



Ontario Association of Architects

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Mayor John Tory and Toronto Councillors  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto, Ontario, M5H 2N2

**Re: TransformTO Report #2 – The Pathway to a Low Carbon Future**

Dear Mayor Tory and Toronto City Councillors,

On behalf of the Ontario Association of Architects' (OAA) and its Sustainable Built Environments Committee (SBEC), I am writing to express our support for the TransformTO Report #2 – The Pathway to a Low Carbon Future. I urge Toronto Council to fully adopt this report and to continue to utilize TransformTO as a guide for carbon emission reductions in Toronto.

We have reviewed the entire report and are signatories to the open letter before you. However, we are writing to make two additional recommendations for your consideration:

1. **TransformTO should adopt the 2030 Challenge targets to help achieve the overall goal of carbon emission reductions.** On page 1 of the report, it states that *"TransformTO is undertaking comprehensive technical analysis of strategies and actions to get Toronto to our long-term low-carbon target of reducing emissions by 80% from 1990 levels by 2050."* As you may be aware, the OAA is a signatory to and promotes the 2030 targets which strives to have all new buildings, developments and major renovations as carbon-neutral by 2030.
2. **TransformTO should include architects and members of the Toronto 2030 District as experts in their conversations regarding "technical analysis" of "building design and operation".** Members of OAA SBEC have significant expertise in emission reduction strategies and the creation of net-zero buildings, both new builds and retrofits, and should be regarded as a valuable resource. The Toronto 2030 District could also be an important partner in helping to achieve these goals.

The OAA is the self-regulating body for the profession of Architecture, dedicated to promoting and increasing the knowledge, skill and proficiency of its members, and to governing the practice of architecture and administering the *Architects Act* in order that the public interest may be served and protected. We have long been committed to working with government and other stakeholders to protect and improve environmental quality for all Ontarians. SBEC serves in an advisory role to the Association on matters of sustainable design and environmental issues.

We look forward to continued collaboration with the City of Toronto.

Sincerely,

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