

Re: Item 4.1 City of Hamilton Resolution: Support for the Decision of the Ontario Energy Board to End the Gas Pipeline Subsidy

I fully support the decision of the Ontario Energy Board to end the gas pipeline subsidy for all of the reasons stated in the City of Hamilton's letter.

In reviewing our progress since declaring a climate crisis, it is clear that Guelph has not been taking its climate commitments seriously.

Sending a message to the province in solidarity with neighbouring municipalities and in support of the Guelph citizens is a small step towards reestablishing our commitments.

Additionally the case for moving away from gas heating toward heat pumps seems quite strong. Anecdotally I have heard that heat pumps are a surprisingly cost effective supplemental heat source for homes. Having recently communicated with the OEB in an unrelated matter and having a very positive experience I am inclined to trust their expertise.

Regards,
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