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Re: EX7.1 - Updated Long-Term Financial Plan

To Mayor Chow and Councillors all wards:

We are writing to urge Council to support *measures* outlined in the Executive Committee motion 7.1 “Updated Long Term Financial Plan” to grow and diversify the municipality’s revenue tools so that it can provide the necessary services and meet the targets spelled out in Toronto City Council’s GHG reduction plan “Transform TO”. We are in a climate emergency. All governments must take emergency actions if we are to survive.

Seniors for Climate Action Now! (SCAN!) is a grass-roots organization of seniors using our skills, experience and energy to respond to the climate emergency. We are compelled to urgent action. There is much that the City of Toronto can do to mitigate climate change and to lead by example. SCAN! particularly urges Council to ensure adequate revenues to:

1. Fully fund Toronto’s net zero 2040 GHG emissions strategy and its components. In the short term this includes:
 - a. In the next 3 years the city will accelerate reduction in natural gas use in Toronto, increase access to walking and cycling, increase renewable local energy to contribute to a carbon free grid, and ensure near zero emissions for all new construction;
 - b. By 2030 100% of new buildings will be designed to near 0 GHG emissions, 75% of trips under 5 kilometers will be walked, biked or on transit and corporate emissions will be down by 65%;
 - c. Increasing the tree canopy cover, and enhancing and expanding green spaces;
 - d. Working with Indigenous people to share knowledge;
 - e. Ensuring net zero emissions in city owned buildings.
2. Reverse all cuts to TTC service and expand services. Increase electric buses. Make transit free so that people get out of their cars.
3. Address climate issues that affect residents. Implement adaptation strategies to ensure systemic support for vulnerable residents, especially low-income people and seniors, when the city is faced with climate emergencies such as flooding, extreme heat or cold and winds that destroy urban infrastructure.
4. Address the needs of Indigenous people for social justice, income, housing and adaptation measures.
5. Continue to oppose the expansion of Portland’s gas plant and take steps to shut it down.

We urge all Councillors to support recommended measures and do everything in your power to tackle the climate crisis.

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