

LET'S ACT ON CLIMATE, FAST!

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RE: IE26.3 TransformTO Net Zero Strategy: Action Plan (2026-2030)

Dear members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee,

Thanks for the opportunity to speak. ClimateFast has been involved in the development of TransformTO since 2015.. So many contributed to the adoption of a climate plan for Toronto including these kids who came to depute in 2017.



## Thorncliffe Park Students at City Hall

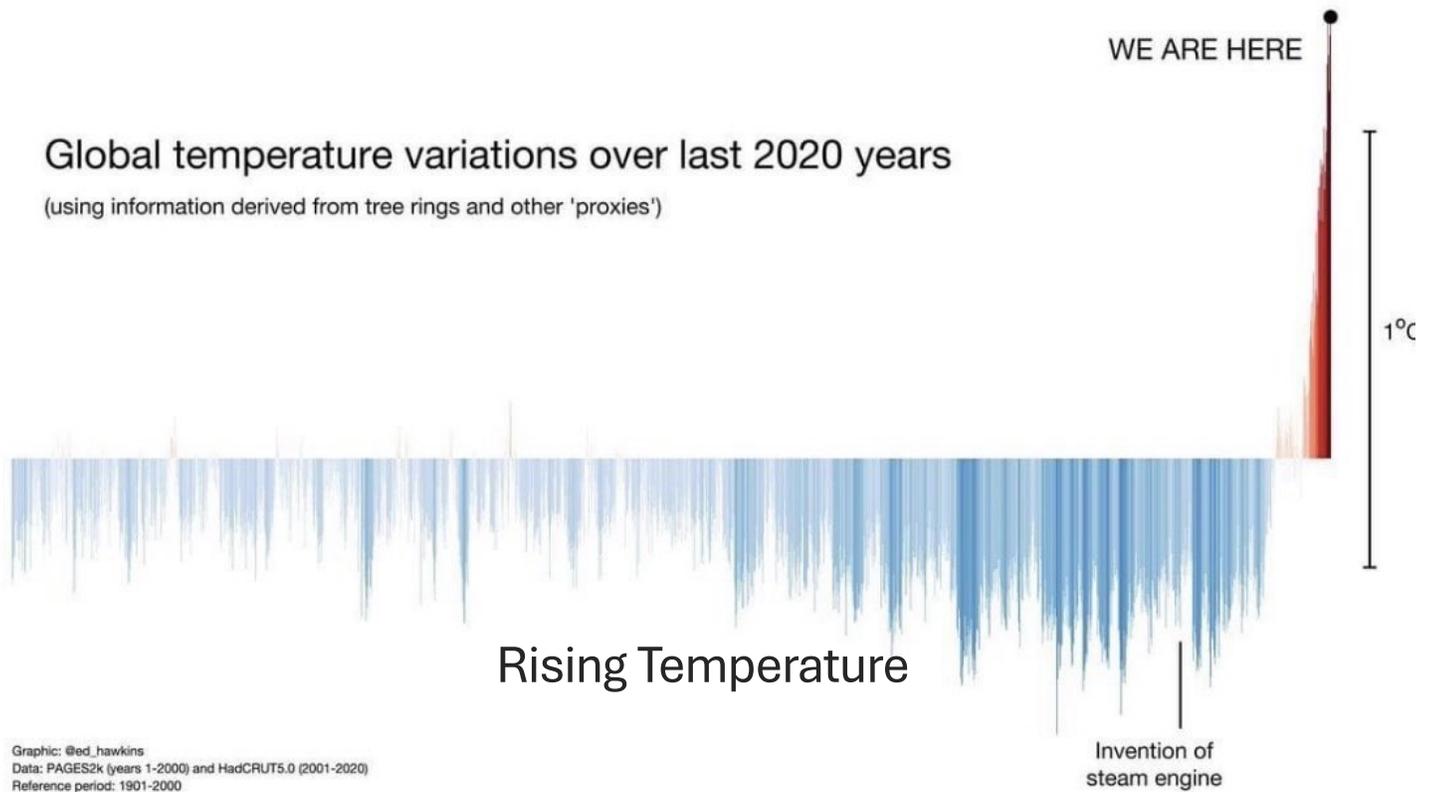


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In 2019 in response to youth climate strikes the city declared a climate emergency and in 2021 a more ambitious plan was adopted. A citizen's Climate Advisory Group was set up to work with staff in implementing the short term steps and suppose longer term planning to achieve the city's targets I'm

part of the Climate Advisory Group and he process of developing the current plan in front of you today. It is wonderful seeing this work coming before you today.

For a moment I want to situate our work in a global context. Here's what's happening with global emissions and temperature rise worldwide.



Temperatures now are already at the 1.5 above and heading to 2 degrees. Just one example of what we are losing at each tenth of a degree rise. At 1.5 we still have some coral reefs. At 2 degrees all the coral reefs will be gone. Extreme weather is increasing in intensity and will do so until we stop burning fossil fuels. We are approaching global tipping points which once crossed are irreversible. We are facing food shortages, rising prices, heat deaths, famine, flooding and forest fires yet we still aren't acting as if it's really an emergency.

. Many countries around the world are leading in reducing emissions, but here's what Carbon Action Tracker says about Canada - our actions are highly insufficient.



We are not reducing emissions at the moment, so some things need to change very significantly if we are going to achieve our targets and do our part for a livable future. The current planned 8% emissions reduction by 2030 is far less than the 20% reduction required to meet One reason is that we are missing a big piece of the puzzle, the source of most of the city's emissions., existing buildings.

A livable future is what we all want for our children. The good news is that climate action brings investment in good green jobs, training for youth, and lots of economic activity. It also brings cleaner air and better health.

Polling shows that more than 90% agree that we need to be taking climate action although 48% don't know what they can do. So clearly more educating and mobilizing is needed. Acting on climate is both a challenge and an opportunity. Let's work together to take the bold steps we need to get back on track with emissions reductions. Let's put that important puzzle piece on existing buildings emissions reductions back into the picture.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lyn Adamson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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