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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 4th, 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 . 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