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VIA RESS, EMAIL and COURIER

Ms Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, Suite 2700
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Dear Ms Walli:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (“Enbridge”)
Cap and Trade Application (“Application”)
Ontario Energy Board (“Board”) File Number EB-2017-0224
Undertaking Responses**

Attached please find Enbridge Gas Distribution's undertaking responses taken during the Hearing Days on April 26 and 27, 2018.

These responses were filed through the Board's Regulatory Electronic Submission System and will be available on the Enbridge website at www.enbridgegas.com/ratescase.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

[original signed]

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cc: Mr. D. O'Leary, Aird & Berlis LLP
Mr. D. Stevens, Aird & Berlis LLP
All Interested Parties EB-2017-0224 (via email)

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To go over Union's approach to it and identify what those differences are from a PGVA point of view; in other words, what are the differences that may impact costs to ratepayers in the handling of these costs.

RESPONSE

The Union Gas Ontario Energy Board ("OEB") approved QRAM methodology is a "two-step" process where Union calculates a Dawn Reference Price which is charged to customers as a gas cost, Union then calculates prospective differences between Union's portfolio and the Dawn Reference Price, charged to customers as a gas cost adjustment.

Enbridge's OEB approved QRAM methodology is a "one-step" process where Enbridge calculates a PGVA Reference Price, which is calculated by applying a 21 day forecast of monthly market based prices and any applicable toll changes to the OEB approved portfolio. This becomes the basis for the updated rates charged to customers.

There is no financial impact to customers of this difference. Customers of Union see the cost spread over two line items on their bill whereas customers of Enbridge see it on one line, however, the total costs are the same.

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To provide data requested in Dr. Higgin's table

RESPONSE

Please see the table below in response to the request from Dr. Higgins. The Estimated \$/m³ and \$/tCO2e are simple averages based on the program costs and results for Resource Acquisition and Low Income but excluding Market Transformation and Overhead costs.

	2015*	2016**	2017***	2018***	2019***	2020***	Total
Cumulative m3	865,616,753	1,071,865,515	1,202,600,927	1,315,493,693	1,367,576,784	1,423,764,106	7,246,917,778
Tonnes CO2e	1,623,031	2,009,748	2,254,877	2,466,551	2,564,206	2,669,558	13,587,971
Estimated Cost \$/m3	\$ 0.035	\$ 0.044	\$ 0.043	\$ 0.043	\$ 0.041	\$ 0.040	\$ 0.041
Estimated Cost \$/tCO2e	\$ 18.83	\$ 23.68	\$ 23.05	\$ 22.89	\$ 21.70	\$ 21.26	\$ 22.00

* Costs and savings values are from the 2015 annual report
** Costs and savings values are from draft the 2016 annual report
*** Costs and savings values are forecast values
**** Draft and forecast values can change significantly as a result of many factors. For example a change in the Freeridership values can result in a substantial change to the Cumulative m3

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To provide the split between the two programs, how many homes and how many adaptive thermostats for each one.

RESPONSE

The GIF Home Energy Conservation Program results forecast for 2018 include 16,000 customers which are participating in the retrofit portion, and 14,750 for the adaptive thermostat portion. There may be overlaps between customers who participate in the retrofit and adaptive programs, said another way, the participants of the two programs may not be mutually exclusive. The introduction of GreenON programs may have an impact on these forecasts.

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To provide Mr. Brett with citations in the evidence for discounted versus non-discounted data.

RESPONSE

Mr. Brett requested four values, the total cost of the utility programs for 2018, the 2018 Forecast CCM, the program cost per CCM and the current price of carbon.

The total forecasted cost of the utility programs and the forecast price of carbon for 2018 based on the LTCPF can be found in the attachment for Exhibit JT2.1.

The 2018 Forecast CCM and the program cost per CCM can be found in Exhibit J3.2.

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To provide more information about the low income behavioural pilot program mentioned at Exhibit C, Tab 5, Schedule 2, page 29

RESPONSE

As clarified during the hearing, this Undertaking is in response to the behavioural program under the Green Investment Fund (“GIF”), not as part of a low income program.

As outlined at Exhibit C, Tab 5, Schedule 2, pages 28 and 29 of Enbridge’s 2018 Cap and Trade Compliance Plan, Enbridge entered into an agreement with the Ministry of Energy (“MOE”) to offer an advanced home energy audit and retrofit program over the course of three years (2016-2018) through GIF.

The scope of work has been expanded to deliver a residential energy efficiency behavioural improvement program over a 2 year period (2017-2018). For clarification this is not a pilot program.

This program is targeted to 140,000 residential customers, including low income. The objectives of the program are to drive behavioural changes to improve energy efficiency, generate customer bill savings and reduce GHG emissions. In addition, the program will introduce customers to other DSM offerings such as the Home Energy Conservation program.

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To explain why, if you add up the ratepayer-funded of 43.162 million and the GIF-funded of 41.427 million, it's about \$24 million less than the 109 million.

RESPONSE

There was an inadvertent administrative error in the response to Environmental Defence Interrogatory #32 found at Exhibit I.1.EGDI.ED.32

The third table has been updated to reflect the accurate addition of the first two tables.

Ratepayer funded Resource Acquisition Programs	2018	2019	2020
Budget (\$)	\$43,162,456	\$42,056,270	\$42,908,517
Lifetime NG (million m³)¹	1,028.4	1,046.2	1,064.9
Lifetime GHG (tonnes CO₂e)	1,928,250	1,961,630	1,996,690

GIF funded program	2018	2019	2020
Budget (\$)	\$41,427,354	N/A	N/A
Lifetime NG (million m³)	257.5	N/A	N/A
Lifetime GHG (tonnes CO₂e)	482,810	N/A	N/A

Sum of ratepayer and GIF funded programs	2018	2019	2020
Budget (\$)	\$ 84,589,810	\$ 42,056,270	\$ 42,908,517
Lifetime NG (million m3)	1285.9	1046.2	1064.9
Lifetime GHG (tonnes CO2e)	2,411,060	1,961,630	1,996,690

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To provide the number FTEs at Enbridge Gas prior to the effective date of the merger between Enbridge and Spectra and the current number of FTEs today

RESPONSE

Please see response to CCC Interrogatory #7 filed at EB-2107-0306/EB-2017-0307 Exhibit C.CCC.7, as updated April 12, 2018.

