

City Council

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Making the Mount Dennis Net-Zero Community Energy Plan a Pilot for funding through the Climate Change Action Plan - by Councillor Frances Nunziata, seconded by Councillor Sarah Doucette

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Parks and Environment Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Frances Nunziata, seconded by Councillor Sarah Doucette, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the Director, Environment and Energy to request the Ontario Minister of Environment and Climate Change to make the Mount Dennis Net-Zero Community Energy Plan a pilot for the cap and trade and other related Climate Change Action Plan funding.

Summary

In October 2016, City Council approved the draft Community Energy Plan for Mount Dennis and directed the Environment and Energy Division to report back in 2017 on a Net Zero Community Energy Plan.

Where it can, the City is leading the example in Mount Dennis. For example, solar panels are being installed at the Mount Dennis Library and the York Recreation Centre and by designing a new childcare centre in the community to be a net zero building.

The City offers programs to encourage residents to reduce their carbon footprints, with the Home Energy Loan Program being one such example, together with its counterpart Hi-RIS for multi-residential buildings.

On June 12, 2017, the Honourable Glen Murray, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, attended a community meeting which I held in Mount Dennis, co-hosted with local MPP Laura Albanese, at which the Minister spoke about funding that will be available to communities across Ontario, through the Climate Change Action Plan, to help households and businesses reduce their carbon footprints and conserve energy.

Working with local stakeholders, advocacy groups, and the City's Environment and Energy Division, Mount Dennis is on its way to being a model for neighbourhood scale climate action, economic development and shared prosperity. To ensure the success of this work, we need a strong partnership with the Province on neighbourhood scale climate action.

Background Information (City Council)

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