



March 7, 2021

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

Re: MM28.21 Calling on the Province to Phase Out Gas-Fired Electricity Generation

Dear Ms. Toft,

Please distribute this letter to the Mayor and all the Councillors before the March 10 meeting.

The Toronto East End Climate Collective (TEECC) strongly supports the motion brought forward by Councillors McKelvie and Layton, MM28.21.

TEECC is a broad-based group of Toronto citizens who are deeply concerned about the future of our city and our world in light of the escalating climate crisis. We are very alarmed at the Ontario government's present plans to rely more heavily on gas-fired generation to meet our electricity needs. Those plans are forecast to increase Ontario's electricity-related GHG emissions by more than 300% by 2030 and more than 400% by 2040. This, at a time when there is a dire need to reduce our emissions, as the IPCC confirmed in its *Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C*.

Energy conservation and renewable energy are now the least expensive avenues for ensuring Ontario's electricity supply. Relying on them, rather than gas, will help achieve a reduction in emissions so that Ontario and Toronto can do their part to mitigate the climate crisis. That is the direction of the future and where our city and our province need to be headed.

Toronto has shown leadership on climate change in the past, and we hope it will again show that leadership and join other municipalities (19 so far) who are calling on the Ontario government to phase out gas-fired electricity generation.

We therefore strongly urge you to vote in favour of this motion.

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