

Regional Councillor Report

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Delegations to Regional Council raised concerns about the regulated limit exceedances of dioxin and furan emissions at the incinerator. Concerns about the proposed increase to the transit U Pass and the maintenance and operation of Ballycliffe were also topics of delegations.

Ballycliffe

Regional Council unanimously endorsed the Town of Ajax motion regarding the proposed closure and operation of Ballycliffe.

Proposed U Pass Rate Increases for 2017/2018/2019

Council endorsed the proposed U Pass rate increase from the current \$120.00 per student to \$127.00 per student per semester for the fall 2017, winter 2018 and summer 2018 and then an increase to \$135.00 per student per semester for the fall 2018, winter 2019 and summer 2019 semesters.

Incinerator

Council received the reports on the ambient air monitoring program, source test update and the long term sampling for dioxins and furans. Staff and consultants responded to questions and advised that a written report responding to questions raised by councillors and the public will be available in September.

Motions were endorsed to:

- Provide notice to the public in advance of the restart of Boiler 1 including any conditions from the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) and the Regions;
- Immediately provide public notification as soon as the Region becomes aware of any future confirmed emissions exceedance; and
- That the reporting to the public on any exceedances of emission concentrations from the Energy From Waste facility be quantitatively reported in any media releases.

At the time of writing this report, MOECC was still reviewing Phase 1 of the Abatement Plan. They have requested clarification of several items in the technical report, which Covanta will respond to, which will be followed by a review by the Regions. Once MOECC is satisfied with

the status of Phase One activities and all points of clarification are adequately addressed, a decision on restart is anticipated.

The Abatement Plan investigation and diagnostics will include further testing, inspections and monitoring of several parameters which will provide insight into the conditions that create the dioxins and furans exceedance. The fulfillment of the Abatement Plan will be achieved with the completion of a new source test.

Regional Council Task Force On Affordable and Seniors Housing

Regional Council approved the terms of reference of a Regional Council Task Force on Affordable and Seniors Housing that will recommend strategies for the maintenance and creation of affordable and seniors housing.

The Regional Chair, Chairs of Finance and Health and Social Services, as well as a representative from each lower tier municipality were appointed to sit on the Committee. I was appointed as the representative from Ajax.