



OAKVILLE

## REPORT

COUNCIL MEETING

MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 2, 2009

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**FROM:** Environmental Policy

**DATE:** October 21, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Provincial Southwest GTA Air Quality Improvement Plan

**LOCATION:** Town wide

**WARD:** Town wide

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### RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Premier of Ontario, the Chief Medical Officer of Health and the Minister of the Environment be requested to ensure that:
  - a. The Corporation of the Town of Oakville and the Oakville community have representation on the Provincial Task Force to develop a detailed action plan to improve air quality through the reduction of emissions from local industrial, vehicular, and residential sources in the southwest GTA;
  - b. the necessary environmental, health and engineering experts be retained to provide input and oversight to the development of the Provincial southwest GTA air quality improvement plan;
  - c. the Plan will be comprehensive with an objective of improving the air quality in the Oakville – Clarkson Airshed with air quality improvement targets, timelines, strategies and reporting requirements; and,
  - d. there will be sufficient funds assigned for implementation of all aspects of the Plan.
  
2. That the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure and the Ontario Power Authority be requested to include the Corporation of The Town of Oakville and Oakville community representation on the Working Group on Cleaner Energy and Industrial Efficiency.
  
3. That the Premier of Ontario, the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure and the Ontario Power Authority be requested to involve the local utilities, Oakville Hydro and Union Gas, and the Town of Oakville in the design of a new industrial energy efficiency program to reduce both electricity and gas consumption in the southwest GTA that will be funded by an OPA investment of up to \$30 million over five years.

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**BACKGROUND:**

The Town has been engaged in the review of the proposed Ontario Power Authority (OPA) 850 megawatt (MW) natural gas fired power plant in the southwest GTA area since it was announced in fall 2008 and is now responding to the OPA announcement of the award of the project to TransCanada Corporation.

On September 30, 2009, the OPA announced it would sign a contract with TransCanada Corporation to design, build and operate a 900 MW electricity generating station on Royal Windsor Drive at Maple Grove Drive in Oakville.

Background on this involvement and a course of action related to the TransCanada project were provided to Council at the October 20, 2009 Special Council meeting.

**COMMENT/OPTIONS:**

On the same day as the OPA announced the award of the southwest GTA power plant to TransCanada, September 30, 2009, the Province of Ontario announced a plan to improve air quality in the southwest GTA to reduce emissions and industrial energy consumption. The plan comprises:

- The launching of a new Task Force by the Ministry of Environment required to develop a detailed action plan to improve air quality through the reduction of emissions from local industrial, vehicular, and residential sources in the southwest GTA. A report is to include air quality improvement targets, timelines, strategies and reporting requirements. It is expected that the report will be delivered to the Province by the end of June 2010.
- An OPA investment of up to \$30 million over five years for a new industrial energy efficiency program to reduce both electricity and gas consumption in the southwest GTA. The OPA is designing the new program with local electricity and gas distributors.
- Initiatives to continue to deliver major energy savings: The OPA is working to achieve 500 megawatts of conservation in the west GTA by 2014.
- The establishment of a Working Group on Cleaner Energy and Industrial Efficiency with cement company Holcim Canada Inc., along with Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure (MEI) and OPA, to examine opportunities to achieve cleaner industrial emissions, including the feasibility of various options related to demand side management, co-generation and fuel mix optimization, all with a goal of increasing efficiency and improving the plant's overall emissions profile.
- Maximizing the potential of the new Feed-In Tariff in the southwest GTA by working closely with local distribution companies to find opportunities for renewable energy generation.

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On October 14, 2009, the City of Mississauga, and on October 28, 2009, the Region of Halton, passed resolutions that called upon the Province to ensure that:

- the plan prepared by the Provincial Task Force is comprehensive;
- will involve local residents;
- will improve the air quality in the Oakville – Clarkson Airshed;
- has sufficient funds assigned for implementation;
- the necessary environmental, health and engineering experts are retained by the Province to inform the development of this plan; and
- restrictions are placed on the issuance of Certificates of Approvals (Air) until the Provincial plan is implemented.

These resolutions are attached as Appendices A and B.

