generations

And Whereas we have worldwide technology that will allow us the use of clean incineration and also produce much needed electric energy

And Whereas the incineration of household and other municipal waste has a long tradition in Germany, which currently has 156 municipal thermal waste incineration facilities with an aggregate annual capacity of around 25 million tons

And Whereas with a strong focus on community involvement, innovative infrastructure, and sustainable practices, Germany has set a high bar for municipal recycling programs that the rest of the world can learn from and emulate.

And Whereas at the present time, Germany recycles 66.1% of its garbage waste at a municipal level. This places the country as the most effective and prominent country when it comes to recycling in the entire world. This highlights the citizen's strength and motivation to deal with environmental issues on a daily basis.

And Whereas German schools often integrate recycling education into their curriculum. This early exposure to the importance of recycling instills a sense of responsibility in the younger generation, creating a culture of sustainability that transcends generations.

Now Therefore be it resolved that Council direct staff to investigate the possibility of working together with Ontario Municipalities, Provincial and Federal Governments as well as our manufacturing partners to form a working group to ensure that our waste disposal issues can be resolved quickly, efficiently and effectively with the use of incineration, more robust recycling programs and sustainable practices so that our future generations will not suffer from our environmental mismanagement and to request support from these organizations as well as letters being sent to all municipalities in Ontario, Premier Ford and the opposition parties.

**Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting
Council Meeting**



Resolution No.

355

Title:

Notice of Motion - Incineration and a More Robust Recycling Program

Date:

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

Moved by

Councillor J. Flieler

Seconded by

Councillor P. Valiquette

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to investigate the possibility of working together with the Ontario Municipalities, Provincial and Federal Governments as well as our manufacturing partners to form a working group to ensure that our waste disposal issues can be resolved quickly, efficiently and effectively with the use of incineration, more robust recycling programs and sustainable practices so that our future generations will not suffer from our environmental mismanagement and to request support from these organizations as well as letters being sent to all municipalities in Ontario, Premier Ford and the opposition parties.

Carried