

Attachment 1. Net Zero Strategy Action Plan (2026-2030)

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CRITICAL STEP: Accelerate a rapid and significant reduction in fossil (natural) gas use in buildings.					
1	Develop and implement support programs for voluntary emissions reductions actions in all buildings.	Description: The City will develop new and enhance existing support resources and programs to enable voluntary action to reduce emissions from all building types. The programs and resources will focus on increasing education and awareness among building owners and tenants and focus on the realization of retrofit benefits (e.g., improved indoor/outdoor air quality, improved thermal resilience, etc.), particularly for equity-deserving or vulnerable communities. Any program enhancements or new offerings will be based on recent building performance data and input from various sectors and the public, while ensuring alignment with other relevant City initiatives and policies.	ECF	—	Equity Considerations: New support programs or enhancements to existing programs will focus on increasing accessibility to building retrofit information particularly for equity-deserving communities. The objective will be to encourage owners to plan for and implement retrofit measures to reduce energy consumption and emissions from their buildings. A key retrofit measure is fuel switching to an electric heat pump, a technology that provides both winter heating and summer cooling, which can play a critical role in increasing occupant comfort and resilience

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					particularly during extreme heat days for vulnerable populations who do not currently have access to cooling in their homes. Energy or emissions reductions in buildings can also support other benefits such as improved indoor air quality for occupants and local job creation city-wide.
	1.1 Develop and implement a carbon awareness and engagement tool to support decarbonization of residential buildings.	Description: A free virtual home energy tool is being developed to help homeowners and tenants assess the net-zero readiness of their homes. By modeling energy consumption and carbon emissions data, the tool generates a personalized retrofit roadmap for each property. Homeowners receive tailored insights with practical, real-world actions to improve energy efficiency, explore fuel-switching opportunities, and take meaningful steps toward decarbonization.	ECF	—	Equity Considerations: Although this tool has been designed for online participation, options for non-online access will be developed to ensure that all homeowners can learn about the energy savings opportunities for their home.
	1.2 Provide additional	Description: BetterHomesTO provides support to homeowners in making their homes more energy-	ECF	TH	Equity Considerations: These

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	residential supports through BetterHomesTO, to assist homeowners' transition to decarbonize their homes.	efficient and climate-resilient. Enhancements and additional programs will be designed to accelerate large-scale adoption of low-carbon technologies such as heat pumps and rooftop solar photovoltaic (PV) by simplifying the process, providing tailored guidance for homeowners and providing targeted incentives for low-to-moderate income households and access to preferred financing options. This support includes complementary programming by Toronto Hydro to help homeowners electrify their homes and businesses including: personalized energy coaching; help accessing loans and incentives; a new online peak demand tool to avoid unnecessary service upgrades (login required); advice on electrical panel sizing; a Power Efficient Electrification Calculator; electricity connection cost estimates and process support; the Load Capacity Map; the Generation and Storage Capacity Lookup Tool; the Heat Pump Calculator; Heat Pump Assistance Program for income-qualified customers; and access to the Cleantech Service Network and Directory to help homeowners find reliable contractors.			programs are intended to provide homeowners with relevant and accurate information about their homes and equipment options available. Targeted supports for low-moderate income households will enable more Torontonians to access improved home comfort and resilience.
	1.3. Expand the Home Energy Loan Program (HELP) to more effectively reach equity-	Description: The expansion of the HELP program is intended to reach households that have historically been underrepresented and face barriers to participation. It will focus on lowering costs for residents who may not qualify for	ECF	—	Equity Considerations: Expanding HELP to better serve equity-deserving groups can

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	deserving groups, with a focus on moderate-income households and fixed-income seniors, by offering preferential and more accessible financing.	conventional financing, while also broadening eligibility to include improvements that could support seniors to age in place, and health and resilience upgrades that enhance quality of life and long-term housing sustainability.			draw attention to immediate repair needs, reduced utility costs, improved overall home comfort and greater accessibility to home energy retrofits for those facing financial barriers.
2	Uphold Toronto Green Standard performance measures to achieve more resilient, low GHG new construction.	Description: The TGS Version 4, in effect since 2022, includes mandatory and voluntary energy and emissions requirements for new buildings. These requirements encourage design to higher performance, resulting in buildings that are well insulated, more resilient to temperature extremes and less reliant on fossil (natural) gas for heating and cooling. If TGS V4 is applied to all new multi-unit residential, commercial and institutional buildings, based on projections, it has the potential to achieve a cumulative emissions reduction over 2023-2040 of 5.5 MtCO ₂ e. Advancing higher performance could unlock an additional 1 MtCO ₂ e reduction, contributing to the Transform TO goals.	CP	ECF	Equity Considerations: TGS helps to ensure that buildings and homes are more affordable by lowering utility bills and requiring fewer retrofits in the future. The TGS has saved home and building owners an estimated \$407.6 million in utility cost savings since 2010.
	2.1 Enable more mid-rise building forms, including modular and mass timber mid-rise	Description: The Unlocking Mid-Rise Mechanics Study is currently being undertaken by City staff to determine how to enable more mid-rise housing forms, including traditional, modular and mass-timber construction methods. This review is being undertaken to better understand development	CP	TB, ECS	N/A

