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Dear Dr. Fletcher and Ms. O'Neill:

Re: Durham York Energy Centre Facility
Submission of the Regional Municipality of York Waste Diversion Program Monitoring Plan (Environmental Assessment Condition 10)
MOE File No.: EA-08-02

The attached digital copy of the *York Region 2025 Annual Waste Management Report* is being submitted to satisfy the Durham York Energy Centre Environmental Assessment condition for diversion reporting. It has been submitted to the Energy-from-Waste Advisory Committee and posted on the York Region Website. York Region will continue to submit digital copies to satisfy Condition 10.

The report summarizes progress on York Region's Integrated Waste Management Master Plan (the SM4RT Living Plan) with a vision of a world where nothing goes to waste. This includes policies and programs focused on waste reduction and diversion and tracking performance through generation rates and total tonnage of materials collected and processed.

York Region, in collaboration with its local municipalities, continues to make progress on all objectives in the SM4RT Living Plan including these highlights from the 2025 Annual Waste Management Report:

- Navigating the final stages of the blue box transition and developing a plan to manage ineligible materials
- Preparing for the commissioning of the new Biofuel Facility opening in 2027
- Initiating actions to expand waste infrastructure identified in the updated SM4RT Living Plan
- Advancing the circular economy through continued efforts in reduction and reuse programming, partnerships and collaborations
- Supporting affordability and promoting environmental sustainability for residents

The SM4RT Living Plan was updated and approved by Council in October 2025 with updated priority actions to enhance the Region's commitment to sustainable waste management. These new actions include:

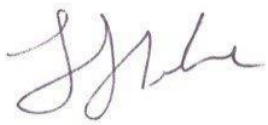
- Build new infrastructure to accommodate future growth and manage costs
- Align waste depot services to meet changing community needs

The circular economy remains a priority, with actions to strengthen partnerships and use data to enhance education and promotional campaigns. Progress on the SM4RT Living Plan will continue to be reported annually.

Through 2025, a total of 361,034 tonnes of waste were managed, including 205,433 tonnes diverted through curbside and depot recycling programs and approximately 30,600 tonnes shipped to the Durham York Energy Centre resulting in 90% diversion from landfill. These results demonstrate how strategic use of energy-from-waste technology and a strong focus on waste reduction, reuse and diversion programs leads to minimal reliance on landfill disposal. With the transition of the Blue Box to producer responsibility, the Region will no longer report on a diversion rate. Progress will be measured through metrics such as waste generation rate and tracking divertible materials in the garbage stream.

We trust that the attached report satisfies Environmental Condition 10 in the Durham York Energy Centre approval for annual diversion reporting. If you require additional information, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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Attachment (1): York Region 2025 Annual Waste Management Report

Copy to: C. Dugas, York Durham District Office, Environment, Conservation and Parks
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Energy-from-Waste Advisory Committee