

From: [Paul Young](#)
To: [councilmeeting](#); [Paula Fletcher](#)
Subject: Item MM28.21 Gas Fired Electricity Phase Out
Date: February 4, 2021 12:07:05 PM

VIA E-MAIL

February 4, 2021

Ms. Marilyn Toft Clerk,
City of Toronto
100 Queen Street West Toronto
M5H 2N2

Dear Ms. Toft: Re: Toronto City Council Meeting, February 2 & 3, 2021 MM28.21 Calling on the Province to Phase-Out Gas-Fired Electricity Generation

Please distribute this letter to the members of Toronto City Council.

I am writing in support of Councillor Jennifer McKelvie's and Councillor Mike Layton's motion asking the Province of Ontario to phase-out all gas-fired electricity generation as soon as possible.

I am a health promoter at the South Riverdale Community Health Centre. We have worked for many years to reduce exposure to air, soil and water pollution because we have seen the direct health impacts. It is our understanding that the Port Lands Energy Centre (PEC), located about 1 Km from our health centre, is the largest point source emitter of green house gasses in Toronto. We opposed it's construction because of the emissions and remain opposed to gas fired generation of power in general.

One only needs to look at the PEC during its long warm up to see the very visible brown plume lasting for hours. Toronto has made some needed commitments in it's TransformTO climate plan. Residents of Toronto need clean air. We know there are premature deaths and numerous other long-term health impacts from poor air quality due to the burning of fossil fuels.

In addition to health and climate change, gas supplies are finite. There are alternatives. We conducted some preliminary research indicating that there is a huge opportunity to reduce electricity demand through conservation. And many countries are shifting to renewables. We have a big opportunity with potential to import Quebec's hydro power.

We urge you to adopt this motion, to phase out gas fired electricity and to oppose the construction of any new gas-fired electricity plants.

Yours sincerely, Paul Young
Health Promoter, South Riverdale Community Health Centre

Paul Young

Health Promoter

(PLEASE NOTE: I am usually in on Wed and Thursday)

South Riverdale Community Health Centre

955 Queen Street East

Toronto, ON M4M 3P3

Tel: 416-461-1925 ext. 241

Email: pyoung@srchc.com



We at South Riverdale Community Health Centre acknowledge that we work and live on Treaty 13 territory which was established between the Mississauga's of Credit River of the Anishinaabek Nation and the British Crown. We further acknowledge that we are surrounded by treaty 13a, treaty 20 also known as the Williams treaty and treaty 19. We acknowledge the Wendat and Haudenosaunee people that also occupied this territory. This territory is the subject of the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant. This covenant was created between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Anishinaabek including allied nations to peaceably share and protect the resources around the Great Lakes. South Riverdale Community Health Centre acknowledges that we are all treaty people. We shall honour and respect the past in order to move forward carrying the visions of our ancestors. Miigwech, Niá:wen -Thank you. All my relations~

This e-mail is intended only for the named recipient(s) and may contain confidential, personal and/or health information (information which may be subject to legal restrictions on use, retention and/or disclosure). No waiver of confidence is intended by virtue of communication via the internet. Any review or distribution by anyone other than the person(s) for whom it was originally intended is strictly prohibited. If you have received this e-mail in error, please contact the sender and destroy all copies.



Please consider the environment before printing this email