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	building construction.	feasibility and uptake of mid-rise residential building forms as well as to identify potential changes to City policies, standards and/or regulations that can reduce development costs, facilitate delivery of new housing, and enhance building efficiency and support active, grade-related retail activities to improve the overall viability of these forms of development. Based on feedback from industry and direction given to Staff, this Study particularly focuses on reviewing requirements for indoor and outdoor amenity space, bicycle parking and waste collection and how they may impact the feasibility of mid-rise housing forms. City staff are targeting a report to Council in Spring 2026.			
3	Lead by example by moving City of Toronto buildings toward net zero.	Description: The City will accelerate the transition of its own buildings to net zero by undertaking the activities outlined in the 2026-2030 Advanced Plans for buildings, as required by Municipal Code Chapter 669, Climate Change Goals and Governance.	ECF	CREM, TCHC	Equity Considerations: The City is leading by example and demonstrating that the benefits of net zero buildings (energy efficiency, cost savings, improved living conditions) can be made accessible to everyone.
CRITICAL STEP: Increase local renewable energy to contribute to a resilient, carbon-free grid.					

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4	Facilitate installation of new renewable energy capacity and storage and promote innovative practices.	Description: In alignment with previous directions (2024.PH15.4) and (2023.IE9.7), this action will advance the integration of solar PV, battery storage, and other distributed energy solutions to support Toronto's net-zero goals while enhancing grid reliability. Between 2026 and 2030, the City will accelerate renewable energy deployment on its own sites and will continue to work with Toronto Hydro to accelerate the deployment of solar PV. The City will identify opportunities, address obstacles and pilot innovative practices and projects that reduce peak demand, improve resilience, and lower emissions. Toronto Hydro is working to add additional customer supports to accelerate the deployment solar PV, energy storage and other distribution energy resources and already provides: personalized energy coaching for homeowners; help accessing loans and incentives; support for businesses with Save on Energy Applications; virtual decarbonization audits for businesses; electricity data analysis and solar incentive selection calculations for businesses; a new online peak demand tool to avoid unnecessary service upgrades (login required); the Generation and Storage Capacity Lookup Tool; and access to the Cleantech Service Network and Directory to help customers find reliable contractors. Toronto Hydro is also procuring up to 30 megawatts of demand response, including	ECF	TH, CREM, CT, P&R, TB, CP	N/A

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		customer-owned Distributed Energy Resources, from 2026-2029 to reduce strain on the electricity grid.			
	4.1 Deliver a distributed energy resources (DER) plan including facilitating battery storage deployment on City-owned lands to support Toronto's net-zero goal while maintaining grid reliability and energy affordability.	Description: Partner with Toronto Hydro to identify and enable utility-scale DERs including solar PV and battery energy storage on City-owned sites to reduce peak demand, relieve grid constraints, improve resilience through DER integration. Elements of the Plan will include: • The City will continue to assist Toronto Hydro in deploying utility-scale energy storage systems on City-owned sites to enable additional renewable energy connections, alleviate grid constraints and improve resilience. • The City will facilitate transmission-scale battery storage on City-owned sites in key growth areas, to alleviate grid constraints and support electrification, aligned with infrastructure and land use planning to accelerate implementation. • The City will develop a DER implementation guide by 2026 for City-owned buildings to integrate solutions like solar PV and battery storage.	ECF	TH, CREM, P&R, CT, CP (and more depending on City-owned properties)	N/A
5	Develop a plan that identifies the feasible scale of low carbon thermal energy	Description: District energy systems can offer significant low carbon benefits as they work at neighbourhood- to precinct-wide scale providing efficient, centralized heating, cooling, and power generation. When paired with renewable sources,	ECF	CP, CT, EN, TW, WT	N/A