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To file a copy of CCAP on the record.

RESPONSE

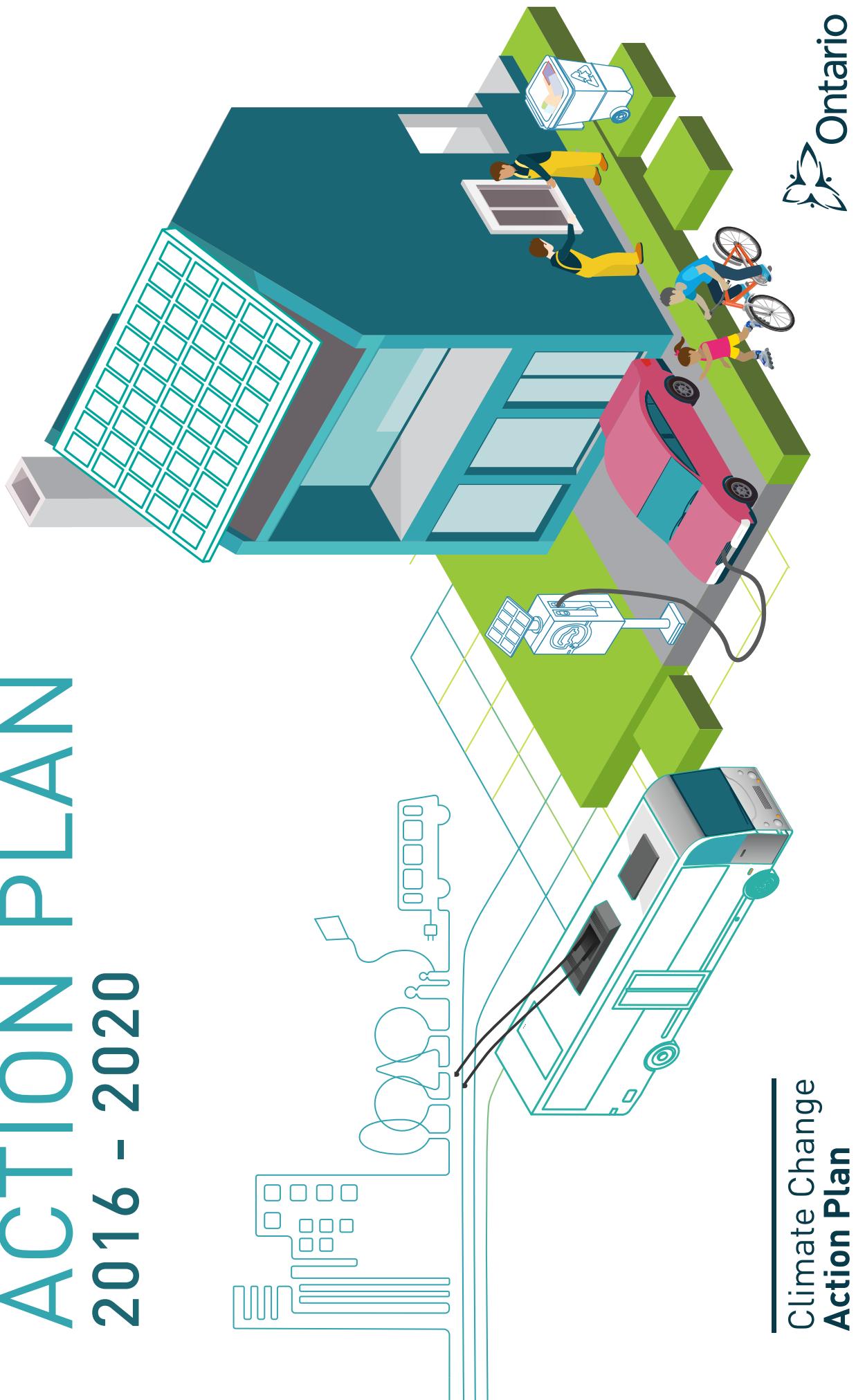
A copy of the Climate Change Action Plan (“CCAP”) is filed as Attachment A.

To provide additional insight regarding energy efficiency marketplace funding, the following attachment has been provided:

- Attachment B: A press release by the Federal Government in collaboration with the Government of Ontario, titled, “The Governments of Canada and Ontario announce funding to help people in Ontario save energy and money in their homes and businesses” which explains that there will be \$100 million invested into energy efficiency retrofits for homes and businesses.

ONTARIO'S FIVE YEAR CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN

2016 - 2020



Climate Change
Action Plan

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Premier's Message

Like every parent and grandparent, I want the best for my children and grandchildren. I want them to live and grow in a province with strong communities, good jobs, clean air and healthy green spaces. As Premier of Ontario, I want this for everyone in our province.

We know that climate change is real and is happening at an alarming rate. Ontario has a responsibility to tackle the immediate threat — and seize the opportunity — that climate change poses. Our coordinated efforts will protect and improve our way of life, while bolstering the economy and leaving a sustainable legacy for our children and grandchildren.

Already we've taken strong action by ending dirty coal emissions in our province for good, making unprecedented investments in transit, building an innovative clean-technology sector, introducing a cap and trade program that will further drive down emissions and setting aggressive greenhouse gas reduction targets.

We are establishing ourselves as global leaders in the fight against climate change. By showing the important role that provinces and regions play in building a low-carbon economy, we are influencing action around the world.

Last year, we hosted more than 300 delegates at the Climate Summit of the Americas. It was a pivotal meeting of provincial, state and municipal leaders that focused on turning the threat of climate change into an incredible opportunity through collaboration and innovation.

Last fall, we strengthened this global partnership when we participated in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change COP21 Paris conference, engaging with national and sub-national governments and other groups, and promoting Ontario's vibrant clean-tech sector.

COP21 was also an opportunity to welcome the new federal government, which recognizes the need for thoughtful and immediate action and the importance of partnering with the provinces to fight climate change.

We are making real progress, but we know there is more work to do. A little over a year ago, we spoke with people across the province about a made-in-Ontario strategy for fighting climate change. We heard from tens of thousands of individuals and hundreds of businesses. We also heard feedback through initial engagement sessions with Indigenous communities and organizations with more planned. And we used that feedback to develop Ontario's Climate Change Strategy, which we released last November. That strategy forms the foundation for this action plan.