At the October 20, 2009 Special Council meeting, Mr. Doug MacKenzie, Chair of the newly established Citizens for Clean Air, and President of the Chartwell-Maplegrave Residents Association (CMGRA) presented Council with several suggestions for Council's consideration. At the meeting two modifications to the staff recommendations were accommodated under recommendation number four. The resolution from the Special Council meeting on October 20, 2009 is attached as Appendix C. Staff was directed to take the remaining suggestions under consideration and report back at their earliest convenience.

One of these suggestions was that:

*'The Town of Oakville call upon the Government of the Province of Ontario, the Chief Medical Officer of Health and the Minister of the Environment, to assure the residents of the Town of Oakville that the Town will be provided with representation on the Provincial Task Force and that the Provincial Government will ensure that the necessary environmental, health and engineering experts are retained by the Province to provide the necessary expertise required by the Task Force to carry out its mandate of developing and presenting a comprehensive action plan for improving air quality in the southwest GTA.'*

Considering the Provincial initiative, the City of Mississauga's and Region of Halton's motions, and the suggestion from the Citizens for Clean Air, the following issues should be ensured, that:

- The Corporation of the Town of Oakville and the Oakville community have representation on the Provincial Task Force.
- the Province retains the necessary environmental, health and engineering experts to provide input and oversight to the development of the Provincial southwest GTA air quality improvement plan.
- the Plan will be comprehensive with an objective of improving the air quality in the Oakville – Clarkson Airshed.

- there will be sufficient funds assigned for implementation of all aspects of the Plan.
- the Town and the Oakville community have representation on the Working Group on Cleaner Energy and Industrial Efficiency.
- the local utilities, Oakville Hydro and Union Gas, and the Town are involved in the design of a new industrial energy efficiency program to reduce both electricity and gas consumption in the southwest GTA that will be funded by an OPA investment of up to \$30 million over five years.

These recommendations are to ensure the interests of The Corporation of the Town of Oakville and Oakville community are represented on the Provincial Task Force and this action in no way signifies Council's support for TransCanada's proposed Oakville Generating Station project.

Another comment made by Mr. MacKenzie suggested the following:

*'That it be clearly communicated to the Province, the Ontario Power Authority, TransCanada, Ford Canada and any other proponents of the Oakville Generating Station(OGS) that:*

- (a) The Town of Oakville and its residents do not in any way support or welcome the proposed Oakville Generating Station;*
- (b) The OGS would pose obvious and serious risks to this and neighboring communities and any persons using critical rail and roads that pass through it, particularly given it's recognized harmful emissions, extraordinary proximity to homes and schools, and the community's already stressed airshed;*
- (c) Far better alternatives to the OGS have not been adequately reviewed, considered and pursued; and*
- (d) The proposed OGS would appear to be in conflict with the stated social policy goals and objectives of the Province.'*

These suggestions were reviewed at the October 20, 2009 Special Council meeting. Council indicated that the Town of Oakville does not support the TransCanada Oakville Generating Station proposal. Council further acknowledged through its resolution of October 20, 2009 that the proposal will be addressed through a scientific and evidence-based response as outlined by staff and external legal counsel. The Town's commitment to a Land Use Planning Study related to power generation facilities also supports this direction.

The remaining suggestion made in the presentation by Mr. Mackenzie stated that:

*'Town lawyers, consultants and staff work cooperatively in a CO-ACTIVE fashion with citizens of the Community in an unprecedented way to maximize the latent resources available and develop the strongest challenge to the plant.'*

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Council and staff acknowledged that the involvement of the community in this initiative is highly desirable and that cooperative efforts where possible would be beneficial. At the same time, it was also recognized that there will continue to be matters relating to legal strategies under solicitor-client privilege that may require confidentiality as this issue progresses in future.

Correspondence detailing Council's resolution of October 20, 2009 has been issued to:

- the OPA;
- TransCanada;
- the Honourable Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario;
- the Honourable George Smitherman, Minister of Energy and Infrastructure;
- the Honourable John Gerretsen, Minister of the Environment;
- MPP Kevin Flynn, Oakville;
- MPP Ted Chudleigh, Halton;
- MPP Charles Sousa, Mississauga South;
- the Honourable Lisa Raitt, Minister of Natural Resources and MP Halton;
- MP Terence Young, Oakville;
- Gary Carr, Chair, Halton Region; and,
- Gord Miller, Environmental Commissioner of Ontario.

