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Planning and Housing Committee  
City of Toronto  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

**RE: Support for OPA 528: Updating Policies for Infrastructure Projects in Parks and Open Space Areas**

To Whom it May Concern,

Purpose has been helping our clients accelerate towards more planet positive real estate performance since 2018. We do this by creating teams that have the confidence to achieve something they haven't done before.

We wish to express our support for Official Plan Amendment 528 (with suggested clarifications).

Allowing alternative energy system access to Parks and Open Space Areas has the potential to:

- Increase the number of buildings that can access low-carbon energy supply systems (by improving the business case and increasing the size of systems that can be installed on dense, constrained urban sites); and
- Contribute towards the City's carbon targets

We recommend the Planning Housing Committee clarify that OPA 528 clause 4.3.9 includes privately owned, alternative energy systems such as geo-exchange or wastewater heat recovery.

Geo-exchange and wastewater heat recovery systems are part of the suite of energy-efficient, low-carbon solutions needed to achieve the Toronto Green Standard (TGS) performance targets. They can eliminate the need for supplementary equipment, freeing-up some mechanical penthouse space for other uses (green roofs, amenities, renewable energy production). Private energy systems offer alternative business models, which can increase the number of buildings that implement low-carbon technologies.

Yours Truly,

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