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	networks (district energy systems) located in the city and engage in understanding how partnerships with the academic and business communities may facilitate their implementation.	such as geothermal, wastewater and industrial waste heat and more, district energy systems will achieve higher efficiencies than individual building systems switch outs and have the potential to reduce overall energy demand. The City will develop and report back on a Low Carbon Thermal Energy Network plan in 2026 which will include: an updated feasibility study which can spatially identify the best locations for thermal energy networks, an understanding of how emerging technologies may be deployed under differing conditions and where City assets are involved, how to enable private proponents to undertake proposed technology solutions.			
	5.1 Identify partnerships and opportunities where co-development of low carbon thermal energy network (district energy systems) can occur at large development precincts.	Description: Scalability is a key component in sustainable urban development, supporting long-term environmental and economic resilience; however the City cannot work at scale without many other public and private sector partners.	ECF	CT, CP, TW, WS	N/A
	5.2 Explore and evaluate new and emerging large-	Description: The City continues to explore and understand diverse technical options available to advance the decarbonization of energy	ECF	CP, CT, TW, EN, WT,	N/A

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	scale renewable energy technologies which demonstrate significant reduction of fossil fuel reliance.	infrastructure. Renewable resources can be used for direct heating and cooling in district energy systems to help reduce reliance on fossil fuels and lower carbon emissions. The City is actively leading and/or supporting research into several emerging low-carbon technologies, including but not limited to: • <i>Deep geothermal</i> - by tapping into high-temperature heat several kilometres underground, this technology can provide 24/7 energy with minimal land use making it a key component in the transition to a resilient, low-carbon energy and thermal grid. • <i>Thermal Energy Storage</i> - captures excess energy and stores it as heat or cold for later use. • <i>Waste heat recovery</i> - from data centres and industrial process. • <i>Effluent wastewater heat recovery</i> - a large quantity of waste heat could be recovered, with the added environmental benefit of reducing waste heat to Lake Ontario and thus offsetting the associated Lake temperature increase. • <i>Lake-water source heat pumps</i> - uses a lake's steady temperature to provide efficient heating and cooling for buildings.		university & college partnerships	
	5.3 Advance acceptable projects under the	Description: The City will move forward with reviewing applications for Exhibition Place, Glendon College, Providence Healthcare, and	ECF	TW	N/A

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	Wastewater Energy Program by providing limited access to the City sewer system to use as a renewable thermal energy source.	Toronto Western Hospital Phase 2. If approved and once constructed, these campuses will be largely decarbonized, avoiding thousands of tonnes of GHG emissions per year. Any new applications will also be reviewed in accordance with the City's six-stage internal review and approval process.			
CRITICAL STEP: Increase access to low carbon transportation options, including walking, biking, public transit and electric vehicles.					
6	Enhance the transit network by improving service levels, speed and reliability, and accessibility.	Description: The TTC, in partnership with the City of Toronto, will aim to create an expansive, fast, frequent and reliable transit network that connects people to healthcare, shopping, employment, education and social activities.	TTC	TS	Equity Considerations: Reliable and accessible transit allows people of all ages and abilities, including members of equity deserving communities, to participate fully in civic life and access essential services, education, and employment.
	6.1 Improve the speed and reliability of surface transit by implementing transit priority measures between	Description: Speed and reliability of service will be improved as part of TTC and City of Toronto projects by implementing transit priority measures, in alignment with the 2024-2028 5-Year Service and Customer Experience Action Plan.	TTC	TS	Equity Considerations: Supports more efficient and reliable transit service, benefitting all people who depend on

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	2024 and 2028 including: - regulatory transit priority measures at up to 10 locations per year; - transit signal priority at up to 50 locations per year; - up 12 queue jump lanes; - transit priority measures as part of the Surface Transit Network Plan (RapidTO) projects.	As part of the Surface Transit Network Plan (RapidTO), transit priority measures will be implemented as part of the Jane Street, Finch Avenue East, Dufferin Street, Lawrence Avenue East, and Steeles Avenue West projects.			affordable and timely transportation.
	6.2 Enhance the transit network between 2024 and 2028 by: - increasing service to address demand; - implementing new services to	Description: The transit network will be enhanced in alignment with the 2024-2028 5-Year Service and Customer Experience Action Plan, and through the annual service planning process. Enhancements to the transit network beyond 2028 will be considered in future 5-Year Service Plans.	TTC	—	Equity Considerations: Supports improved access to reliable, resilient, and safe transit for those who rely on transit to access employment, education, and other services.