The Town will be issuing further correspondence with these contacts as necessary to communicate more specific and detailed information regarding the relevant concerns, and jurisdictional, legislative or approval process issues.

Staff will continue to bring forward reports on this matter to future meetings. As noted in the report to the October 20, 2009, Special Council meeting, when necessary, such reports may be deemed confidential in nature requiring consideration in closed meeting session to address legal strategy options under solicitor-client privilege.

Staff is also aware of another initiative in the Clarkson – Oakville area related to the formation of a Holcim (Canada) Community Advisory Panel that will be the subject of a future report to the Administrative Services Committee on November 10, 2009.

## **CONSIDERATIONS:**

### **(A) PUBLIC**

The Oakville community has clearly expressed concerns regarding the expected negative impacts on their community, air quality, environment and safety related to siting a natural gas fired power generation plant in south east Oakville.

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**(B) FINANCIAL**

Financial implications are not expected related to this report.

**(C) IMPACT ON OTHER DEPARTMENTS & USERS**

These initiatives will have significant impact on many Departments within the Town.

**(D) CORPORATE AND/OR DEPARTMENT STRATEGIC GOALS**

This report addresses the corporate strategic goal to:

- enhance our natural environment
- be the most livable town in Canada

**APPENDICES:**

Appendix A – Motion from the City of Mississauga related to the Provincial Southwest GTA Air Quality Improvement Plan

Appendix B – Motion from the Region of Halton related to the Provincial Southwest GTA Air Quality Improvement Plan

Appendix C – Resolution Passed by the Council of the Town of Oakville at the Special Council Meeting of October 20, 2009

Submitted by:  
Cindy Toth, Director  
Environmental Policy



RESOLUTION 0230-2009  
adopted by the Council of  
The Corporation of the City of Mississauga  
at its meeting on October 14, 2009

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**Moved by: P. Mullin**

**Seconded by: G. Carlson**

WHEREAS on September 30, 2009 the Ontario Power Authority announced that TransCanada Company was selected to design, build and operate a 900 Megawatt natural gas-fired power plant, in the Town of Oakville at Royal Windsor Drive which is a location close to the western boundary of the City of Mississauga;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of the Environment (“MOE”) has completed Parts I, II and III of the Clarkson Airshed Study in which the Clarkson Airshed Study Area encompasses an area approximately 20 square kilometres around the former Town of Clarkson which includes the western area of the City of Mississauga and eastern area of the Town of Oakville;

AND WHEREAS the location of the selected 900 Megawatt natural gas-fired power plant is within the Clarkson Airshed Study Area;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of the Environment (“MOE”) has determined through the Clarkson Airshed Study, that the air quality in the Clarkson Airshed is “taxed” as it is comprised of elevated levels of air contaminants;

AND WHEREAS the proposed power plant will certainly be a large industrial emitter of air pollution into the Clarkson Airshed Study Area and as such add more air pollutants to an already “taxed” airshed;

AND WHEREAS the Trans Canada Company will be required to obtain a Certificate of Approval from the MOE under the *Environmental Protection Act* and its regulations prior to the operation of the gas fired power plant;

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AND WHEREAS the Statement of Environmental Values for the MOE include the following principles:

The Ministry adopts an ecosystem approach to environmental protection and resource management. This approach views the ecosystem as composed of air, land, water and living organisms, including humans, and the interactions among them.

The Ministry considers the cumulative, additive and synergistic effects on the environment; the interdependence of air, land, water and living organisms; and the relationships among the environment, the economy and society.

The Ministry considers the effects of its decisions on current and future generations, consistent with sustainable development principles.

The Ministry uses a precautionary, science-based approach in its decision making to protect human health and the environment.

The Ministry's environmental protection strategy will place priority on preventing pollution and minimizing the creation of pollutants that can adversely affect the environment.

The Ministry endeavours to have the perpetrator of pollution pay for the cost of clean up and rehabilitation consistent with the polluter pays principle.

AND WHEREAS the MOE shall take into account its Statement of Environmental Values when it is considering an application for an approval under the *Environmental Protection Act* ("EPA") such as a certificate of approval;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government has recently announced that it "is launching a plan to help improve air quality in the southwest Greater Toronto Area following concerns raised in the community. The measures are designed to reduce emissions as well as reduce industrial energy consumption."

