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February 2, 2021

Frances Nunziata
City of Toronto Councillor Ward 5
Toronto City Hall
Attention: Miran Markovic, Advisor - Strategic Initiatives

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

Dear Councillor Nunziata,

After Hearn coal powered generating station was closed in 1983, the Ontario Power Generator (OPG) opened a natural gas-powered Portland generating station to help meet Toronto's electricity demand. At the time, natural gas (methane) was viewed as a transition fuel to truly clean energy.

However, several years later, it was discovered that the fuel industry was not reporting its releases from upstream production such as fracking (hydraulic fracturing of rock surrounding a gas well to release the gas), seepage from uncapped drill holes on abandoned sites, or leakages during transportation and storage.

This omission has since been recognized by the scientific community as creating significant atmospheric impact and contributed to the updating of the UN climate change model to advance the international deadlines for meeting global greenhouse gas reduction targets from 2050 to 2040, the close monitoring of the release of methane by NASA, and an international movement to restrict fracking.

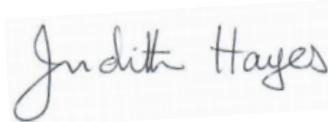
The City of Toronto acknowledges the urgency to respond to the global threat posed by climate change. As you know, City Council declared a climate emergency on October 2nd 2019 and accelerated Toronto's Climate Action Plan. You together with our community also engaged the support of the City in shifting plans to build a gas plant in Mount Dennis to the 20 MW Utility Battery now built on Ray Avenue.

At the February 2/3 meeting of City Council, **MM28.21 Calling on the Province to Phase-Out Gas-Fired Electricity Generation - By Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton**, has been introduced for Council consideration.

The Mount Dennis ecoNeighbourhood Initiative Team and partner representatives endorse the recommended actions, and we urge you to support this motion at Council on behalf of York South Weston.



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