

Good morning and thank you. My name is Gail Fairley and I am here representing Seniors for Climate Action Now. (SCAN!) I live in Ward 11.

The Electrification Advantage Report has strengths and shortcomings. It is a good snapshot of the current state of electrification in the city. It provides a good review of current program initiatives. The Report effectively makes the case for electrification by setting out four interconnected advantages of electrification —energy security, economic growth, affordability and climate.

The Report makes a convincing case for an ambitious and accelerating electrification effort across the city. Unfortunately, it fails to deliver on that ambition. In the absence of clear targets, measurable outcomes and proposed timelines it remains largely aspirational. That is a major shortcoming.

Council's Resolution of December 2026 called for action to achieve renewable energy results 'above the minimums' outlined in the Independent Electricity System Operator's (IESO) plan. But the Report fails to provide any discussion of how, and by how much, those minimums will be surpassed. It is reassuring that there is a growing consensus that Toronto has to do more on electrification, energy efficiency and renewable energy. But a destination is not a road map. We need a roadmap.

Another major shortcoming of the Report is its approach to the Portland gas plant. Given the request made by Council we had anticipated a report with a plan of action. We know the city doesn't have the authority to close the gas plant. But the 'Electrification Report' should have demonstrated how, with clear targets for the growth of renewables and energy efficiency

the city could offset the need for gas combustion. If the gas plant provides 20% of the city's electricity, how do we reduce that to 15% and then to 10% and then to zero in a stepped progression? Instead the report pegs its hopes on the Third Line. The third line might be in place by 2035 but whenever it is, it will transmit electricity generated from fossil gas plants and costly nuclear reactors.

There are many points in the report where clear targets should backstop good intentions. Here is one. The report indicates that "Toronto households and businesses spend approximately \$6.5 billion annually on fossil fuels." Most of that money leaves the city and much of it leaves the country. That

is an incredible cost burden on Toronto families. It is also a staggering loss to the local economy. We shouldn't have to imagine the cost savings to families or the benefits to the local economy if those fossil fuels are systematically replaced with local renewables. The report should have given us that energy substitution plan.

As a starting point for moving to clear targets and measured outcomes we request Council support three recommendations.

1. Target the peak savings program for a 90% enrolment by 2030.
2. By 2030, achieve enough renewable energy to offset the need for the gas plant.
3. Undertake a feasibility study on the potential for offshore wind.

Thank you

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