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government's plan to help improve air quality in the southwest GTA includes, among other things, the following measures:

(i) That the MOE will launch a new task force that will develop and report back by the end of June 2010 on a detailed action plan to improve air quality through the reduction of emissions from local industrial, vehicular, and residential sources in the southwest GTA. It will include air quality improvement targets, timelines, strategies and reporting requirements; and

(ii) The establishment of a Working Group on Cleaner Energy and Industrial Efficiency with cement company Holcim Canada Inc., along with MEI and OPA, to examine cleaner industrial emission.

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AND WHEREAS this Council has already adopted Resolutions No. 0078-2009 and No.0192-2009, which addressed City concerns about adding any further air pollution to an already “taxed” airshed, in which Council resolved in the most recent resolution that:

(i) The City called upon MOE to take into account the principles in its own Statement of Environmental Values if it is asked to consider any approval under the EPA, such as a certificate of approval, for any proposed industrial use in the airshed area;

(ii) The City called upon the Provincial Government, the Chief Medical Officer of Health and the MOE to assure the residents that the findings in the Clarkson Airshed Study will be taken into account in the review of any approval under the EPA for an industrial user in the airshed area;

(iii) The City called upon the Provincial Government, the Chief Medical Officer of Health and the MOE to review the Certificates of Approval in the Clarkson Airshed for existing major polluters whenever expansion is considered taking into account the existing regulatory standards, the cumulative effects of their emissions and background pollutant concentrations;

(iv) The City called upon the Provincial Government and the MOE to consider applying the “polluter pay” principle by attaching to any approval a condition that the industrial user pay the costs of any increase in pollution level in the Clarkson Airshed, including any increase in health care costs attributed to the rise in pollution; and

(v) The City called upon the Provincial Government and the MOE to ensure that strict monitoring and public reporting requirements be attached to any approval under the EPA such as a certificate of approval.

AND WHEREAS on June 25, 2009 the Region of Peel adopted Resolution No. 2009-765 calling upon the Minister of Energy and Infrastructure to terminate the procurement process to site an electricity generating facility in the Clarkson airshed area because of the adverse impact such a facility will have on ambient air quality in the vicinity;

AND WHEREAS on July 15, 2009 Halton Regional Council adopted a similar resolution because of the potential impacts the air contamination in the area identified by the Clarkson airshed study, can have to human health;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City of Mississauga calls upon the Government of the Province of Ontario, the Chief Medical Officer of Health and the Minister of the Environment, to assure the residents of the City of Mississauga that the Provincial Task Force which will be established to develop and present a comprehensive action plan for improving air quality in the southwest GTA will state as one of its goals the improvement of the air quality in the Clarkson Airshed Study Area and that the Task Force be appropriated sufficient funds by the Provincial Government to carry out all the work that it is necessary to complete its comprehensive action plan;
2. The City of Mississauga calls upon the Government of the Province of Ontario, the Chief Medical Officer of Health and the Minister of the Environment, to assure the residents of the City of Mississauga that the City will be provided with representation on the Provincial Task Force and that the Provincial Government will ensure that the necessary environmental, health and engineering experts are retained by the Province to provide the necessary expertise required by the Task Force to carry out its mandate of developing and presenting a comprehensive action plan for improving air quality in the southwest GTA;
3. The City of Mississauga calls upon the Government of the Province of Ontario, to implement the recommendations from the Provincial Task Force necessary to improve the air quality in the Clarkson Airshed Study Area and to monitor and report to the public any change in the air quality;
4. The City of Mississauga calls upon the Government of the Province of Ontario and the Minister of the Environment, to assure the residents of the City of Mississauga that it will not consider for approval any certificates of approval for large industrial users in the Clarkson Airshed Study Area, including the proposed gas-fired plant in the Town of Oakville, until the recommendations from the Provincial Task Force to improve the air quality in the southwest GTA have been implemented and it can be verified through further airshed study that the air pollution in the Clarkson Airshed has decreased to a level where the airshed is no longer a "taxed" airshed;
5. That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Minister of the Environment, Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, Medical Officer of Health for Peel Region, Medical Officer of Health for Halton Region, all local MPPs, Region of Peel and Region of Halton.



