



CLIMATEFAST

LET'S ACT ON CLIMATE - FAST!

- [Friday March 19 - Global Climate Strike](#) – contact your councillor!
- [Monday March 29 - Next KTCC training](#) – Tech Skills for ZOOM!
- [GREENPAC – Everyday Advocates](#) – planning for Town Halls!
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SUPPORT YOUTH CLIMATE STRIKERS!

FRIDAY MARCH 19 – CONTACT YOUR COUNCILLOR

Demands for the City of Toronto

**We demand the city of Toronto meet the promises of
the 2019 Climate Emergency Declaration, including:**

- GHG emissions target in line with 1.5 °C of warming
- Advancing Toronto's goal of achieving net-zero to sooner than 2050
- Creating an equitable low-carbon jobs strategy
- A report in the second quarter of 2021 on initiatives and progress
- Releasing a feasible 2021 climate action plan with clear, realistic targets

From Fridays for Future TO facebook page

FRIDAY MARCH 19 – GLOBAL CLIMATE STRIKE



On September 27th 2019 Fridays for Future held a global climate strike with millions of students and their allies filling the streets in cities around the world. In Toronto as many as 80,000 came out to send a message: Climate Emergency!

On October 2nd, 2019, the City of Toronto voted unanimously to declare a **Climate Emergency**. **This March 19, Fridays for Future is striking again** as part of the Global Climate Strike. **FFFTO are focusing the day of action on climate action at the municipal level. After the 2019 declaration, what has our city done?** Are they acting like it's an emergency? Not really. **(If you live in another municipality – find out what's up! Have the councillors declared a climate emergency? Do they have climate plan?)**

In its first budget after the Climate Emergency was declared, in Feb 2020, Council approved adding 18 staff to the Environment and Energy division to act on the climate emergency. A Net Zero report was to be prepared by the fourth quarter of 2020. Then COVID happened. Staff were redirected, new staff were not hired and **we lost a year in terms of climate action at the city. In deputations and in letters before the budget was passed in February of 2021 people called for the funds to be restored and the staff hired to bring forward the Net Zero plan as soon as possible.**

Staff brought forward a **report** on the climate declaration commitments. It has a lot of commitments that are listed as 'ongoing'; the Net Zero report has been delayed by a year and is now expected in the 4th Quarter (end of this year). **Councillors need to be encouraged to keep at it.** The 2022 budget will be even harder as there will be less support from other levels of government as we recover from COVID. **And then we will be in an election year. They NEED to hear from all of us that we care about climate action!**

Fridays for Future is asking you to write your councillors in support of strong climate action at the city. We have put a full report on the budget on our ClimateFast municipal webpage, www.climatefast.ca/carbonfreeTO. We also provide a report on key votes. *If you wrote a letter to ask for action in this year's budget you can thank your councillor for their positive votes (most voted for a climate lens on decisions) and let them know you are disappointed they have not restored funds to the Environment and Energy division, and they haven't supported accelerated planning for bike lanes.* (Check their **vote record** first). Or just simply write and say they need to be doing much more.

Always cc the Mayor, John Tory – mayor_tory@toronto.ca as he influences a lot of councillors' votes and we want to see climate leadership from the top. Let him know that. Your councillor contact information can be found at this [link](#).

If you are not sure who your councillor is check using your address at this [link](#).

For further information check the Fridays for Future [toolkit](#): Additional actions are highlighted and there's a **model letter** to send to your councillor.

MARCH 1, 7-9PM

Webcast 1

*Bringing People
Together*



Climate Justice
KTCC Process
Facilitation Tips
Sharing Emotions

March 1, 7-9pm EST

KITCHEN TABLE CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS! TWO MORE SESSIONS!

We are happy to report that our first two sessions on March 1st and March 15th have gone very well! Thanks to all the volunteers: tech team, outreach team, program team, and facilitators. We've had very positive feedback from participants and are looking forward to two more sessions. **REGISTER NOW!**

MARCH 29 – Technical Nuts & Bolts for Zoom Conversations & Inspiring Stories!

