



From: Kate Mills, Parent and For Our Kids Toronto Co-Leader

(A volunteer group of parents taking climate action), Ward 14

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Dear Infrastructure and Environment Committee, Mayor Chow and my Councillor Fletcher,

I am so grateful to be here today and thank you for taking the time to listen to my worries. As a parent who worries about my kids future and extreme weather caused by the worsening climate crisis, I was excited to learn about PEAK PERKS as an easy way to adjust my future thermostat and SAVE MONEY PLUS get rewarded \$75 for signing up and \$20 every year, I'm with the program. My family lives in a condo and currently do not have the necessary thermostat, BUT this has inspired me to investigate this program on behalf of my entire condo building and present the option to the board. My condo building has shared utilities, and it would be so awesome if we could lower our monthly energy bills. We would then turn around and put that money into maintenance which could potentially mean maintenance fees that do not increase as quickly. I'm so pumped about this! I like saving money because right now, thanks to increasing oil prices, everything is so expensive.

To let others in my community know about PEAK PERKS I'm hoping the city of Toronto will promote the program more and follow the recommendations made by the Clean Air Alliance which I will read now:

Toronto's recent report, [*The Electrification Advantage*](#), has a number of great ideas for increasing renewable electricity generation and efficiency – from expanding rooftop and parking lot solar to boosting participation in the Peak Perks program and investigating the potential for offshore wind.

But we need a solid plan and targets for implementing these ideas and slashing the need for the continued operation of the Portlands gas plant – our city's No. 1 polluter.

I'm asking you to direct city staff to develop and implement a plan to:

1. Increase Peak Perks market share amongst Toronto's residential and small business customers to 90% by January 2030; and
2. Increase solar generation by 2.8 billion kWh per year by January 2030 by installing more solar panels on City-owned buildings and parking lots, and by encouraging residents (balcony solar panels), big box stores (I'm calling out Loblaws, Sobeys and Canadian Tire!!), Yorkdale Mall, Dufferin Mall, Eaton Centre, Scarborough town Centre – every bank tower!!) and other commercial and industrial companies to install solar on their roofs, balconies and parking lots.

Please also ask Toronto Hydro to complete by December 2026 a preliminary feasibility study on potential locations and the costs and benefits of a Lake Ontario offshore wind farm. (IF the wind turbines are 15km out on the lake they are almost not visible to those on shore!)

These zero-carbon energy solutions are exactly what the world – and Toronto – needs now.

Toronto City Council and Mayor Chow have the power to make some very cool green energy changes thanks to the electrification advantage report. And— with some targets and timelines —these are very cool ways to save money with a little bit of spend, that I know many people in Toronto will be grateful for! I also want to shoutout to Ontario Clean Air Alliance for making me aware of the PEAK PERKS program and how easy and money saving it IS. I want these actions for my kids' future environment and my pocketbook.

Also, solar and wind don't ever cause nuclear disasters, and they don't have almost impossible to dispose of nuclear waste – Oh and my favourite they are WAY CHEAPER than NUCLEAR which will only cause our energy costs to go up.

Thank you again to Mayor Chow and my Councillor Paula Fletcher! I appreciate your leadership on climate.

Sincerely,

Kate Mills