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**Re: Support for Council motion affirming recent OEB rejection of customers paying for new Enbridge pipelines**

Dear City of Guelph Council:

Thanks for your and staff's work towards a prosperous, inclusive, and enjoyable city.

Thanks also for your commitment to Net Zero carbon pollution by 2050 and recent actions such as retrofitting the West End Rec Centre's space heating off gas and [onto heat pumps](#).<sup>1</sup>

I am writing on behalf of the Fossil Fuel Out of School Planning Team who live in Guelph. We are a movement of residents within the Upper Grand District School Board boundary who do not want current and upcoming new schools heated with fossil fuels. Heat pumps are the proven alternative. Our [current petition](#)<sup>2</sup> to the School Board has over 300 signatures. We are seeing progress with new school builds: the new Centre Wellington Elementary School and South Guelph Secondary School will be getting primarily heat pump heating (see [video here](#) and [the approved recommendation here](#)).<sup>3,4</sup>

We support Councillor's Leanne Caron's motion coming to Council on March 26 affirming the recent OEB rejection of Enbridge's request that customers pay for new fossil fuel pipelines.

Public and private money would be better spent on our electric future in new developments, such as laying the needed electrical infrastructure and making the installation of cold climate heat pumps the cheapest option for homebuilders compared to furnaces.

The Upper Grand District School Board and City of Guelph need electric-forward investments to realistically meet their pollution reduction targets. This OEB decision is a step in the right direction.

Please support Councilor Caron's motion.

Thanks for your time and service.

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For the Fossil Fuel Out of School Planning Team

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.guelphtoday.com/local-news/west-end-community-centre-hvac-upgrades-resume-5206556>

<sup>2</sup> <https://getinvolvedguelph.ca/actions/fossil-fuel-out-of-school/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://vimeo.com/907469918?share=copy#t=38m20s>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.ugdsb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/2024-02-13-FF-Committee-Report-Jan-23-2024-1.pdf>