



PW11.4.31

March 28, 2016

Mayor John Tory and Members of Council
City of Toronto
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2
Sent via email: Councillors_and_Mayor@toronto.ca

Dear Mayor Tory and Members of Council:

Re: City Council Meeting – March 31, 2016
Agenda Item PW11.4 – Highland Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant
Biosolids Class Environmental Assessment

West Rouge Community Association strongly favours Alternative # 1, installation of new state-of-the-art incinerators and emissions scrubbing technology, as recommended by the Environmental Assessment study and by the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee.

In fact, ***all five community associations in southeast Scarborough endorse Alternative # 1:*** West Rouge, Centennial, Highland Creek, Coronation, and Guildwood Village.

As noted in the Environmental Assessment study, not only does the science support the incinerator upgrade, the business case for the City is also very strong, as the total life-cycle cost of this alternative is lower than the other two.

The Environmental Assessment study notes the following arguments in favour of incineration:

- It's the most reliable biosolids management alternative for the Highland Creek Treatment Plant, as it's the least dependent third party service providers;
- It has the lowest greenhouse gas emissions, lowest use of diesel fuel and no natural gas use;
- It's the alternative which is most supported alternative by members of the southeast Scarborough communities;
- It has the least amount of truck traffic;
- It's the least odourous and has the least impact to City staff working at the plant;
- It has the lowest capital, operating, and life-cycle costs.

Furthermore, this alternative:

- avoids the risks and dangers of biosolids truck spills
- avoids danger to school children resulting from biosolids truck traffic

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- avoids concerns about health risks resulting from land application of biosolids

Sincerely,

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Larry Whatmore
President
West Rouge Community Association