This action plan brings together practical, creative and effective actions from across government. It reaffirms our commitment to invest every single dollar from cap and trade into green projects to help families and businesses. Through the plan we will create good jobs, help families and businesses become more energy-efficient, and accelerate our shift to a prosperous low-carbon economy and a more sustainable province.

When my grandchildren ask me what we did to help our planet, I want to be proud of what we accomplished. Together, we will build a greener, more prosperous future for them, and for generations to come.



A handwritten signature of Kathleen Wynne's name.

Kathleen Wynne
Premier of Ontario

Minister's Message

Climate change is a fact in our daily lives — raising the cost of our food, causing extreme weather that damages property and infrastructure, threatening outdoor activities we love, and melting winter roads that provide critical seasonal access to remote northern Indigenous communities. It affects every aspect of our lives, so it is our collective responsibility to fight climate change together to ensure our children benefit from a cleaner planet.

This plan describes the actions we will take over the next five years to fight climate change: to reduce greenhouse gas pollution and help move us to a prosperous low-carbon economy. It recognizes the tremendous economic opportunities that exist for Ontario as the world seeks to mitigate and adapt to climate change. It ensures our businesses, innovators and researchers are well positioned to develop the clean technologies and low-carbon solutions that will ensure competitiveness, maintain existing jobs and create new ones.

This plan will help households and First Nation and Métis communities transition to the low-carbon economy, use less energy and save more money by investing in initiatives that reduce greenhouse gas pollution, such as home energy retrofits, electric vehicle incentives, transit, and social housing retrofits. Whether you live in northern or southern Ontario, in a rural area or big city, the actions in this plan will help you reduce your carbon footprint.

Fighting climate change means transforming the way we live, move and work. We already have the technology we need to make that transition, but we need to get more low-carbon technologies into Ontario homes and businesses. Through this action plan, we will help protect and transition existing jobs, create new jobs, and help Ontario families along the way.

Our actions will help more Ontario households and businesses adopt low- and net zero carbon energy solutions in homes, vehicles and workplaces. We will lead North America in low-

carbon and zero-emission transportation, and we will halt rising greenhouse gas pollution from buildings by retrofitting existing buildings and ensuring that future buildings have the lowest possible emissions. We will continue to be a strong centre of modern, clean manufacturing and jobs — and a leader in the clean-tech sector. We will become a leading North American hub for low- and zero carbon technology companies. Your government is leading by example. We are committing to make government carbon neutral in 2018.

Ontarians have an important role to play in many of the actions in this plan. And we want to work with you to build a greener, healthier, low-carbon Ontario. This plan will help pay the costs of making your home more energy-efficient. It will help you reduce your carbon footprint and how you commute through low-carbon fuels, more zero-emission transit or by supporting the switch to more electrified vehicles. It will work with industry to make lower-carbon products available and affordable for you. It will work with industry and businesses to reduce their greenhouse gas pollution, ensuring that Ontario companies and jobs stay in Ontario and help to create more good jobs in the clean-tech sector. And it will help prepare you and your family to work in the low-carbon economy.

I urge you to read the plan and take advantage of opportunities to get involved as we roll out actions over the next five years.

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Glen Murray

Minister of the Environment
and Climate Change

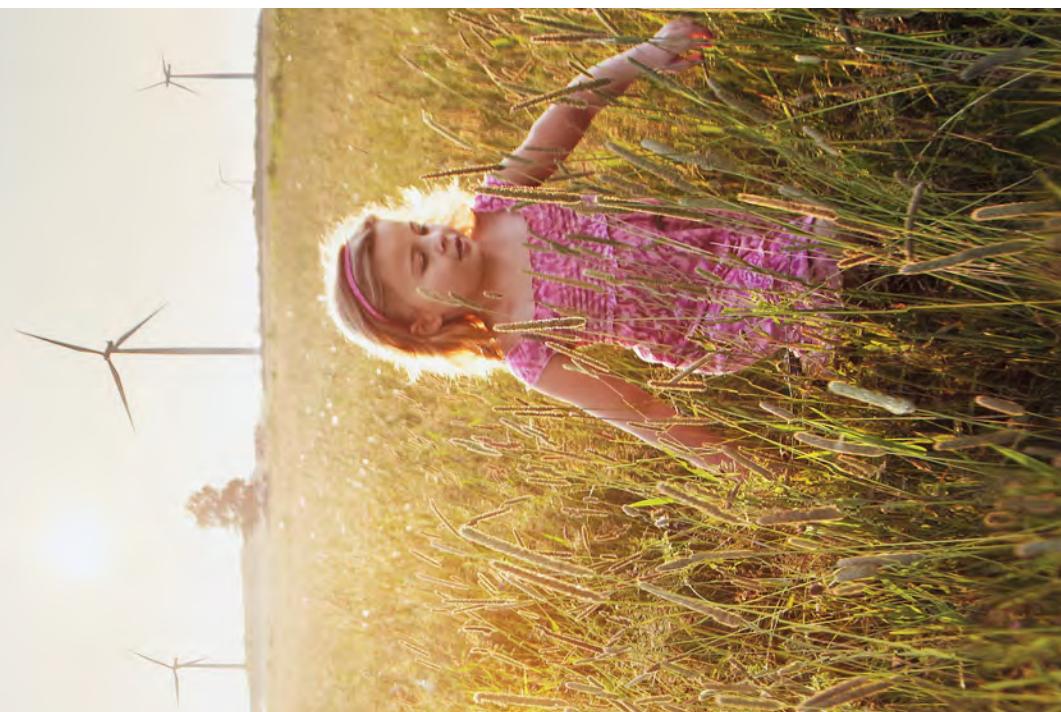
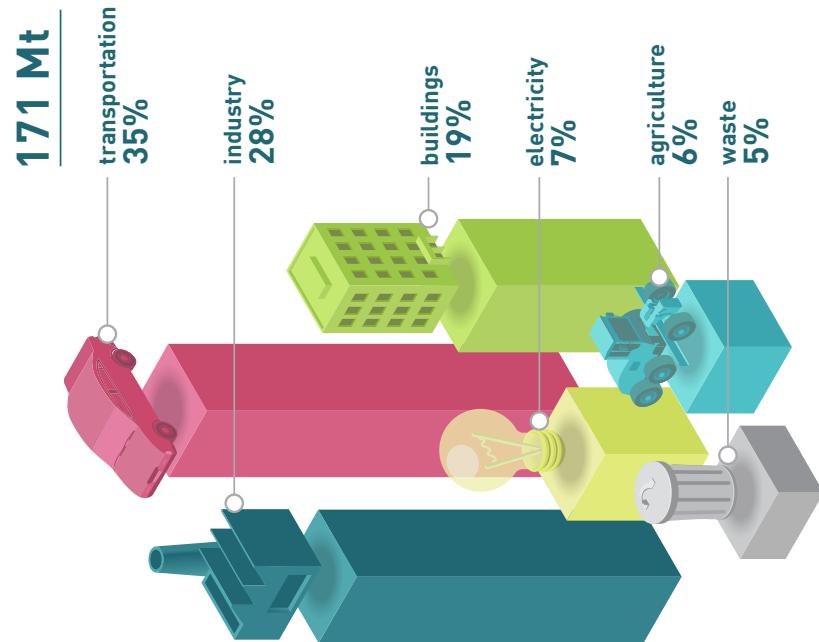
Introduction

