



December 8, 2025

RE: EX 28.5 Progress and Priorities for Enhancing Toronto's Climate Resilience

Dear Mayor and members of the executive committee,

We are writing in support of the Progress and Priorities report for Enhancing Toronto's Climate Resilience.

Climate resilience and climate mitigation strategies go hand in hand, and we appreciate and support the recommendations in this report.

Coordination is extremely important, so we add our support for the convening of an Oversight Table for Climate Resilience. We need to connect long-term climate resilience planning and seasonal preparedness and emergency response to extreme weather events, and we urge all departments at the city to be involved in adaptation as well as mitigation strategies.

We support the amending of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 669, Climate Change Goals and Governance, to include climate resilience and climate change adaptation in the Carbon Budget Report.

We strongly support strategies for engagement with residents to ensure that actions are inclusive and locally relevant. We support the adoption of new approaches to engaging with Indigenous communities on stewardship of lands and waters that respect honour and enable Indigenous-led climate action. Equity is a critical consideration in building climate resilience.

Extreme heat and flooding from heavy rainfall along with high winds, poor air quality and severe winter weather also pose costly risks to the city, impacting public health, infrastructure, mobility, access to services and natural systems.

We need to educate, mobilize and support communities in Toronto as we address these challenges. There are many win-win aspects to our climate work – improving health, offering employment opportunities, and building community connections as we respond to the growing climate crisis.

Sincerely,

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