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MARKHAM FALL HOMESHOW
Oct. 17, 18 & 19
 at the Markham Fairgrounds

Susan Judy or Linda


York incinerator costs rise by \$775,000

Costs are piling up for the yet-to-be-built York-Durham incinerator.

York Region politicians will hear time is of the essence before agreeing to an additional \$775,000 to keep the energy-from-waste facility moving closer to a plan to open as early as 2012 — two years after Michigan closes its border to Ontario's garbage.

Those costs will be split evenly between Durham and York regions and will be used for several consultants needed to keep the environmental assessment process moving forward, Laura McDowell, the region's director of environmental promotion and protection said.

York is projected to pay \$48 million or about 21 per cent of construction costs for the Clarington facility despite sending only one-fifth of the trash to be burned.

Following regulatory approvals, construction on the new Clarington incinerator could begin early in 2010.

At the moment, five companies have been shortlisted to build the facility, which will burn household trash and turn it into energy. The winning bidder will be chosen by next spring.

The incinerator will generate 14 megawatts of electricity annually to be sold on the Ontario power grid.

For more information on the incinerator, visit durhamyorkwaste.ca or call toll-free at 1-866-398-4423

—Patrick Mangion

Announcement



Pam Burgess

Special Events Manager

Nicole Fletcher, director of advertising and distribution is pleased to announce the appointment of Pam Burgess as special events manager for the Markham Economist & Sun, Stouffville-Sun Tribune & Richmond Hill/Thornhill Liberal. Pam's mandate is to bring additional talent and passion to our many internal and external special events such as the Santa Fund, Relay for Life, Terry Fox Run, the United Way and Art In The Park. Pam looks forward to team-building and motivating her colleagues through strong leadership, innovation and increased community involvement.

With more than 25 years experience in the newspaper industry, 20 of which in management positions, Pam brings a wealth of knowledge and leadership to her new position.

Pam is a 20-year resident of Markham with her husband Roy. She is actively involved in numerous local community charities and organizations including serving as co-chair of the York Region Media Group's *Celebration of the Arts*. Pam is looking forward to her new position and acting as liaison with community organizations and residents. Please contact Pam at pburgess@yrmg.com, to discuss how we can partner in your special event.

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Announcement



Dianne Mahoney

Advertising Manager

Nicole Fletcher, director of advertising and distribution is pleased to announce the appointment of Dianne Mahoney to the position of advertising manager for the Stouffville Sun-Tribune.

In her new role, Dianne will be responsible for developing all aspects of the advertising department, including flyer and print sales, auto, real estate and retail. A graduate of Conestoga College, Dianne was drawn to the newspaper industry where she has worked for 25 years in sales and management positions. She has acquired a wide range of skills that will serve her well in her new capacity. She has been involved with the Richmond Hill Chamber of Commerce and attended many local events in her role as advertising manager of the Richmond Hill/Thornhill Liberal. Dianne looks forward to becoming an active member of the Stouffville community in order to create strong relationships with clients and readers and improve on an already outstanding award-winning newspaper.

This is an especially exciting opportunity for Dianne as she and her husband Peter have recently purchased a home in Stouffville.

Please join me in congratulating Dianne who is looking forward to her new role. Dianne can be reached at dmahoney@yrmg.com

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CROHN'S DISEASE

If you suffer from **IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME, CROHN'S DISEASE OR ULCERATIVE COLITIS** then attending this free symposium may be the most important thing you do this year. You will discover the true cause of these conditions and natural solutions and options you can use right away. Many are now able to drive, take vacations, hold a job, go to school and socialize for the first time in years. Dr. Allen Turner is an international speaker and lecturer who has been featured on the *Dini Petty Show, National News and Canada AM*. He will present a free symposium on Thursday September 25th at 7:30 pm at the Stouffville Health Centre.

Call 905-640-4440 to reservations.

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This message brought to you as a community service of The Economist/Sun-Tribune.

Are you a Community Agency serving the residents of York Region?

Do you need funding to help you with a Community service project for 2009?

Through the **Community Development and Investment Fund (CDIF)**, York Region purchases a range of community services from eligible agencies that provide services to vulnerable residents across the Region.

The Regional Municipality of York invites community service agencies to submit funding proposals for 2009 projects that address one or more of the following priority areas:

- Homelessness
- Family and children's services
- Employment supports

Interested agencies can obtain a **Purchase of Service Request package (PSR-08-01)**:

- By using the downloading option from the Region's website (www.york.ca) or;
- By visiting the York Region Administrative Centre, Supplies and Services Branch, First Floor, 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket.

An **Information Meeting** on this Purchase of Service Request will be held on **Friday, October 3rd at 1:30 p.m.** in the Seminar Room at the York Region Administrative Centre, 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket. Pre-registration is not required.

**The deadline for proposals is:
 Thursday, October 23, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.**

Late submissions will not be accepted

For more information:

- Visit www.york.ca
- Contact the Region's Supplies and Services Branch at 1-877-464-9675, ext. 1658



Warnings to precede fines for blue box contaminators

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The crackdown is part of a new set of standards developed specifically to keep York's trash contaminate-free.

The yet-to-be-hired officer would likely be based out of one of the region's two waste transfer stations in East Gwillimbury or Markham. Before fines or bans are handed down, collection crews will get verbal and written warnings reminding them which materials are banned.

Miller Waste and Turtle Island are contracted to collect the region's household waste.

The problem can be traced back to 2005, when the blue box system was converted and residents weren't required to do as much sorting of their recyclables.

At the same time, the program was expanded to allow 25 new container types, including aluminum foil, empty metal paint cans, empty aerosol cans, gable-top containers such as milk cartons and juice boxes, rigid plastic food and household cleaning product containers.

Before the changes, collection crews were instructed to sticker blue boxes containing banned items and leave the contents behind.

And while having articles left at the curb has angered taxpayers in the past, the region said it has no choice but to set strict guidelines or risk failing to meet its diversion target.

In the meantime, a pilot project with King Township and Richmond Hill may produce a solution.

Earlier this year, residents in each town used a wheeled container and clear plastic bags for their recyclables.

Collection crews favoured the bags since they made it easier to identify banned material, while the larger bins prevented recyclables from littering neighbourhoods on windy days.

It will be at least six months before any decision is made on their wide-spread use.

► For more information about what your materials can be included in your blue box and green bin, visit www.york.ca