



Wednesday, November 27, 2024

RE: 2024.IE18.8 - Corporate Emission Budgets for 2026 - 2030

Dear Members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee

Toronto Environmental Alliance is pleased to see that the City of Toronto is following through on its Corporate Emissions Budget. Toronto's TransformTO Net Zero plan calls for city-wide community emissions to be 65% lower by 2030.¹ TEA is pleased to see that the City of Toronto is taking a leadership role and is on track to release its own 2026-2030 plan to reduce the City's own corporate emissions.

TEA would like to highlight the deep need and significant co-benefits in accelerating the decarbonization of the City of Toronto's aging community housing portfolio, including many of the City's older TCHC buildings. The electrification and decarbonization of older TCHC buildings could have significant positive impacts not only in carbon reductions, but also in the health and safety of residents during extreme weather events. Many older TCHC units do not have adequate cooling during the hot months. As heat pumps typically used in building decarbonization projects can cool as well as heat buildings, decarbonizing TCHC buildings could also provide indoor cooling that is becoming vital during extreme summer heat waves, which are expected to increase in the future.

Thank you for your work on the City of Toronto's Corporate Emissions Budgets. We look forward to seeing the full corporate carbon reduction plan, as well as the City's community carbon budget reports and carbon reduction plans, in 2025.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "How-Sen Chong", is positioned above the typed name.

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Toronto Environmental Alliance

¹ Baseline emissions are set at 1990 levels.