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	address changes in travel patterns; opening Line 5 Eglinton and Line 6 Finch West and making approved network changes; and restoring service levels on routes and corridors to meet policy and Service Standard requirements and expanding and enhancing service levels beyond Service Standard requirements.				
	6.3 Continue to make transit service more accessible by: making up to 150 stops	Description: To remove barriers to sustainable transportation, transit accessibility improvements continue, in alignment with the 2024-2028 5-Year Accessibility Plan.	TTC	TS	Equity Considerations: Ensures those with accessibility challenges (people with disabilities,

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	accessible per year by 2028; and finalizing construction of the Easier Access Program to make all subway stations accessible.				seniors, people with strollers or very young children, and others with mobility challenges) can travel independently and equitably across the city.
	6.4 Develop tools to assess transportation emissions of greenhouse gases and air pollutants at a city-wide plan level.	Description: The City will develop a framework to address and measure impacts to transportation-related greenhouse gases based on key program delivery. Plans to investigate will be the RapidTO: Surface Network Transit Plan and Major City-wide Cycling Network as part of the Cycling Network Plan. This will help to determine how rolling out of these measures contribute to achieving net zero targets.	TSD	ECF, CP	N/A
7	Increase access to public electric vehicle (EV) charging while focusing on equitable access and support.	Description: The three-year city-wide EV charging installation and funding strategy will be presented to City Council in Q1 of 2026, to support TransformTO's goal of 30 per cent EV ownership of registered personal vehicles by 2030.	ECF	TPA, TH, MLS, CREM, TS, TTC, TAF, P&E, FS	Equity Considerations: Ensures all communities can participate in the low-carbon transition and benefit from cleaner air and less vehicle noise.

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	7.1 Install electric vehicle chargers for public use at City-owned buildings and properties.	Description: Continue to expand the number of EV chargers for public use at Green P parking lots, on-street parking spaces, libraries, parks, community centres, the Toronto Zoo, and other City of Toronto-owned buildings and properties.	ECF	TPA, TTC, TH, TS, FS, CREM, TPL	Equity Considerations: Consideration will be given to charging availability in Neighbourhood Improvement Areas to improve the equitability of access to public charging.
	7.2 Support the vehicle-for-hire (VFH) sector in achieving net zero GHG emissions by 2030.	Description: City Council has indicated that the vehicle-for-hire (VFH) sector will achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 (2021.IE26.16). To support this transition, the City and partners will: By the end of 2026: • Establish a support and education program for VFH drivers; By the end of 2027: • Identify EV charging needs and provide equitable solutions; • Identify and prototype key pilot projects; • Create a green rideshare accreditation program for corporate and government travel; and • Secure key industry partnerships and agreements; By the end of 2029: • Research and implement expanded financial options for EV purchases.	ECF	TPA, TH, MLS, CREM, TS, TTC, TAF, P&E	Equity Considerations: This work will support lower-income individuals and members of equity-deserving groups who are part of the VFH industry in complying with net zero requirements. The upfront cost premium of a zero emissions vehicle (ZEV) when compared to an internal combustion engine (ICE) equivalent may act as a barrier to lower income and equity-deserving groups

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					in the VFH industry. The location and availability of charging infrastructure may also constitute a barrier, particularly for those who do not live in locations with available private vehicle chargers.
8	Expand and maintain safe cycling and pedestrian infrastructure to enable affordable active transportation.	Description: The City's Cycling Network Plan continues to guide the progress of the building of new infrastructure to encourage active transportation. Despite recent changes to the Highway Traffic Act, the City will continue to find opportunities to expand and upgrade an all-ages and abilities cycling network across the city to provide safe transportation options. The regulatory changes may result in fewer new facilities than were originally forecast.	TSD	TTC, BST	Equity Considerations: Provides safe, accessible, and affordable transportation options for communities that rely on cycling and pedestrian infrastructure. It also promotes physical activity and healthier lifestyles.
	8.1 Expand cycling and pedestrian infrastructure, including the rollout of cycling routes, bicycle parking and Bike Share at or near TTC stations.	Description: The City will continue to expand active and multi-modal transportation infrastructure, including Bike Share Toronto expansion, and other initiatives. As part of the development of the Cycling Network Plan, staff will continue to ensure that consideration is made for multi-modal trips by	TSD	TTC, BST	Equity Considerations: Provides safe, accessible, and affordable transportation options for communities that rely on cycling, walking and transit, and