Ontario's Climate Change Action Plan is a five-year plan that will help Ontario fight climate change over the long term.

It responds to an indisputable fact. Global warming is real. Ontario's people and businesses are already feeling the effects and paying the price. Climate change has damaged the environment. It has caused extreme weather events such as flooding and drought. It has damaged and destroyed infrastructure. It has hurt our ability to grow food in some regions. Climate change is a grave concern but by moving ahead now – Ontario will help make the difference that must be made by reducing pollution and growing the low-carbon economy.

Fighting climate change also presents a major economic opportunity. According to the U.S. State Department, expansion of the global green economy is forecast to be six times greater than the technology boom of the 1990s — which saw the growth of the Internet, the first smart phones, and other breakthroughs that affect everyday life today. With our highly skilled workforce, abundance of natural resources, globally competitive tax system, diverse economy, and the world's soundest banking system – Ontario can deliver the next generation of clean technology solutions that will help the world mitigate, and adapt, to climate change. By acting now, Ontario can foster innovation. And as researchers, entrepreneurs and start-ups rise to the challenge, Ontario will be well-positioned to export low-carbon goods and services to markets around the world.

Emissions by Sector, 2013



This action plan will create jobs. It will help provide business certainty and a stable investment climate, improve productivity and promote innovation. It's about providing the tools that will help businesses and individuals become more energy-efficient, and accelerate the shift to a low-carbon society.

It will not take away personal choice: no one will have to stop using gas in their home or give up their gas-powered car by a certain date. Rather, the plan creates the conditions that provide choice. It gives consumers and businesses more reasons to reduce their carbon footprint, and

creates competitive conditions for the adoption of low-carbon technology.

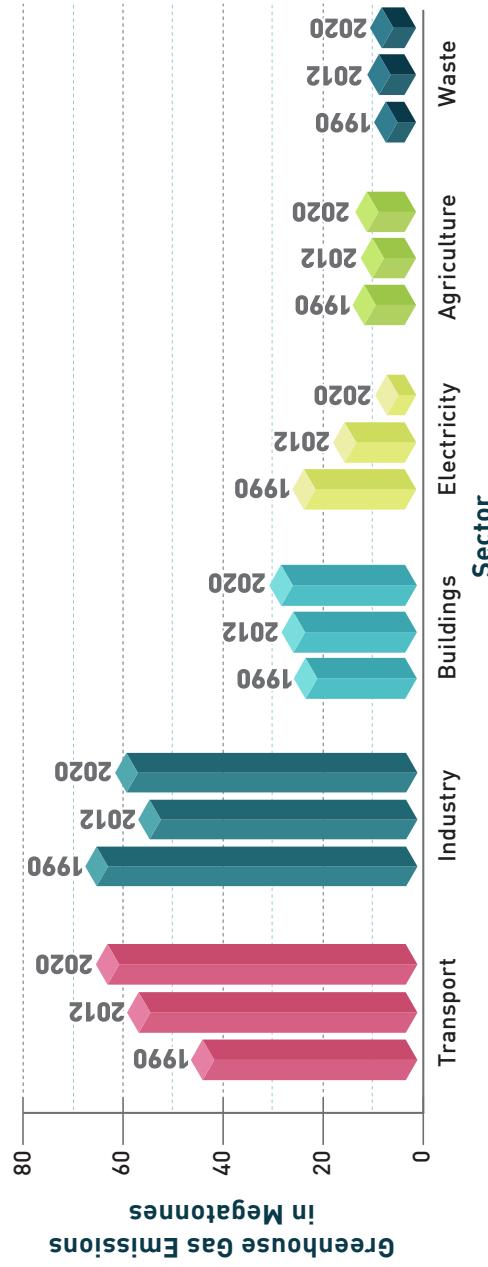
This action plan is built on collaboration. Ontario will work with people, businesses, industries, municipalities, environmental organizations and other partners to build a greener, more prosperous future. Ontario will work closely with First Nations and Métis communities that are facing significant challenges from climate change. Ontario will collaborate in the spirit of the Political Accord to develop and implement actions to combat climate change and promote shared environmental stewardship goals through

a new working relationship. Ontario recognizes the importance of a clear process that will allow a discussion of shared priorities and identify climate actions that are appropriate to each community.

Ontario's cap and trade program generates revenue and is a cornerstone in the fight against climate change. This action plan helps define how cap and trade auction proceeds will be spent. By law, these proceeds must be invested in projects and programs that help reduce greenhouse gas pollution. Ontario will further ensure all cap and trade proceeds are managed in transparent and accountable ways.

Fundamentally, through this action plan, the government is ensuring choice. Science has confirmed that climate change is profoundly affecting this planet — that it is caused by human behaviours. People and businesses want to know how to change their behaviours and their actions to make a difference. They want information, tools and assistance to reduce their energy use and save money, reduce emissions, protect the environment and protect the climate. This plan creates options and choices for individuals and businesses. At the same time, it seizes the opportunities that are available in a low-carbon economy that builds a competitive advantage for Ontario.

