

Planning and Housing Committee

City of Toronto
100 Queen Street W
Toronto, Ontario
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Re: PH31.2 - Zoning for Low-Carbon Technologies - Final Report

Dear Planning and Housing Committee Members,

The Atmospheric Fund (TAF) is a regional climate agency serving the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA). We work closely with public and private partners to advance practical urban climate solutions that support affordability, equity, and resilience.

TAF strongly supports the proposed amendments to Toronto's City-wide Zoning By-Law to enable broader adoption of low-carbon technologies. These changes will reduce unnecessary restrictions and red tape standing in the way of community climate action. Achieving the City's climate goals requires widespread adoption of low-carbon technologies by property owners, and the first step in achieving that is eliminating outdated rules standing in their way. These changes will accelerate climate action while reducing staff workload by lowering the need for site-specific zoning variances and amendments.

The proposed changes will make it easier and more affordable for citizens and businesses to insulate buildings, install heat pumps, generate local renewable energy, and charge electric vehicles. This will help unlock opportunities for residents to lower energy bills, improve home comfort, and strengthen resilience in response to rising energy prices and demands on the grid. These changes also enhance equity by broadening access to low-carbon technologies for residents with smaller lots in denser neighbourhoods.

We thank city staff for consulting with TAF and a broad base of stakeholders in developing these amendments and look forward to continued collaboration on the next phase of the review process.

Overall, TAF fully supports the proposed amendments outlined in the staff report, and we urge Council to adopt them. We commend the City of Toronto for its leadership in advancing these important initiatives, which will empower residents and businesses to actively support and drive climate action.

Sincerely,

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About The Atmospheric Fund

The Atmospheric Fund (TAF) is a regional climate agency that invests in low-carbon solutions for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) and helps scale them up for broad implementation. Please note that the views expressed in this submission do not necessarily represent those of the City of Toronto or other GTHA stakeholders. We are experienced leaders and collaborate with stakeholders in the private, public and non-profit sectors who have ideas and opportunities for reducing carbon emissions. Supported by endowment funds, we advance the most promising concepts by investing, providing grants, influencing policies and running programs. We're particularly interested in ideas that offer benefits in addition to carbon reduction such as improving people's health, creating local jobs, boosting urban resiliency, and contributing to a fair society.