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		emphasizing connections between cycling infrastructure with transit.			increases access to employment, education and services.
9	Lead by example by moving City of Toronto vehicles, fuels and transportation infrastructure toward net zero.	Description: The City will transition its own vehicles, fuels and transportation infrastructure toward net zero by undertaking the activities outlined in the 2026-2030 Advanced Plans for transportation, as required by Municipal Code Chapter 669, Climate Change Goals and Governance.	ECF	TTC, FS	Equity Considerations: The City is leading by example to make the benefits of net zero transportation, such as improved air quality and reduced vehicle noise, available to everyone who lives, works and plays in Toronto.
	9.1 Implement the TTC Green Bus Program.	Description: The TTC will continue to replace diesel buses with zero-emissions, battery electric buses. This is the key part of TTC's transition of all city buses, Wheel-Trans buses and other vehicles to 100 per cent zero-emissions by 2040.	TTC	—	Equity Considerations: Reliable transit provides access to services, employment and education for people across Toronto and across many socioeconomic circumstances. Replacing diesel vehicles with e-vehicles reduces or eliminates emissions of air pollutants that impact

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					health, particularly in populations near busy roadways.
CRITICAL STEP: Address emissions from waste and wastewater					
10	Move Toronto toward a circular economy.	Description: Begin implementation of the 10-year Circular Economy Road Map focused on increasing circularity community-wide, in target sectors, and in municipal operations.	ECF, SWMS	Multiple	Equity Considerations: Can create new job opportunities (especially for equity-deserving groups), and reduce waste and consumption costs.
	10.1 Build a zero/low waste culture in Toronto, including amongst businesses, organizations and residents, by forming collaborations and exploring innovative approaches.	Description: The City will encourage sustainable production and consumption behaviours through enhanced consumer education campaigns, increasing opportunities for residents to participate in the circular economy, introducing supportive measures for circular businesses, and building collaborations with non-profits and community organizations.	ECF, SWMS	Multiple	Equity Considerations: Can promote inclusive participation in waste reduction efforts by supporting accessible programs for businesses and residents.

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	10.2 Introduce new, and expand existing, incentive programs to enable circular business models and sustainable consumption practices.	Description: An initial focus will be the continuation of funding to enable businesses to adopt reuse models through the Circular Food Innovators Fund. Staff will continue to evaluate the potential for additional and/or new incentives and supports in target sectors and community-wide. Staff will also seek opportunities to lead by example and de-risk the circular transition for other economic actors by demonstrating circular opportunities in City operations and projects.	ECF	EDC, SWMS	Equity Considerations: The design of new circular programs offers the opportunity to embed equity into Toronto's economic growth, recognizing that Toronto's business community includes owners and operators from Indigenous and equity-deserving groups, and in alignment with the Inclusive Economic Development Framework.
11	Increase the City's local Green Bin organic waste processing capacity and the amount of renewable natural gas (RNG) that can be generated.	Description: The City is working to expand the existing Disco Road Organics Processing Facility and is planning improvements to the Dufferin Organics Processing Facility that will increase the City's local Green Bin organic waste processing capacity and the amount of renewable natural gas (RNG) that can be generated. The work at both facilities is expected to be complete in 2029.	SWMS	—	N/A

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12	Lead by example by moving the City's water and wastewater services toward net zero.	Description: Toronto Water is working to address GHG emissions from its facilities and operations in the short and long term.	TW	—	N/A
	12.1 By 2028, develop a GHG mitigation strategy to reduce emissions from the City's water and wastewater services.	Description: Toronto Water's GHG Mitigation Strategy will guide work to reduce GHG emissions, aligning with global best practices and the City of Toronto's broader GHG reduction goals. Toronto Water anticipates that development of the Strategy will be completed by 2028. The Strategy will analyze alternatives and develop an actionable plan to reduce emissions.	TW	—	N/A
	12.2 Investigate, quantify and begin mitigating Toronto Water's largest GHG source, wastewater treatment process emissions, through new and emerging technologies.	Description: Toronto Water's Operational GHG Inventory has highlighted "process emissions" as the Division's largest GHG emission source. Process emissions are released from the wastewater treatment process itself, and they are complex to quantify and to address. The chemical compounds and mitigation strategies differ from those of GHGs released from the burning of fossil fuels. Toronto Water is completing several small projects, using different combinations of monitoring and modelling, to assess each approach before launching larger scale projects. Projects investigating process emissions have been	TW	—	N/A

