

April 7, 2026

Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario, M5H 2N2

RE: 2026.IE28.4 - The Electrification Advantage

Toronto Environmental Alliance is strongly supportive of the rapid electrification of the City.

The staff report accurately and correctly recognizes that electrifying Toronto away from oil, gas, and other fossil fuels produces a series of highly beneficial advantages. These include:

- **IMPROVE ENERGY SECURITY. Most of Toronto's oil, gas and other fossil fuels originate from outside Canada.** Up to 70% of the natural gas consumed in Toronto comes from the United States.
- **INCREASE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY.** The report shows that every **\$1 spent on electrification produces \$4-8 dollars in economic activity**, which will yield billions of economic activity over the next decades and support thousands of jobs.
- **IMPROVE AFFORDABILITY FOR TORONTONIANS.** The staff report shows that **Toronto households spend \$6.5 billion annually on fossil fuels, most of which leaves the City's economy.** Electricity gathered and stored within Toronto can help cut costs for all Torontonians.

However, **TEA is concerned that the 2040 Toronto Hydro targets listed in the report do not seem aligned with Toronto's 2040 Net Zero goals.** We suggest that Toronto Hydro update their 2040 goals and electrification plans to align with Toronto's TransformTO targets.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'How-Sen Chong', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

How-Sen Chong
Climate Campaigner
Toronto Environmental Alliance

how-sen@torontoenvironment.org