

## **Authority to Ban Natural Gas in Toronto**

**Date:** May 13, 2024  
**To:** Infrastructure and Environment Committee  
**From:** City Solicitor  
**Wards:** All

### **REASON FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

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The attachment to this report contains advice or communications that are subject to solicitor-client privilege.

### **SUMMARY**

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This supplementary report to the report from the Executive Director, Environment and Climate Division provides Council with confidential information for consideration in conjunction with the report requested by Council at its March meeting with respect to various issues affecting fuel utilities, including natural gas.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The City Solicitor recommends that:

1. City Council direct that the confidential information contained in Confidential Attachment 1 remain confidential in its entirety, as it contains advice which is subject to solicitor-client privilege.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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There is no financial impact resulting from the adoption of the recommendations in this report.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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At its meeting on March 20-21, 2024, City Council adopted agenda item 2024.IE11.8 and requested that the City Manager, in coordination with the Executive Director, Environment and Climate, the General Manager, Solid Waste Management Services, and other necessary City Officials to report to the May 28, 2024 meeting of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee on the City's relationship with fuel utilities, including renewable natural gas facilities, use of public property, costs incurred by the City from utility cuts and fuel utilities on public property, taxation/fee recovery mechanisms including a jurisdictional scan, a recommendation for fair fees and the amount of revenue such fees would produce.

The City Council report can be viewed at:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2024.IE11.8>

## **COMMENTS**

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This supplementary report provides in a confidential attachment a summary of advice previously provided to City staff regarding the City Council authority to enact a by-law to ban the transmission, distribution, sale, or use of natural gas within Toronto.

## **CONTACT**

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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1. Confidential Attachment 1 - Confidential Information