

ATTACHMENT #A 2:

**Responses to Motions from City Councillors in
Connection with the Climate Change and Clean Air Action Plan
and the City's Environmental Plan**

June 13, 2007

1. **Councillor De Baeremaeker** requested that staff consider the following:
 - i. “That all tenders, RFP documents being required to have questions as to what “Green Plan” the companies have in place”.

Response:

An accompanying report from the Chief Corporate Officer, titled “Toronto’s Sustainable Energy Plan”, carries a recommendation requesting the Director of Purchasing and Materials Management, in consultation with staff from appropriate City divisions, to review the City’s Environmental Purchasing Policy as it relates to energy efficiency and renewable energy. At that time the Director could include a review of “Green Plan” components of proponents.

- ii. “Urge the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to establish a “Green Plan Performance Measurement Protocol.”
- iii. “Urge the Federal Government to work with cities through FCM to develop a National Packaging Protocol.”
- iv. “Urge the Provinces and Territories to establish a “National Green Plan” syllabus/primer for all schools.”

Response:

Letters from the Deputy City Manager, Cluster B, will be sent to those bodies identified in ii, iii, and iv, above, articulating the Councillors requests.

- v. “Costing out each of the twenty-seven items contained in the document, entitled “Change is in the Air”, prior to public consultation.”

Response:

The proposed actions contained in Change is in the Air are intended to be strategic ideas that are refined following public engagement. Financing of the recommendations contained in this report will be the subject of a follow-up report by the City Manager and Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager.

- vi. “Submitting a report to the Executive Committee on establishing a policy that the City of Toronto only purchase goods and services from environmentally friendly companies effective January 1, 2011.”

Response:

This request for a report can be included in the request to the Director of Purchasing and Materials Management to undertake a review of the City’s Environmental Purchasing Policy.

- vii. “Consulting with other municipalities and obtain their endorsement of some of the provisions in the document, entitled “Change is in the Air.”

Response:

As we proceed into the development of Phase II of the Action Plan we will engage neighbouring municipalities through the Greater Toronto Area Clean Air Council.

2. **Councillor Fletcher** moved the following: “That the consultation plan clarify the “Action Team” approach in relation to the Industrial, Commercial and Institutional sector.”

Response:

This Action Plan now refers to the “Action Teams” as the Eco-Action Working Groups. As a result of the public engagement process interest in further engagement from the private sector has been expressed from renewable technology providers and the small business community.

3. **Councillor Mammoliti** moved the following: “That Ward-to-Ward consultation take place so that Ratepayers have the opportunity to speak to staff and local Councillors and advise of their concerns on what is being brought forward.”

Response:

The timeframe provided by the Executive Committee for reporting out by the Deputy City Manager was not conducive to conduct comprehensive consultation on a Ward-to-Ward basis. However, a mix of City-wide and Ward based consultations has taken place and the opportunity to undertake more extensive Ward based public engagement is available during development of Phase II of the Action Plan .

4. **Councillor McConnell** moved the following: “That the Deputy City Manager, Richard Butts, be requested to develop a simple readable summary of “Change is in the Air” for use in Councillor’s and Corporate communications and at City Festivals and Environment Days.”

Response:

A notice about public engagement in connection with the Change is in the Air document was provided to City Councillors by PPFA’s Communications unit.

5. **Councillor Moscoe** moved the following: “That staff be requested to report to the July, 2007 meeting of Council on the Greenhouse gas emissions by sector and on annual targets of emission by sector between now and 2010, and further that staff report annually thereafter on actual greenhouse gas emissions by sector.”

Response:

The Change is in the Air document carries information on the greenhouse gas emissions experienced in Toronto on a sector basis and the relative reductions required on a sector basis to reach the strategic goals. This report carries recommendations for annual reporting of progress on greenhouse gas reductions.

6. **The Executive Committee** also requested the Deputy City Manger, Cluster B, to prepare a response to a motion (EX6.4) from Councillors Walker and Thompson (dated March 9, 2007) concerning the proposed construction of “**The Toronto Environmental Protection Centre in the Eastern Portlands**”. City Council on March 5 to 8, 2007, referred the Motion to the Executive Committee.

The specific motions, as amended, read:

1. Council instruct the City Manager and appropriate staff to investigate establishing a “Toronto Environmental Protection Centre” to implement the goals of the City of Toronto Environmental Plan, and findings of this investigation be reported to the June 2007 meeting of the Executive Committee.
2. Council instruct the City Manager and appropriate staff to investigate constructing an environmentally friendly landmark building to be known as the “Toronto Environmental Protection Centre”; and the findings of this investigation be reported to the June 2007 meeting of the Executive Committee.

Response:

The Toronto Environment Office is scheduled to undertake public engagement in connection with revisions to the City’s Environment Plan in Fall 2007. At that time public engagement can be sought on the subject of education about environmental issues and sustainability including a permanent facility as suggested by Councillors Walker and Thompson. Our current public engagement process focuses on the climate change and clean air, which are components of the Environmental Plan.

At this time, however, we would not recommend such an undertaking for the following reasons:

- the City is currently facing a gap in its 2008 budget and the construction of a new facility would add substantially to the City’s budget pressures; and
- we are currently exploring or enhancing alternative means of communicating with the public such as engagement through the internet and a touring display that can visit schools, libraries, shopping malls, civic centres, multi-cultural centres and facilities such as the Science Centre.