

# TRINITY - ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH



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Mayor John Tory  
City of Toronto Council Members  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto M5H 2N2

Dear Mayor Tory and members of Toronto City Council,

**Our Toronto faith community, Trinity St. Paul's United Church\*, strongly supports the motion of Councillors McKelvie/Layton scheduled for the March 10<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting**, that the City request the Government of Ontario to develop and implement a plan to phase-out all gas-fired electricity generation as soon as possible to ensure that Toronto has a clear path to achieve our climate action goals.

Ontario's plans to increase greenhouse gas pollution from its gas-fired power plants by more than 300% by 2030 and by 500% or more by 2040 would wipe out approximately 40% of the pollution reduction benefits previously achieved by phasing out dirty coal-fired power plants.

Renewable electricity technologies can now supply us with cost-effective and emissions-free energy. These technologies, combined with water power from Quebec and deeper efficiency efforts, are much better options than firing up gas plants.

**We urge your support of this critical climate motion, joining with numerous other Ontario municipalities.**

Sincerely,

Colin Phillips, Chair of TSP Board  
Janet Haddock, Jeanne Moffat, Linda Padfield, Jeanne Rowles for the Climate Justice Group

*\*Trinity St. Paul's United Church (TSP) in the heart of Toronto has been deeply committed to addressing climate change and to calling for climate justice. Our work is rooted in our faith and has included internal and external actions, including many changes to our heritage building operations (ongoing), divestment of our trust funds from fossil fuels (accomplished 2014), re-investing in alternative, renewable energy portfolios (accomplished 2015), and working with United Church congregations across Canada to get our national church to divest its funds from fossil fuels (accomplished 2015).*