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		completed at Humber Treatment Plant and Ashbridges Bay Treatment Plant, and further work is planned to better understand, quantify and mitigate process emissions. Work completed to date at the Humber Treatment plant has enabled operational changes to reduce the process GHG emissions.			
	12.3 Replace the Highland Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant incinerator to reduce consumption of fossil (natural) gas.	Description: The Highland Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant (HCTP) has an incinerator in which all biosolids produced at the plant (about 20 per cent of the City's total biosolids) are incinerated. This project will replace the ageing multiple hearth incinerator with a new, more efficient fluidized bed incinerator. Starting in 2031, the fluidized bed incinerator will reduce annual GHG emissions by 6,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO _{2e})/year at HCTP.	TW	—	N/A
	12.4 Implement maintenance and reliability upgrades at Humber Wastewater Treatment Plant.	Description: Boilers and building automated system upgrades at Humber Wastewater Treatment Plant will result in annual estimated GHG reduction of 3,100 tCO _{2e} /year, starting in 2028.	TW	—	N/A
	12.5 Upgrade pelletizer facility at Ashbridges Bay Wastewater Treatment Plant.	Description: A new pelletizer facility, replacing the existing pelletizer facility, will be capable of running on digester gas (biogas). Once commissioned, the new pelletizer will use about 50 per cent less fossil (natural) gas than the current pelletizer, reducing	TW	—	N/A

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		annual GHG emissions by 4,700 tCO ₂ e/year starting in 2033.			
	12.6 Upgrade fluidized bed incinerator at Highland Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant to include additional heat recovery.	Description: A 4 MW thermal oil economizer system will recover heat from the fluidized bed incinerator and provide approximately 50 per cent of annual non-process heating requirements. This project will reduce annual GHG emissions by an estimated 4,200 tCO ₂ e/year starting in 2033.	TW	—	N/A
CRITICAL STEP: Demonstrate carbon accountability locally and globally by establishing a carbon budget.					
13	Implement the annual Carbon Budget and Emissions Budget processes.	Description: The City will continue to be a leader in carbon accountability by prioritizing GHG-reduction actions through the Carbon Budget as part of the City's annual budget process. The City will break new ground by implementing Advanced Plans to meet Emissions Budgets. These requirements and others are set out in Municipal Code Chapter 669, Climate Change Goals and Governance.	ECF	FP, CREM, TCHC, FS, TTC	N/A
	13.1 Phase out City of Toronto procurement and use of fossil-fuel powered equipment in facilities.	Description: This action clarifies previous City Council direction (2021.IE26.16 Decision Part 1f) to transition City of Toronto corporate equipment in facilities away from fossil fuels. This recommended action is being brought forward to City Council at its meeting December 16, 2025, as per City Council direction (2024.IE12.3 , Decision Part 3).	ECF	PMMD, CREM, TCHC, TTC	Equity Considerations: The City is leading by example to demonstrate to private sector and other public sector organizations that a

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		If the recommendation is adopted by City Council, the Executive Director, Environment, Climate and Forestry, in consultation with specified City Divisions, Agencies and Corporations, will report to Infrastructure and Environment Committee in 2028 with a policy to guide the transition of all City of Toronto Divisions and Agencies away from the procurement and operation of equipment that combusts fossil fuel in City-owned facilities by 2040, informed by Zero Carbon Transition Plans required by December 31, 2027 in accordance with By-law 669, Appendix A, Section 4. The policy is to include the timeline, resources for, and process for the phase-out of procurement and operation of equipment that combusts fossil fuel, subject to a list of exceptions, determined based on the Zero Carbon Transition Plans for buildings that must be developed by December 31, 2027, as required by Municipal Code Chapter (MCC) 669, Appendix A section 4A(7)(c). The policy will also include a report-back mechanism for adherence to the policy through MCC 669, and other elements deemed necessary to operationalize the policy and enable the City's transition away from equipment that combusts fossil fuels in City-owned facilities by 2040.			phase-out of fossil fuel equipment, with critical exceptions, is feasible.

