



REGIONAL PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSIONERS OF ONTARIO

June 13, 2017

Honourable Glen R. Murray
Minister, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change
Ferguson Block 11th Flr
77 Wellesley St W
Toronto, ON M7A 2T5

Dear Minister Murray:

RE: Resolution from the Municipality of Port Hope regarding proposed provincial ban on Energy-from Waste

On April 4, 2017, the Municipality of Port Hope's Council endorsed a resolution of Committee-of-the-Whole dated March 21, 2017 calling for a province-wide ban on construction of new energy-from-waste facilities and a phase-out of existing facilities. It was further resolved that a copy of the 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. A copy of the full resolution is attached for reference.

The Regional Public Works Commissioners of Ontario (RPWCO) are writing to express our concerns about this resolution. While we fully support the Province's long-term waste management objectives as expressed in the *Waste Free Ontario Act*, RPWCO also recognizes that Ontario's municipalities, businesses, and residents continue to need alternative options for materials that cannot be managed through reduction, re-use, and recycling programs. We believe that energy-from-waste facilities and landfills are both viable alternatives for managing these materials when modern emissions monitoring, standards, and controls are implemented. The Province of Ontario continues to be a leader in this regard.

We encourage you to continue to support energy-from-waste and landfill as disposal options for Ontario within an overall integrated waste management system that seeks to reduce and eliminate waste wherever possible.

Sincerely,

Fred Jahn, P. Eng
Chair, Regional Public Works Commissioners of Ontario

cc. Jim McKay, City of Toronto
Craig Bartlett, Region of Durham
Jon Arsenault, Region of Waterloo
Brian Gilmer, Port Hope