Emission Trends 1990 - 2020 (Forecast)



Note: 2020 forecasts are based on Ontario's Climate Change Update Report 2014 and the 2014 National Inventory Report

Climate Change Action Plan

Introduction

The areas of action in this plan cross a wide spectrum, and are broadly outlined as follows:

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- Establishing a green bank that would help homeowners and businesses access and finance energy-efficient technologies to reduce greenhouse gas pollution from buildings.
 - Creating a cleaner transportation system by addressing greenhouse gas pollution from cars on the road today, by increasing the availability of zero-emission vehicles on the road tomorrow, by deploying cleaner trucks, and making transit more available.
 - Halting the ongoing rise in building-related emissions by giving Ontarians more choices, incentives and tools to make the right energy choice for their homes and businesses, by providing better information about energy use by buildings and homes, and by making new buildings increasingly energy efficient over time.
 - Making Ontario one of the easiest and most affordable jurisdictions in North America for homeowners and businesses to install or retrofit clean-energy systems like solar, battery storage, advanced insulation and heat pumps, while helping to protect and support low-income households, vulnerable communities and many renters from the cost impacts of carbon pricing.
 - Supporting a carbon market that drives the lowest cost greenhouse gas emission reductions. Actions in this plan, supported by cap and trade proceeds, will help business and industry make investments that reduce greenhouse gas pollution. This will help save energy costs, improve productivity and global competitiveness, and protect and create jobs.
 - Working in partnership with First Nations and Métis communities to address climate change, with actions guided by Traditional Ecological Knowledge, and helping to build capacity in these communities to participate in the economic opportunities that may arise from the actions.
 - Building on progress, leading by example and acting on opportunities to make government operations carbon neutral. Ontario will achieve this by reducing greenhouse gas pollution across our facilities, operations and procurement.
 - Ensuring natural, agricultural, and forested lands are used in ways that are efficient, sustainable and enhance the removal and storage of carbon from the atmosphere while working with Ontario's waste sector to leverage different practices and technologies to capture greenhouse gas pollution that would otherwise be released into the air.

Low-carbon economy

This action plan will help Ontario take steps to help consumers, businesses and workers smoothly transition to a low-carbon economy.

Households will save money from investments in home-energy retrofits, public transit, electric-vehicle incentives, social-housing retrofits and more.

Businesses and industry will benefit from programs and initiatives to help them thrive in a low-carbon economy. The province will continue to build Ontario's clean-tech sector. It will work to retain existing businesses, protect existing jobs and create

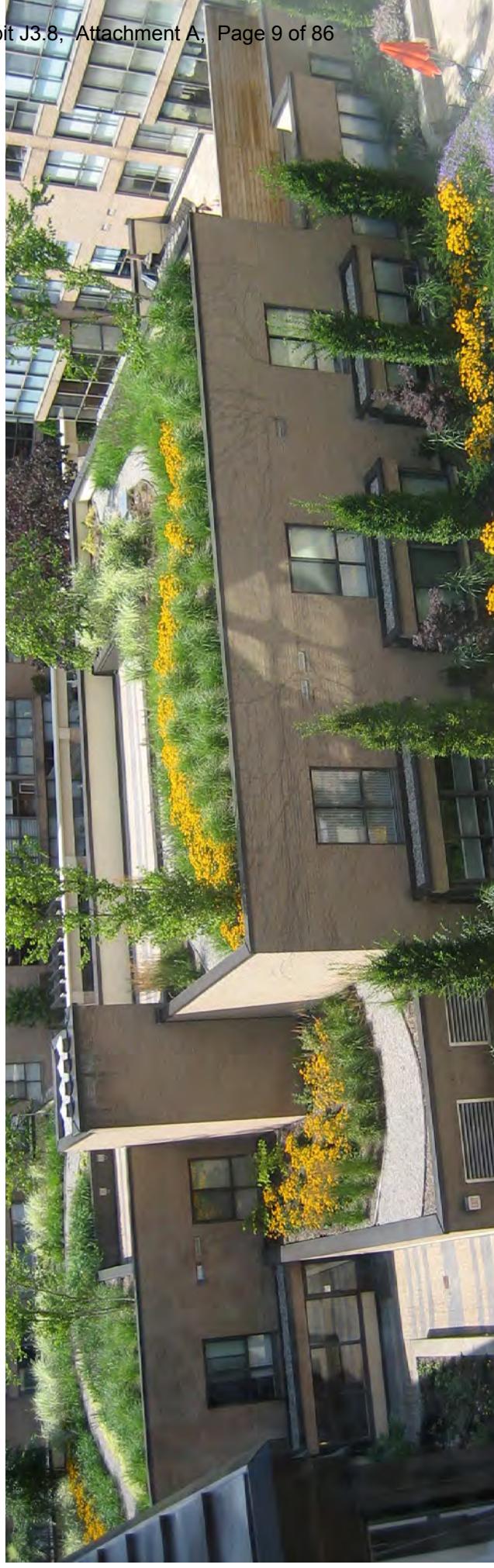
new ones. It will support innovation and productivity, business certainty and stability. People from across Ontario will gain opportunities that coincide with a robust, competitive and prosperous province.

Creating a Just Transition

This plan will support Ontario businesses in the province and protect existing jobs by spurring innovation and rewarding efficiency, which will make businesses more competitive. It will also create conditions for new sectors to emerge and new businesses to thrive. As Ontario transitions to

a low-carbon economy, it will build on its existing workforce in areas from clean-tech to design, to engineering, transportation, manufacturing, construction and more. The economy will require skilled workers like tradespeople, architects and inspectors who are able to design, install and operate low-carbon-building technologies.

To prepare the workforce to meet these needs, Ontario will invest in training and skills development specific to the low-carbon economy, including through training programs for Indigenous workers.



