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Mr. Paul Ayotte,
Mayor,
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Managing Residual Waste


Your Honour

In your recent address to Rotary the Examiner reported that your review of interesting developments included a reference to the landfill gas recovery and conversion project at Bensfort. We agree that it is a significant improvement compared to gas flaring but it is inefficient and represents only a fraction of the energy recovery potential at Bensfort.

A small waste to energy facility processing 80,000 tonnes of residual waste (current Bensfort annual volume) would produce 8 megawatts of base load electrical energy and generate annual revenue of over \$8,500,000. The WTE facility would also produce an equivalent value in thermal energy, extend the life of the Bensfort landfill by many decades and reduce green house gas emissions by 100,000 tonnes annually.

We see no evidence that Peterborough, unlike Northumberland, Durham, York, Simcoe, Peel and the City of Kawartha Lakes, is exploring opportunities to capitalize on modern residual waste disposal technology. All effort related to residual waste appears to be focused on maintaining the status quo at Bensfort.

We are of the opinion that the required leadership must come from the top.

Yours truly

Ed. K. McLellan



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