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/part-3-technical-nuts-bolts-registration-133876366817>

APRIL 12 – Collective Courage – Acknowledge, Imagine, Collaborate in On-Line

Climate Conversations - <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/part-4-collective-courage-registration-133877084965>

RECORDING OF THE FIRST SESSION CAN BE FOUND ON OUR **YOUTUBE CHANNEL**

If you'd like to get involved in our Kitchen Table Climate Conversations program email:

ktcc@climatefast.ca for information and resources go to: climateconversations.ca

We need these conversations to be happening all over Ontario and beyond!

GreenPAC has launched a new initiative called **Every Day Advocates** (EDA). They are building a national network of Canadians from all regions of the country and offering tools, resources and training to build the capacity of folks at the community level to advocate for environmental progress and hold elected leaders accountable. **GreenPAC aims to hold 100+ town halls in ridings across the country in May** and send a strong message to MPs that Canadians from coast-to-coast expect bold action. Get involved [here](#).

GreenPAC especially appreciates help finding organizers in the GTA, particularly the 905.

PATHWAYS TO ZERO - CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK WEBINARS

- Session 9 - Thursday March 18 – 1 pm – [Cooperative Capacity Building](#)
- Session 10 - Thursday March 25 – 1 pm – [Indigenous Sovereignty & Energy Solutions](#)

All webinars are recorded and can be accessed [here](#).

ClimateFast is a member of Climate Action Network – Canada.

ONTARIO LIBERAL PARTY CONSULTATION: HAVE YOUR SAY

The Ontario Liberal Party is hosting a [consultation](#). ClimateFast is non-partisan -meaning we push all the parties to have great climate policies. So this is an opportunity – there's a whole section where you can call for renewables, conservation, and other strong climate action. One of the questions is a bit of a trick question as it throws small modular reactors and hydrogen in with renewables and so answer that one carefully. ClimateFast does not have a position on nuclear. For more information on what civil society groups are saying about SMRs check the International CCPI (Climate Change Performance Index, it also gives a perspective on the lag in development of renewables) at [this link](#). Check this [article](#) and [this link](#).

ONTARIO NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAS RELEASED ITS PLATFORM ON CLIMATE CHANGE: ONTARIO'S GREEN NEW DEMOCRATIC DEAL.

A plan for climate, jobs, and justice. Landing page [here](#). Take a look at the program [here](#).

ClimateFast is a non-partisan group and we will include information about the platforms of all the parties as they are made available to us.

Resources:

Fabulous polling webinar: What do Canadians think about Climate Change?

Rollup of 40 recent polls on attitudes to climate and energy questions, and what that can tell us about how to communicate about the climate crisis.

[Slides](#) [Recording](#) [Report](#)

How to Transform Apocalypse Fatigue into Climate Action – [TED Talk](#)

HISTORY OF CLIMATEFAST – FEDERAL CAMPAIGN 2012 – 2015

[Webinar](#) on Fasting for Justice, Feb 28, 2021 – go to min 33 for 10 minutes on how ClimateFast started.

HISTORY OF OUR CITY CAMPAIGN IN A 2 MINUTE VIDEO – [VALENTINE'S DAY 2017](#)

PROJECT DRAWDOWN LAUNCHES [CLIMATE SOLUTIONS 101](#)

NATURE IS SPEAKING [VIDEOS](#)

Go to ourclimateemergency.wordpress.com for what you can do about our Climate Crisis.

Go to myclimatechange.home.blog for daily posts on climate and Indigenous news from mainstream media.

Subscribe to www.theenergymix.com for 3 x weekly news on energy and climate!

DO YOU WANT TO GET MORE INVOLVED?

ClimateFast seeks volunteers – your skills are needed! fill out our [volunteer application](#)

CAN YOU MAKE A DONATION TO CLIMATEFAST?

We very much appreciate your support! If you are able to donate click [here](#)



From Anne Keary's presentation on the Science of Social Change, March 15

Learn more in this 2 min [video clip](#) and in this 10 min [presentation](#)

THANKYOU EVERYONE! WE ARE CREATING THE FUTURE TOGETHER!!!!



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