

Item - 2023.IE3.3

Tracking Status

- City Council adopted this item on May 10, 11 and 12, 2023 without amendments.
- This item was considered by Infrastructure and Environment Committee on April 26, 2023 and was adopted with amendments. It will be considered by City Council on May 10, 11 and 12, 2023.

City Council consideration on May 10, 11 and 12, 2023

IE3.3 - TransformTO 2022 Annual Report: Laying the Foundation for Net Zero

Decision Type: ACTION

Status: Adopted

Wards: All

City Council Decision

City Council on May 10, 11 and 12, 2023, adopted the following:

1. City Council adopt the Corporate Policy on Submissions and Filings as contained in Attachment 4 to the report (April 19, 2023) from the Executive Director, Environment and Climate.
2. City Council direct the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, in consultation with the City Solicitor and the Executive Director, Environment and Climate, to review options to discourage the installation of new combustion uses of methane (“natural gas”) as part of the update to the Toronto Green Standard to Version 5.
3. City Council direct that a copy of the TransformTO 2022 Annual Report be provided to the appropriate Federal and Provincial Ministries, highlighting the enormous gap between Toronto’s growing fiscal responsibilities and the limited revenue tools available to it and therefore the ability of Canada and Ontario respectively, to reduce climate pollution, meet our international commitments and avoid the worst impacts of climate change.
4. City Council direct the City Manager, in consultation with relevant Divisions, Agencies, and Corporations, to develop an intergovernmental advocacy approach that:
 - a. identifies the scope and scale of investments needed to support implementation of TransformTO;
 - b. establishes expectations of funding from federal and provincial governments; and
 - c. works towards a reliable, long-term funding model.
5. City Council direct the City Manager to collaborate with Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area municipalities and organizations, such as The Atmospheric Fund and Clean Air Partnership, in a regional approach to intergovernmental advocacy for climate action and funding.
6. City Council urge the Government of Canada to:
 - a. enact and enforce strong and robust Clean Electricity Regulations consistent with a net-zero electricity grid and that enable broad decarbonization of all other sectors; and

b. enact the proposed Zero-Emission Vehicle sales mandate on their proposed timeline and at minimum maintain their current level of stringency.

7. City Council direct City of Toronto staff to engage their Federal counterparts on the development of the Clean Electricity Regulations and Zero-Emission Vehicle sales mandate, and to advocate for regulations that will support and enhance our ability to achieve TransformTO goals for climate and health.

City Council Decision Advice and Other Information

City Council considered Items IE3.3 and IE3.4 and EX4.2 together.

Background Information (Committee)

(April 19, 2023) Report from the Executive Director, Environment and Climate on TransformTO 2022 Annual Report: Laying the Foundation for Net Zero

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ie/bgrd/backgroundfile-235849.pdf>

Attachment 1 - Progress on 30 Short-Term Actions Implementation Plan 2022-2025

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ie/bgrd/backgroundfile-235850.pdf>

Attachment 2 - Progress on Responding to Recommendations from 2021.IE26.16

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ie/bgrd/backgroundfile-235851.pdf>

Attachment 3 - Update on reports requested from the TransformTO Net Zero Strategy

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ie/bgrd/backgroundfile-235852.pdf>

Attachment 4 - Corporate Policy on Submissions and Filings

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ie/bgrd/backgroundfile-235853.pdf>

Attachment 5 - Update on Agreements Entered and Planned

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ie/bgrd/backgroundfile-235951.pdf>

Presentation on TransformTO Net Zero and Related Reports

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ie/bgrd/backgroundfile-236076.pdf>

Communications (Committee)

(April 25, 2023) E-mail from Hamish Wilson (IE.Supp)

(April 25, 2023) Letter from Alison Stewart, Interim Co-Executive Director, Advocacy and Public Policy, Cycle Toronto (IE.Supp)

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ie/comm/communicationfile-168229.pdf>

(April 25, 2023) Letter from How-Sen Chong, Climate Campaigner, Toronto Environmental Alliance (IE.Supp)

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ie/comm/communicationfile-168295.pdf>

(April 26, 2023) E-mail from Ronny Yaron (IE.New)

(April 26, 2023) E-mail from Carol Essex (IE.New)

(April 26, 2023) E-mail from Vida Neverauskas (IE.New)

(April 26, 2023) Letter from Lyn Adamson, Co-Chair, ClimateFast (IE.New)

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ie/comm/communicationfile-168399.pdf>

Communications (City Council)

(May 9, 2023) E-mail from Hamish Wilson (CC.Supp)

(May 9, 2023) Letter from Danielle Binder, Director, Policy and Advocacy, BiLD (CC.New)

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/cc/comm/communicationfile-169679.pdf>

Motions (City Council)

1 - Motion to Amend Item moved by Councillor Stephen Holyday (Lost)

That City Council amend Infrastructure and Environment Committee Recommendation 2 so that it now reads as follows:

2. City Council direct the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, in consultation with the City Solicitor and the Executive Director, Environment and Climate, to review options to ~~discourage the installation of new combustion~~ reduce the reliance on and uses of methane (“natural gas”) as part of the update to the Toronto Green Standard to Version 5.

Vote (Amend Item)

May-10-2023 12:15 PM

Result: Lost	Majority Required - IE3.3 - Holyday - motion 1
Yes: 9	Paul Ainslie, Brad Bradford, Jon Burnside, Mike Colle, Gary Crawford, Vincent Crisanti, Stephen Holyday, Frances Nunziata (Chair), James Pasternak
No: 16	Alejandra Bravo, Shelley Carroll, Lily Cheng, Paula Fletcher, Ausma Malik, Nick Mantas, Josh Matlow, Jennifer McKelvie, Chris Moise, Amber Morley, Jamaal Myers, Gord Perks, Anthony Perruzza, Jaye Robinson, Dianne Saxe, Michael Thompson
Absent: 0	

Motion to Adopt Item (Carried)

Adoption of Infrastructure and Environment Committee Recommendation 2 only:

2. City Council direct the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, in consultation with the City Solicitor and the Executive Director, Environment and Climate, to review options to discourage the installation of new combustion uses of methane (“natural gas”) as part of the update to the Toronto Green Standard to Version 5.

Vote (Adopt Item)

May-10-2023 12:18 PM

Result: Carried	Majority Required - IE3.3 - Adoption of Infrastructure and Environment Committee Recommendation 2 only
Yes: 20	Paul Ainslie, Alejandra Bravo, Shelley Carroll, Lily Cheng, Gary Crawford, Vincent Crisanti, Paula Fletcher, Ausma Malik, Nick Mantas, Josh Matlow, Jennifer McKelvie, Chris Moise, Amber Morley, Jamaal Myers, Frances Nunziata (Chair), Gord Perks, Anthony Perruzza, Jaye Robinson, Dianne Saxe, Michael Thompson
No: 5	Brad Bradford, Jon Burnside, Mike Colle, Stephen Holyday, James Pasternak
Absent: 0	

Motion to Adopt Item (Carried)

Adoption of the balance of the Item.


Point of Order by Councillor Stephen Holyday

Councillor Holyday, rising on a Point of Order, stated that he would like a separate vote on Part 2, in case his motion does not pass.

Ruling by Speaker Frances Nunziata

Speaker Nunziata accepted the Point of Order and ruled that a separate vote would be taken on Part 2 if motion by Councillor Holyday does not pass.

Infrastructure and Environment Committee consideration on April 26, 2023

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