October 29, 2009

Ms. Cathie Best, Town Clerk  
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Dear Ms. Best:

**RE: Clarkson Airshed Study Area and Provincial Task force on Air Quality in the Southwest GTA**

This will confirm that the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton, at its meeting held Wednesday, October 28, 2009, adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS on September 30, 2009 the Ontario Power Authority announced that TransCanada Company was selected to design, build and operate a 900 Megawatt natural gas-fired power plant, in the Town of Oakville at Royal Windsor Drive which is a location close to the western boundary of the City of Mississauga;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of the Environment ("MOE") has completed Parts I, II and III of the Clarkson Airshed Study in which the Clarkson Airshed Study Area encompasses an area approximately 20 square kilometres around the former Town of Clarkson which includes the western area of the City of Mississauga and eastern area of the Town of Oakville;

AND WHEREAS the location of the selected 900 Megawatt natural gas-fired power plant is within the Clarkson Airshed Study Area;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of the Environment ("MOE") has determined through the Clarkson Airshed Study, that the air quality in the Clarkson Airshed is "taxed" as it is comprised of elevated levels of air contaminants;

AND WHEREAS the Trans Canada Company will be required to obtain a Certificate of Approval from the MOE under the *Environmental Protection Act* and its regulations prior to the operation of the gas fired power plant;

AND WHEREAS the Statement of Environmental Values for the MOE include the following principles:

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The Ministry considers the cumulative, additive and synergistic effects on the environment; the interdependence of air, land, water and living organisms; and the relationships among the environment, the economy and society.

The Ministry considers the effects of its decisions on current and future generations, consistent with sustainable development principles.

The Ministry uses a precautionary, science-based approach in its decision making to protect human health and the environment.

The Ministry's environmental protection strategy will place priority on preventing pollution and minimizing the creation of pollutants that can adversely affect the environment.

The Ministry endeavours to have the perpetrator of pollution pay for the cost of clean up and rehabilitation consistent with the polluter pays principle.

AND WHEREAS the MOE shall take into account its Statement of Environmental Values when it is considering an application for an approval under the *Environmental Protection Act* ("EPA") such as a certificate of approval;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government has recently announced that it "is launching a plan to help improve air quality in the southwest Greater Toronto Area following concerns raised in the community. The measures are designed to reduce emissions as well as reduce industrial energy consumption."

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government's plan to help improve air quality in the southwest GTA includes, among other things, the following measures:

(i) That the MOE will launch a new task force that will develop and report back by the end of June 2010 on a detailed action plan to improve air quality through the reduction of emissions from local industrial, vehicular, and residential sources in the southwest GTA. It will include air quality improvement targets, timelines, strategies and reporting requirements; and

(ii) The establishment of a Working Group on Cleaner Energy and Industrial Efficiency with cement company Holcim Canada Inc., along with MEI and OPA, to examine cleaner industrial emission.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Regional Municipality of Halton calls upon the Government of the Province of Ontario, the Chief Medical Officer of Health and the Minister of the Environment, to assure the residents of the Region of Halton that the Provincial Task Force which will be established to develop and present a comprehensive action plan for improving air

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quality in the southwest GTA will state as one of its goals the improvement of the air quality in the Clarkson Airshed Study Area and that the Task Force be appropriated sufficient funds by the Provincial Government to carry out all the work that it is necessary to complete its comprehensive action plan.

2. THAT the Regional Municipality of Halton calls upon the Government of the Province of Ontario, the Chief Medical Officer of Health and the Minister of the Environment to ensure that the necessary environmental, health and engineering experts are retained by the Province to provide the necessary expertise required by the Provincial Task Force to carry out its mandate of developing and presenting a comprehensive action plan for improving air quality in the southwest GTA.
3. THAT the Regional Municipality of Halton calls upon the Government of the Province of Ontario, to implement the recommendations from the Provincial Task Force necessary to improve the air quality in the Clarkson Airshed Study Area and to monitor and report to the public any change in the air quality.
4. THAT the Regional Municipality of Halton calls upon the Government of the Province of Ontario and the Minister of the Environment, to assure the residents of Halton Region that it will not consider for approval any certificates of approval for large industrial users in the Clarkson Airshed Study Area, including the proposed gas-fired plant in the Town of Oakville, until the recommendations from the Provincial Task Force to improve the air quality in the southwest GTA have been implemented and it can be verified through further airshed study that the air pollution in the Clarkson Airshed has decreased to a level where the airshed is no longer a "taxed" airshed.
5. THAT a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Minister of the Environment, Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, Medical Officer of Health for Peel Region, all local MPPs, Region of Peel and the City of Mississauga.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Bob Nosal, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health.

