



Halton Action for Climate Emergency Now

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Dear Premier Ford,

The reopening of the economy offers a unique opportunity to move it in a significantly green direction.

The economic shut down has been difficult for many people in many ways. However, one consequence of the shutdown is that most people have enjoyed is clearer, cleaner air. Most Ontarians, we believe, would want that to continue. That outcome can only be achieved by reducing the amount of pollution caused by the burning of carbon based fuels.

The undersigned organizations of Halton Region, therefore, urge your government to keep at the center of your planning for the re-stimulation of the post COVID19 economy, the promotion of accessible supplies of renewable energy and the phasing out of carbon based energy. The resulting reduction of greenhouse gases is necessary for Canada to achieve its 2015 Paris Agreement targets as well as creating thousands of well-paying, permanent green economy jobs.

We, therefore, urge you to do the following:

Accept the necessity of instituting a government regulated means of incentivizing significant reductions in the emission of carbon based gases.

Negotiate a deal to buy electricity from Hydro Quebec to replace the supply of energy that will be lost with the mothballing of Pickering Nuclear Power Station, rather than investing in new gas, oil or coal fueled power stations.

Provide large scale financing for the electrification of inner and inter city transportation.

Remove all sales tax for fully electric and hybrid-electric vehicles.

Have the Ontario Energy Corporation negotiate with filling station corporations to provide electric charging facilities at filling stations, and require the provision of charging facilities at shopping malls and public buildings.

Require energy efficiency to adhere to the Passive House Canada/Maison Passive Canada standard in the Ontario Building Code.

Require new building development plans to have high density zoning whilst also requiring all such developments to retain 30% for green areas as well as protecting wet lands and environmentally sensitive areas.

We look forward to your reply to Hart Jansson at hartjansson@gmail.com

Respectfully yours,

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