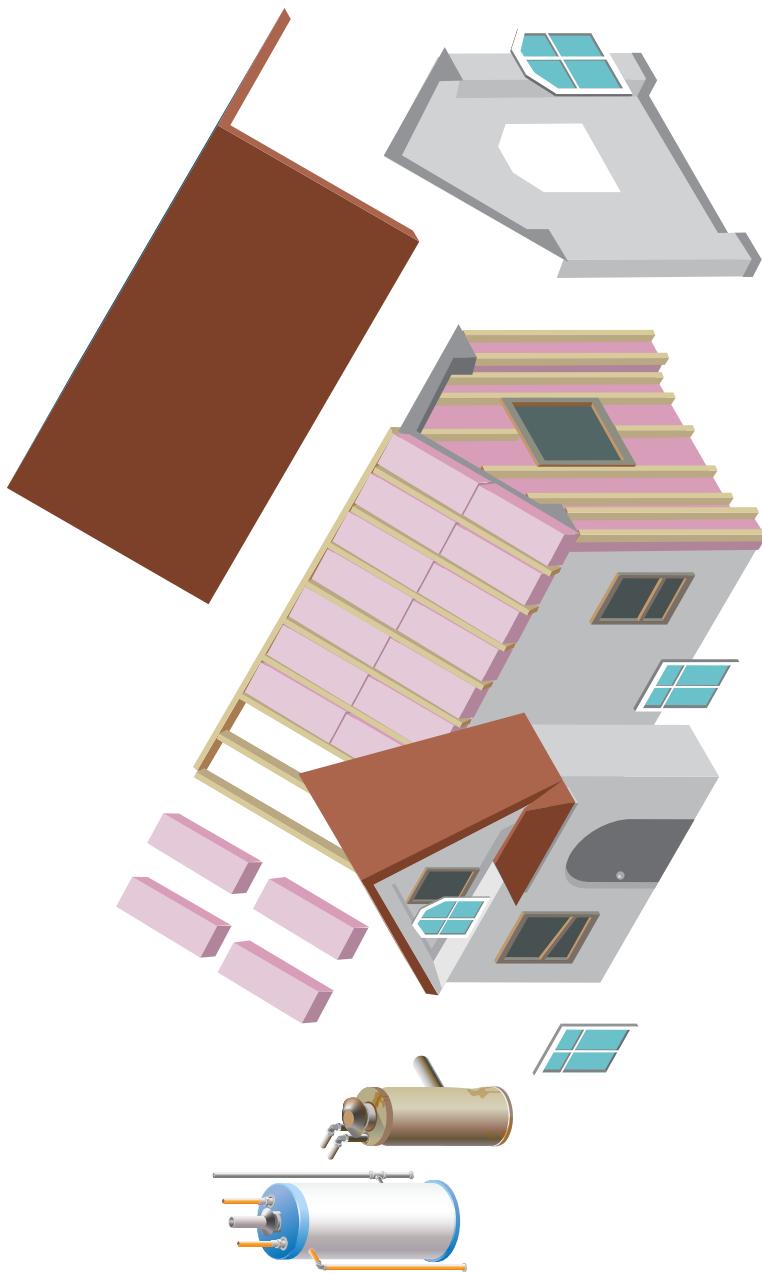
Actions to assist low-income households and vulnerable communities

Ontario will work to reduce the impact of cap and trade on low-income households and vulnerable communities.

To the greatest extent possible, new incentive programs created under this plan are intended to provide an increased benefit to low-income households to ensure they have the resources necessary to reduce their carbon footprint, avoid carbon costs and participate in the low-carbon economy.

These actions will build on a number of programs that are already available to help low-income energy consumers. For example, the Ontario Electricity Support Program, launched in January 2016, provides low-income consumers with a monthly on-bill credit to reduce their electricity bill; and Ontario's Low-Income Energy Assistance Program provides a one-time grant for an electricity or natural gas bill if a low-income consumer is temporarily unable to make ends meet in an emergency situation.

Ontario intends to continue to invest in social-housing retrofits, including energy-efficient windows and thermal insulation on piping, boiler replacements, and other mechanical



Further, the province will offer a rebate to low- and moderate-income households to help replace their older cars with new or used electric or plug-in hybrid vehicles.

Households in some parts of the province, such as rural and northern communities, including remote First Nation communities, may not have alternative options readily available for the type of energy sources they currently receive, or require. Targeted programs will be available to help these households reduce the costs of heating and cooling their homes.

systems. These are high-impact, high-benefit improvements that will save energy while improving comfort for low-income residents.

The province wants to ensure the impact of carbon pricing is not passed on to tenants who are not able to make capital improvements to their buildings. Ontario will consult on and develop options to reduce the impact on residential tenants of increased energy costs from cap and trade. It will also work to ensure building owners have access to energy-efficiency retrofit programs, such as boiler replacements and geothermal technology.

Helping businesses transition in a carbon priced economy

Ontario's cap and trade program will reward innovative companies, provide certainty for industries, and create more opportunities for investment in Ontario. In order to help business and industry manage the impacts of cap and trade, the government is investing cap and trade proceeds to help them remain competitive. Through the action plan, Ontario will:

- Support significant emissions reductions by large final emitters and small and medium enterprises by providing funds to offset the cost of low-carbon technologies.
- Support research and development, clean technology clusters and commercialization and deployment of low-carbon technologies.
- Provide transitional allowances to industry to help them transition to lower carbon technology while they reduce greenhouse gas pollution.

The delivery model will be finalized in consultation with existing utilities during summer 2016, with the goal of beginning to provide services in the second half of 2017.



Our foundation for a low- carbon future

In November 2015, Ontario released a Climate Change Strategy to set the long-term vision for meeting greenhouse gas pollution reduction targets.

Ontario's reduction targets are ambitious yet achievable, in line with actions taken by other provinces and states and in line with global objectives. Ontario is doing its part with reductions from 1990 emissions levels of 15 per cent in 2020, 37 per cent in 2030 and 80 per cent in 2050. Based on greenhouse gas reporting data, Ontario has met its 2014 target of six per cent below 1990 levels. The province achieved this goal by taking bold steps, including closing all of Ontario's coal-fired electricity-generating stations. This remains one of the single largest greenhouse gas reduction actions implemented to date in North America.

The Climate Change Action Plan builds on Ontario's Climate Change Strategy. It represents the foundation upon which Ontario will establish and build the policies and programs that must be put in place over the next five years to achieve its short- and long-term targets, and start the shift towards a low-carbon economy.

