



July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

As Canada's largest city, Toronto is very well positioned to show leadership and commitment to a sustainable future with TransformTO 2050. This ambitious and achievable plan will enable Toronto to reach our target of reducing carbon emissions by 80 per cent by 2050.

We need a bold plan because the reduction of carbon emissions is very urgent. A recent report by scientists entitled: [Three years to safeguard our Climate](#) shows that the risks of abandoning the planet to climate change are too great to ignore.

Temperatures are rising quickly and we are running out of time; [Canada is 1.7 C warmer](#) than in 1948.

Under the business-as-planned scenario, Toronto would miss its 2050 target by a staggering 8.7 million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions. That is not an acceptable outcome for our city. On April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Environmental Commissioner of Ontario Dianne Saxe spoke in City Hall Council Chambers on Toronto's Climate Challenge. Her excellent presentation can be found at the links below.

**Investment by other levels of government, by the private sector, and by private citizens** will all help in the rollout of the TransformTO plan. But we must start with the plan. **And only City Council can adopt that plan. Let's adopt a plan we can be proud of.**

We urge you to vote for the [TransformTO 2050 climate action plan](#). Pathway to a Low Carbon Toronto, in its entirety when it is before City Council tomorrow

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Note: The video of Dianne Saxe's talk is here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ky\\_tHPBHoXI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ky_tHPBHoXI) . Dianne Saxe starts speaking at minute 18:30 and concludes at 56:16. The slides from her report can be found [here](#). Her Ontario 2016 climate report Facing Climate Change can be found