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	13.2 Undertake and continuously improve annual carbon accountability reporting.	Description: The City will continually improve the process of prioritizing new climate action through the City's Carbon Budget process, and complete annual accountability reporting including the publication of Toronto's Sector Based Emissions Inventory (SBEI).	ECF	—	N/A
14	Identify and implement opportunities for further alignment between the City's procurement policies and the TransformTO Net Zero Strategy, including updating the Environmentally Responsible Procurement Policy and enhancing specifications, evaluation criteria and disposal of surplus goods.	Description: This action aligns with City Council direction in 2024.GG12.18, which directs the Chief Procurement Officer to align the City's procurement policies with TransformTO. Purchasing and Materials Management Division (PMMD) will continue to review procurement policies through a climate lens and enhance environmentally responsible procurement initiatives. Staff will continue to report back on the progress of environmentally responsible procurement initiatives through the TransformTO Net Zero Strategy reporting mechanism. As part of this work, PMMD will engage with Divisions to identify opportunities in the supply chain to lower GHG emissions and develop resources for staff to promote use of environmentally responsible specifications in solicitations, where appropriate. PMMD will work with client Divisions to review their purchases for supply chain GHG emissions and actively look for alternative lower emissions solutions.	PMMD	ECF, Multiple	Equity Considerations: A key equity consideration is ensuring that expanded environmentally responsible procurement does not create barriers for Indigenous, Black, and Diverse Suppliers and Social Enterprises. In addition, efforts will be made to explore pathways where environmentally responsible procurement could increase spend with Indigenous, Black, and Diverse Suppliers and Social Enterprises.

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Cross-cutting: Focus on equity, advance Reconciliation and encourage economic development.					
15	Support Indigenous climate action and advance the Reconciliation Action Plan.	Description: Relationship building remains a central and necessary focus of City staff. To do this, internal staff understanding must be improved so that engagements with Indigenous partners are informed, respectful and reciprocal.	ECF	IAO	Equity Considerations: Ensures continuous and purposeful learning and engagement with Indigenous communities to advance climate action.
	15.1 Increase staff knowledge of Indigenous worldviews and priorities related to climate in Toronto, to better inform engagement with Indigenous communities.	Description: ECF staff will become more informed and prepared to engage with Indigenous communities through: 1. A monthly practice where ECF staff participate in Indigenous learning opportunities—both internally organized by ECF or community-led. The purpose of this practice is to be present at places and spaces where we can better relate “net zero” to work already underway on lands and waters throughout the city. 2. To address concerns about the repetitive and extractive nature of interactions between the City and Indigenous individuals and groups, ECF will explore and develop policies/procedures which more appropriately honour the time and advice being imparted to City staff from previous and ongoing engagements with Indigenous groups and individuals.	ECF	IAO	Equity Considerations: While Indigenous communities are not an equity-deserving group, these activities will enable City staff to build relationships.

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16	Focus climate outreach and engagement on community priorities and equity.	Description: Direct engagement and education efforts to already existing community hubs and organizations within areas identified for investment using a community-centred approach.	ECF	SD	Equity Considerations: Ensures climate communications are easily accessible, culturally relevant and representative of lived experiences of equity-deserving communities.
	16.1 Utilize a community-centred approach to climate action programming in existing community gathering spaces and hubs within areas identified for investment.	Description: Outreach and engagement efforts will be directed to areas identified for investment inclusive of Neighbourhood Improvement Areas, Emerging Neighbourhoods and other neighbourhoods experiencing higher equity needs. Based on input from the community and the Climate Advisory Group, engagement initiatives will be redesigned to better align with local priorities and will be based out of existing community gathering spaces such as libraries, community centres and community hubs. This is reflective of input from the Climate Advisory Group in developing and leveraging existing community hubs, as well as providing spaces for information sharing on climate action and the resources available to all residents.	ECF	SD, P&R, TPL	Equity Considerations: Improves City-community relationships in underserved areas and enhances City staff understanding of community priorities and how best to centre these priorities in climate work.
	16.2 Enhance and expand youth climate	Description: Over 2023-2024, an extensive consultation process with youth-led organizations and over 800 youth aged 10-25 years was completed in partnership with the University of	ECF	SD	Equity Considerations: Centres diverse youth voices in advancing