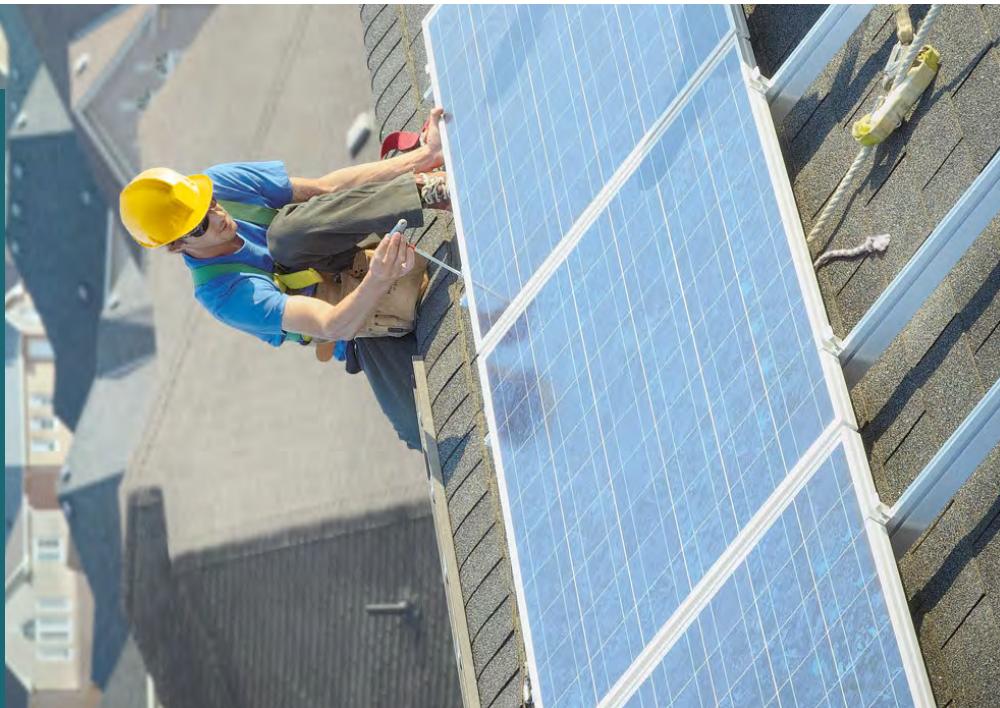
The 2015 Fall Economic Statement committed a \$325-million down payment through Ontario's Green Investment Fund. Through this investment, the province supports programs to help households and businesses install energy-efficient equipment, including windows and furnaces.

The recently passed Climate Change Mitigation and Low-carbon Economy Act requires Ontario to develop a Climate Change Action Plan. This plan is to establish the long-term framework for action on climate change to ensure greenhouse gas pollution is reduced while boosting low-carbon innovation. The legislation also requires that the province specify how cap and trade proceeds will be used to reduce or support the reduction of greenhouse gas by investing in green projects.

Based on the timelines presented in this plan, the government will consult with stakeholders regarding the design and implementation of many of its policies and actions.

The plan also outlines an open and transparent process for how and when Ontario will move forward. Each year Ontario will invest in a suite of initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas pollution, investments will be offset with cap and trade auction proceeds. Any spending will need to be authorized under the Climate Change Mitigation and Low-carbon Economy Act, and will be subject to approval by the legislature.

The action plan will serve as the foundation for making annual investment decisions and will be consulted on each time investment decisions are made.



Climate Change Action Plan**Our foundation for a low-carbon future**

Reducing emissions through cap and trade

In April 2015, Ontario announced its intention to join the cap and trade system under the Western Climate Initiative, partnering with other jurisdictions, including Quebec and California, and making carbon pricing a cornerstone in Ontario's fight against climate change.

A cap and trade program is a cost-effective way to reduce greenhouse gas pollution. It limits the amount of emissions that can come from the economy (the cap), and then allows those covered by the cap to trade among themselves (the trade) in a flexible and cost-effective way, thereby creating a price on carbon pollution.

Cap and trade allows the market – not government – to set the carbon price. The market ensures the needs of businesses covered by the program. The cap also ensures greenhouse gas reductions: this is what makes it different and more certain than other carbon pricing mechanisms.

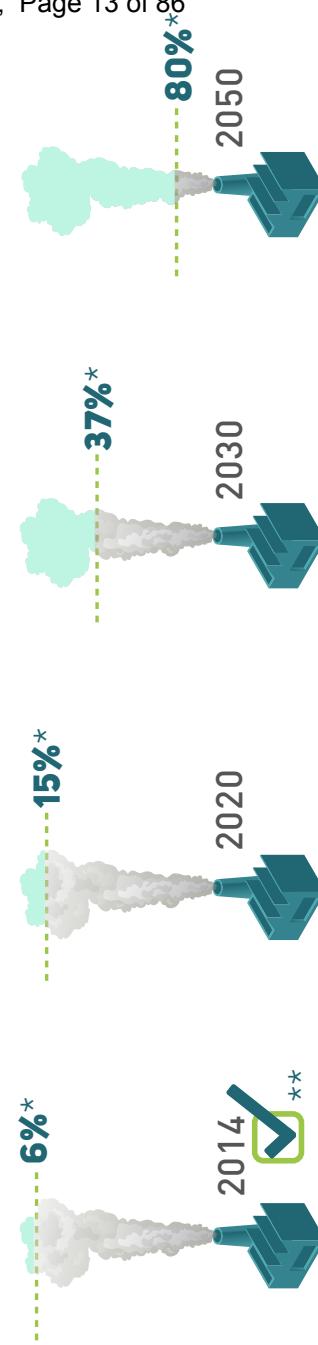
Cap and trade fights climate change by giving polluters an incentive to cut emissions, since they must pay for the pollution they are responsible for. It gives companies certainty and predictability, and enables them to find new ways to reduce their carbon footprints such as investing in new clean technologies.

Cap and trade lets the market decide where emissions can be reduced across linked jurisdictions with the least cost while guaranteeing the environmental outcome required, which is to cut the pollution that is causing climate change. Putting a price on carbon provides incentive to businesses to achieve greenhouse gas reductions at the lowest possible cost.

- The "cap" sets a maximum limit on the amount of greenhouse gas pollution that regulated emitters collectively can produce. Each year, the cap is lowered, requiring industry and other greenhouse gas polluters, such as natural gas distributors and other fuel suppliers, to reduce their emissions.

