

Councillor Frances Nunziata**Council Speaker***Ward 11 York South—Weston*

September 9, 2016

To: Chair and Members of the Parks and Environment Committee**Re: Item PE13.4 Status of the Community Energy Plan for Mount Dennis Area and the Eglinton Crosstown LRT**

The Environment and Energy Division (EED) has been working with both Metrolinx and the Mount Dennis Community as they manage the process of designing the Eglinton Crosstown LRT station. The resolution of the key issue relating to the inclusion of an 18 MW natural gas-fueled plant in the design is being negotiated by Metrolinx and local community leaders. The Mount Dennis area is being reconfigured following the closure of the Kodak facilities several years ago into a mixed-use community. The City has a target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 80% of 1990 levels by 2050; EED staff will be bringing a TransformTO report to the Parks and Environment Committee in November which will outline plans to achieve this target.

With the support of local organizations including the Mount Dennis Community Association and the 12 Community Alliance who have already been working with Blue Green Canada and the Toronto Community Benefits Network to engage the Mount Dennis community around sustainability and building a green economy, the opportunity exists to reduce the Mount Dennis community's carbon footprint to one significantly lower than what existed previously, and to transform Mount Dennis into the City of Toronto's first net-zero community.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Parks and Environment Committee:

1. Request that the Director, Environment & Energy Division, in consultation with the Chief Planner, propose a net-zero Community Energy Plan for the Mount Dennis community and report back to the Parks and Environment Committee in the first half of 2017 on the proposed plan; and,
2. Forward this report to the Ontario Minister of the Environment and Climate Change and to the Member of Provincial Parliament for York South—Weston.

Yours Sincerely,

Frances Nunziata
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