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	engagement initiatives.	Toronto. This consultation resulted in the co-development of a number of recommendations, including developing climate hubs, grants and resources, skills training, mentorship and partnerships. Key recommendations to be implemented in 2026-2030: • Increase job and skills training for youth in climate-related fields, including supporting existing climate job fairs, skills development initiatives and building on the Youth Climate Ambassadors pilot (2025). • Provide safe, welcoming, non-commercial, centralized spaces for youth to convene and hold climate events and support existing hub pilots. • Provide opportunities for youth to participate in hands-on environmental stewardship, as well as activities that help youth connect with their ancestral lands and traditional practices.			climate action. It focuses on youth engagement, accessibility and empowerment.
	16.3 Establish a climate action incubator pilot, that provides post-program convening and supports to participants from all of ECF's existing capacity building	Description: Establish a climate action incubator pilot that will leverage the existing knowledge and skills of participants across ECF's capacity building and grant programs and attract new participants to existing and new capacity building programs. Climate Advisory Group input reflects the need for increased capacity building opportunities such as an incubator.	ECF	—	Equity Considerations: Aims to address inequity in the climate and entrepreneurial space by empowering residents to continue to develop and implement innovative solutions and

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	and grant programs, and welcomes new participants to facilitate the creation of a self-supporting climate action community.	The incubator would endeavor to grow and amplify the impact of early-stage climate action projects or business ventures, through mentorship, strategic guidance, training, skills matching, and networking. The exploration of the incubator will include input from participants that have engaged in the following programs: Women4ClimateTO, Neighbourhood Climate Action Champions, Live Green Toronto Volunteers, PollinateTO Grants, Neighbourhood Climate Action Grants, Indigenous Climate Action Grants and Black-led Climate Action Grants, as well as connections to already existing organizations and individuals in community hubs. The City will aim to pilot the incubator over the period of 2026-2030, based on priorities identified by participants. This is reflective of input from the Climate Advisory Group in connecting people to capacity building opportunities			community building to address the climate emergency in Toronto.
	16.4 Develop and implement a Black-led climate action grants program.	Description: Aligned with recommendations in the Toronto Black Food Sovereignty Action Plan (2021-2026), this program, co-developed with community, will annually deliver financial and in-kind navigation support to 10-15 local, Black-led climate action initiatives starting in 2026.	ECF	SD	Equity Considerations: Directly invests in Black-led climate leadership and supports community-driven solutions that are reflective of the lived experiences of Black residents and centering Black leadership in

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					socializing culturally grounded solutions.
	16.5 Expand the Youth Climate Action Grants to all publicly funded schools in Toronto.	Description: The student-led initiatives from the Youth Climate Action Grants benefit youth, families, school communities and community members through equitable climate action. Over the period 2026-2030, the City will explore further expansion of the current grant program to be available to students at all publicly funded schools in Toronto.	ECF	—	Equity Considerations: Aims to foster climate leadership among diverse populations, including youth from equity deserving communities.
17	Continue to grow Toronto's green industries and train the workforce required to develop, deploy and maintain net-zero technologies.	Description: Consistent with the Action Plan for Toronto's Economy (2025-2035), the City will continue to grow Toronto's green industries and train the workforce required to develop, deploy, and maintain net-zero technologies critical to meeting Toronto's climate targets (e.g., heat pumps, high-efficiency windows, solar panels, energy advisors, bicycle repair, EV chargers, and tree planting and maintenance). The City's work will include: • Mobilizing a Green Industry Cluster Alliance; • Continuing the development and implementation of key green sector roadmaps; and • Partnering with colleges and universities to identify and address green workforce needs.	EDC	ECF	Equity Considerations: Creates opportunities for green jobs for equity-deserving groups; provides training, fosters an inclusive network.

***City Divisions, Agencies & Corporations:**

BST – Bike Share Toronto

CP – City Planning

CT – CreateTO

CREM – Corporate Real Estate Management

ECF – Environment, Climate and Forestry

ECS – Engineering and Construction Services

EDC – Economic Development and Culture

EN – Enwave

FP – Financial Planning

FS – Fleet Services

IAO – Indigenous Affairs Office

P&E – People and Equity

P&R – Parks and Recreation

PMMD – Purchasing and Materials Management

SD – Social Development

SWMS – Solid Waste Management Services

TAF – The Atmospheric Fund

TB – Toronto Building

TCHC – Toronto Community Housing Corporation

TH – Toronto Hydro

TPA – Toronto Parking Authority

TPL – Toronto Public Library

TS – Transportation Services

TTC – Toronto Transit Commission

TW – Toronto Water

WS – Waterfront Secretariat

WT – Waterfront Toronto