
City Council

Notice of Motion

MM6.13	ACTION			Ward: All
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A Clean Energy Future for Toronto - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Gord Perks

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Gord Perks, recommends that:

1. City Council oppose any new power generation proposal involving increased burning of fossil fuels, including natural gas, in our City.
2. City Council request the Province to immediately invest in programs to deliver energy efficiency, demand management and conservation to meet the capacity and energy needs that would have been fulfilled by expansion of electricity production through burning of fossil fuels.
3. City Council forward this item to the Independent Electricity Operator for information.

Summary

The Government of Ontario is moving forward with plans to increase electricity generation in our province by including in the mix additional natural gas-fired power production despite the increase in greenhouse gasses this will bring. The Electricity Distributors Association, of which Toronto Hydro is a member, has produced studies showing that investment in conservation and efficiency would meet the Province's energy goals at a much lower price than adding more natural gas-fired power generation.

Locally the new provincial policy could mean burning more fossil fuels at the Portlands Energy Centre on our waterfront when the City of Toronto has repeatedly committed to combatting climate change through reduced emissions.

Since electricity demand is expected to grow in Toronto and that demand must be met it is also necessary to indicate to the Independent Electricity System Operator what alternatives the Province must invest in.

Background Information (City Council)

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