Sincerely,



Gina van den Burg  
Deputy Clerk and Supervisor of  
Council & Committee Services

c. Dr. Bob Nosal, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health



**RESOLUTION PASSED BY  
THE COUNCIL OF THE  
TOWN OF OAKVILLE AT THE  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF  
OCTOBER 20, 2009**

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**1. TransCanada Power Plant**

1. That the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) be requested to provide the Town with:
  - a. the detailed results of the Request For Proposal (RFP) evaluation and rating assessment of the four proposals received for the Southwest Greater Toronto Area (GTA) power plant; and
  - b. all records received, commissioned or requested by the OPA that address technical, environmental, social and/or economic issues relevant to the RFP evaluation.
2. That TransCanada Energy Ltd. be requested to release to the Town all related documents and reports submitted to the OPA and/or the Ontario Ministry of the Environment respecting technical, environmental, social and/or economic issues, including system requirements and data relating to: air quality, human health, ecological health, environment, infrastructure, property values, operations, plume, emission controls, noise, vibration, and any other related impact assessment data, for public review.
3. That the Province, including the Premier and the Ministers of Energy and Infrastructure, and the Environment, be advised that the Town does not accept as adequate for this large-scale project in this urban setting the environmental assessment process referenced as the 'Environmental Screening Process' under the *2001 Electricity Projects Regulation*, as it has no substantive standards, no process to consider alternatives, allows the proponents to define what impacts are or are not significant, involves no provincial approval, and permits no hearing or appeal by affected parties.
4. That Members of Provincial Parliament, Oakville MPP Kevin Flynn and Halton MPP Ted Chudleigh and Mississauga-South MPP Charles Sousa, be requested to ensure the following:

- a. That the Minister of the Environment immediately elevate the required project environmental assessment to an "individual" Environmental Assessment (EA) under Part II of the *Environmental Assessment Act* and not permit the continuation of any 'Screening'-level EA for this proposed project.
  - b. That the Minister of the Environment establish sufficient law or policy to direct or otherwise ensure that the appointed director under the *Environmental Protection Act* will, for any required Certificate of Approval or permit process for this project, demand necessary information on and consider:
    - i. All contaminants emitted from the proposed project, including toxic substances for which the Ministry has no binding standards, such as particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>);
    - ii. The quality of the existing environment in relation to its existing impacts on or risks to human health;
    - iii. Emission standards necessary to ensure protection of human health and the environment;
    - iv. Emission controls necessary to prevent any adverse effects from the project, alone, or in combination with existing pollution levels;
    - v. The risks to human health, assessed quantitatively, from anticipated and worst-case levels of project emissions, and with and without proposed emission controls and/or other mitigation and with due regard for times during stressed airshed conditions.
  - c. That the Minister of the Environment establish sufficient law or policy to direct or otherwise ensure that the full rights of public notice and access to information, as set out and/or provided in the *Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR)*, exist for any instruments required by this proposed project, and that such rights are not exempted by the use of Ministerial powers or opinions set out in S. 32 of the EBR.
5. That the local Members of Parliament, the Honourable Lisa Raitt and MP Terence Young, be called upon to ensure that:
- a. the Minister of the Environment makes an interim order and future regulations under the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act* to deal with the significant danger to human life and health presented by PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions from the proposed project; and
  - b. the appropriate federal departments and agencies, including Environment Canada, Health Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and Transport Canada, are engaged in the review of the potential health, environmental, and safety impacts of the siting of a natural gas fired power generating station in south east Oakville.

6. That Region of Halton Chair Gary Carr be requested to ensure that the regional Health Department continue to monitor and provide input throughout the approval process addressing human health and air quality impacts of the proposed generating station in south east Oakville.
7. That the Town of Oakville file a request with the Environmental Commissioner seeking the establishment of a provincial regulation on PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions.
8. That the submissions received this evening from Doug MacKenzie, Citizens for Clean Air (C4CA), be forwarded to staff for review.



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**CATHE L. BEST**  
**TOWN CLERK**