



Dear Mayor Chow and Toronto City Councillors,

Re: Motion - Integrated Regional Resource Plan

Toronto East Residents for Renewable Energy (TERRE) urges you to support the motion put forward by Councillors Saxe and Fletcher calling on the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) to work with the City of Toronto and Toronto Hydro to align the Integrated Regional Resource Plan (IRRP) with the City's 2040 target of net zero greenhouse gas emissions.

TERRE strongly supports the recommendations in the motion to phase out gas-fired electricity generation at the Portlands Energy Centre (PEC) and to rapidly increase local renewable energy generation and storage, and maximize cost-effective energy efficiency and conservation. There is no room for polluting gas-fired generation, as the city continues to move toward climate change readiness.

TERRE is a coalition of East End Toronto residents and environmental justice groups focused on increasing use of renewables and reducing reliance on fossil fuels for electricity generation. We are keenly aware that the Portlands gas plant is the largest emitter of greenhouse gasses and harmful nitrogen oxides in Toronto and have advocated for the phase-out of the plant since our formation in the fall of 2023.

We are also concerned about the current proposal to expand PEC's capacity and have requested that the Ministry of the Environment require a comprehensive environmental assessment of this project. The City of Toronto passed a motion with a similar request on April 17, 2024.




TERRE applauds the City's ongoing efforts to build a city resilient to climate change and to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2040.

We encourage you to support this motion which will go a long way to assist the City in meeting its climate protection targets.

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