



THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.:

Title: Clean Energy Production

Date: October 26, 2020

Moved by: _____
Councillor Fogal

Seconded by: _____
Mayor Bonnette

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario is planning to [ramp up the greenhouse gas pollution](#) from Ontario's gas-fired power plants by more than 300% by 2025 and by more than 400% by 2040;

AND WHEREAS to help fuel this massive increase in fossil fuel electricity and climate threatening pollution, the provincial government recently [purchased 3 gas plants](#) including the Halton Hills power plant at a cost of \$2.8 billion
And whereas the natural gas to fuel the Halton Hills natural gas power plant is planned to be sourced primarily with fracked gas from Pennsylvania and western Canada;

AND WHEREAS fracked gas operations are very damaging to the environment and to the surrounding communities;

AND WHEREAS Enbridge is proposing to [build a new pipeline](#) through Hamilton to import fracked gas from the U.S.;

AND WHEREAS Halton Hills declared a climate emergency on May 6th 2019 and has created a Low Carbon Transition Team and a climate change division in the Town's staff structure to guide actions necessary to achieve its goal of carbon neutrality;

AND WHEREAS a major component of the Town's Low Carbon Transition strategy is to shift the Town's energy mix away from fossil fuels and onto clean Ontario electricity. If electricity is less clean then the Town will have to compensate through other more costly measures to reach its goals;

AND WHEREAS ramping up Ontario's gas plants would throwaway more than a third of the greenhouse gas reductions achieved by phasing out coal powered electricity generation;

AND WHEREAS there are cleaner, cheaper ways of meeting Ontario's electricity needs such as investing in energy retrofit programs, encouraging green energy projects such as wind and solar, encouraging district energy and geothermal energy systems, and purchasing clean hydro power from the province of Quebec.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Halton Hills requests the Province of Ontario to reverse its plan for increasing power production at its gas-fired power plants and instead reintroduce programs to incentivize energy retrofit programs for all buildings as this is the single most cost effective way of reducing demand;

AND FURTHER THAT the province reintroduce programs to encourage clean energy production such as from wind and solar power projects;

AND FURTHER THAT the province be encouraged to begin negotiations with the Province of Quebec to purchase clean hydro electricity to replace power from the phased out Pickering nuclear plant;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Ted Arnott, MPP, Michael Chong MP, Leaders the provincial Liberal, NDP and Green parties, AMO, and Halton municipalities.

Mayor Rick Bonnette