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Infrastructure and Environment Committee
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

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

Dear members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee,

I am seeking your support for the following,

1. City Council direct the Executive Director, Environment, Climate and Forestry, in consultation with the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture, City Solicitor, and Executive Director, Housing Secretariat to report to Infrastructure and Environment Committee in Q1 2027 with recommendations based on stakeholder consultation and the following analysis:
 1. an economic impact review of Building Emission Performance Standards (BEPS) that considers affordability, workforce readiness, the working life expectancy of building components and equipment and economic competitiveness, and how to provide adequate notice and regulatory certainty for building owners, managers and Toronto Hydro;
 2. an updated legal analysis to ensure a BEPS bylaw can be compliant with relevant legislation; and
 3. Measures to protect tenants from potential rent and utility cost increases related to BEPS, including necessary enabling actions and supports from other levels of government.
2. City Council request the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario to:
 1. Create, continue or expand funding, grant programs and tax incentives to improve the business case for building upgrades, such as deep retrofits, electrification, and distributed energy resources, that reduce greenhouse gas emissions from buildings and improve comfort and resilience, including for building types not currently covered by existing Federal and Provincial programs.
 2. Work with municipalities to ensure that funding and grant programs for such building upgrades flow effectively and directly to recipients.
3. City Council direct the Executive Director, Environment, Climate and Forestry to continue to work with Toronto Hydro on new opportunities to further support building owners and managers with building upgrades that reduce emissions and, where possible, Toronto Hydro system costs, while protecting tenants from rent and utility increases associated with those upgrades.



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