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To: Bunn, Jerri-Joanne <jbunn@London.ca>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Municipal resolution re: phasing-out Ontario's gas-fired power plants

Hello Mr/Ms Bunn,

I am contacting you and the Advisory Committee on the Environment due to the City of London's long history of concern about climate change, as reflected in the City's early involvement in the Partners for Climate Protection program, and completion of the 5 Milestones. The purpose of this note is to raise an issue of concern and solicit the Committee's support for a municipal council resolution.

The Government of Ontario is planning to increase use of our gas-fired power plants, ramping up greenhouse gas pollution by more than 300% by 2025 and by more than 400% by 2040.

If this occurs, Ontario will lose 35% of the GHG pollution reduction benefits that we achieved by phasing-out our dirty coal-fired power plants. The Provincial commitment to mitigate climate change by reducing GHG's will be out of reach. Municipal and individual efforts across the province to reduce GHGs through electrification and development of distributed renewable energy will be undermined by continued central gas-fired power generation.

Fortunately, there is a better way to keep our lights on. We can meet our 2030 climate target and lower our electricity bills by phasing-out our gas plants by a combination of energy efficiency investments, Quebec water power and Made-in-Ontario wind and solar energy. This [Ontario Clean Air Alliance Report](#) provides more detail on the plan, and the alternatives.

Our [call for the phase-out of Ontario's gas-fired power plants](#) by 2030 has been endorsed by over 45 organizations including the David Suzuki Foundation, the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario and Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment.

Capping GHG emissions and then phasing out gas-fired power plants will benefit municipalities. It will:

- create the opportunity for local, distributed renewable power generation projects, with the employment and community benefits that they bring.
- help to prevent the climate-related impacts (fires, flooding, weather events, climate-related health impacts) that are an ever-increasing burden for municipalities and citizens.
- provide GHG-free electricity to feed municipal and community GHG reduction projects
- equip your region to compete in the green economy of the future.

The City of Kitchener and Town of Halton Hills were the first to pass resolutions on October 26 calling for the Province of Ontario to move toward phasing out gas-fired power

plants. **We are hoping that the City of London will join them.** This [draft resolution](#) is a place to start.

We are available to support consideration of this issue any way that we can. For example, we can provide technical background or a speaker (Jack Gibbons) for webinars or deputation- please contact me.

We look forward to hearing from you, and working together to ensure that Ontario's electricity supply is a sound foundation for GHG reduction across the province.

Best regards,

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Hello Jerri-Joanne,

Yes, we would appreciate being added to the Planning and Environment Committee agenda. We would like to provide a brief deputation by Jack Gibbons of the Ontario Clean Air Alliance providing background and an opportunity for the Councillors to ask questions.

Please confirm the date. Would this be a virtual meeting?

You do have our permission to place the item on the public agenda and City of London website.

Thank you for your quick response!

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