

May 9, 2023

Toronto City Council
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Sent via email to: councilmeeting@toronto.ca

RE: IE3.3 - TransformTO 2022 Annual Report: Laying the Foundation for Net Zero

Dear Members of Council,

We understand that at the April 26, 2023 Infrastructure and Environment Committee, through item IE3.3 - TransformTO 2022 Annual Report: Laying the Foundation for Net Zero, a new motion was introduced by Councillor Dianne Saxe.

The motion, which was approved at Committee, directs the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, in consultation with the City Solicitor and the Executive Director, Environment and Climate, to review options to discourage the installation of new combustion uses of methane (“natural gas”) as part of the update to the Toronto Green Standard to Version 5. We acknowledge that this item will be considered by City Council on May 10, 2023.

BILD would like to take this opportunity to request stakeholder consultation for this review. We would appreciate the opportunity to understand why type of ‘options’ staff may be looking into.

We also believe that when this item returns to committee, it should go the Planning and Housing Committee as any changes to the Toronto Green Standards are typically updated through this committee. As interested and affected stakeholders, we thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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