- The "trade" refers to a market where companies can buy or sell "allowances," or pay others to reduce emissions on their behalf, in order to comply with the cap in the cheapest and most efficient way.
- Ontario is on track to achieve its emissions reduction target for 2020 by taking the actions described in this plan and gradually lowering the economy-wide cap for emissions.

Ontario's greenhouse gas reduction targets



*below 1990 greenhouse gas emission levels

**based on the 2016 National Inventory Report

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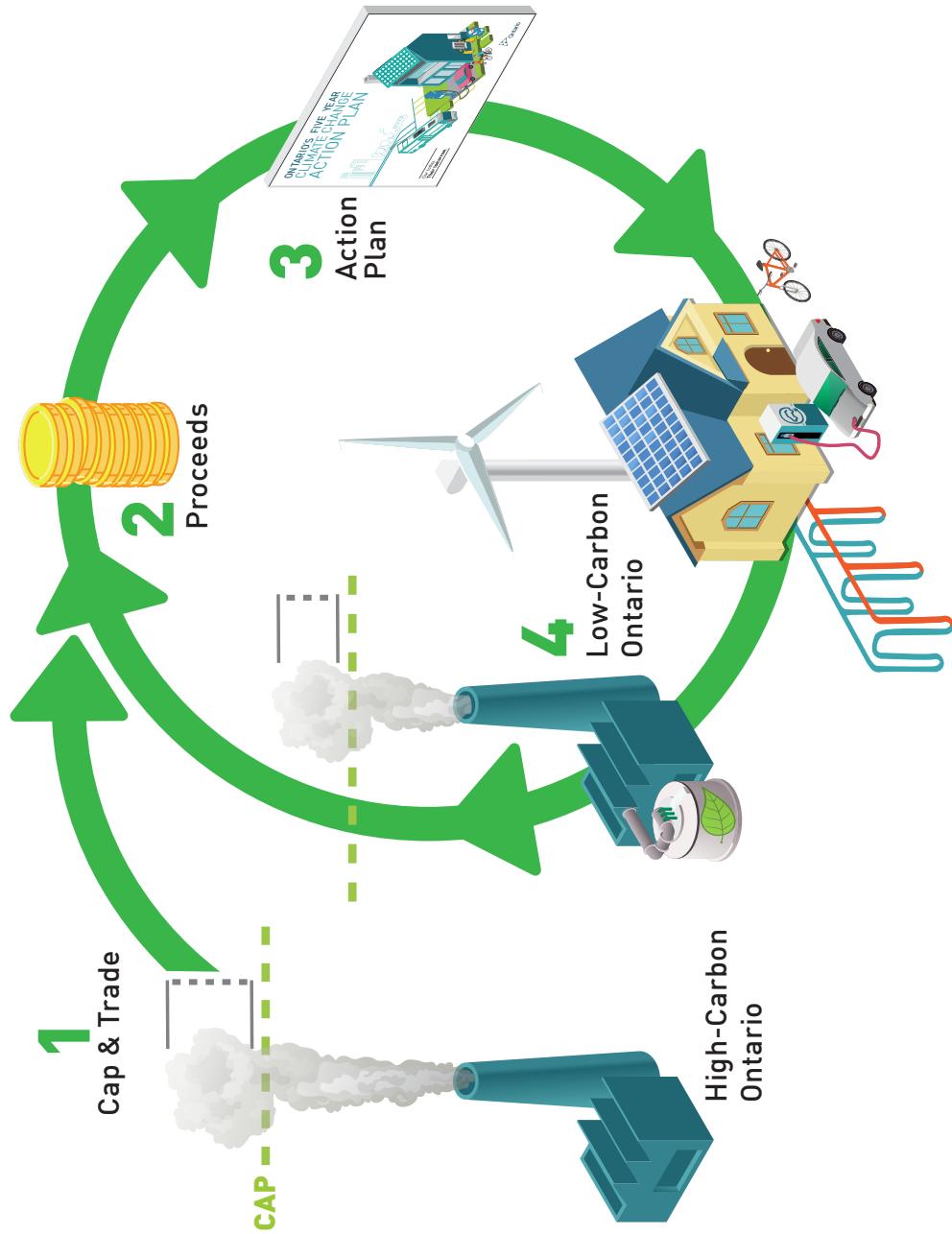
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Key to these discussions will be the need to maintain a competitive economy while achieving environmental results. Ontario recognizes that capital investments require a predictable investment climate. Industry and trade associations have supported climate actions and a carbon price.

Finally, the Western Climate Initiative cap and trade model is flexible enough to allow more partnerships from sub-national jurisdictions across North America and around the world. Ontario will continue to work with its partners to look for opportunities to expand the carbon market throughout the Americas. The larger the reach of the Western Climate Initiative's carbon market, the more effective and better positioned the organization will be to contribute to the global effort to fight climate change.

Ontario's cap and trade program is expected to generate proceeds of approximately \$1.8 to \$1.9 billion each year.

THE VIRTUOUS CYCLE How Cap & Trade and the Climate Change Action Plan Work Together



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Dollars from proceeds, estimated greenhouse gas pollution reductions, and cost per tonne

As detailed program design is finalized, greenhouse gas estimates and costs per tonne will be updated accordingly. Where possible, a conservative approach to estimates has been taken to avoid overestimating reductions.

All figures in the action plan are based on estimated proceeds from the cap and trade program and will be refined as program details are evaluated and approved in each year of the five year plan. They may be adjusted downwards or upwards relative to proceeds collected.

Greenhouse gas impacts in 2020 are estimated based on results of similar programs in Ontario and other jurisdictions, where data are available.

more costly reductions typically associated with deep, long-term energy transitions.

Why cap and trade is the best tool for Ontario

Estimates of cost per tonne are based on the amount of proceeds directed to the action divided by an estimate of the cumulative emissions reductions over the anticipated period of impact of that action. In most cases, the calculation assumes that the period of impact is to 2030. It is important to note that the market should drive the lowest cost reductions with cap and trade proceeds and actions in this plan – which will help address costs associated with

A cap and trade system has been chosen over other carbon pricing schemes because cap and trade provides companies with the flexibility – such as multi-year compliance periods – to choose the compliance path that aligns with their business plans and investment decisions. This flexibility is further enhanced in Ontario through the use of offsets and linkages with other programs.

Summary of Impacts Across Policy Alternatives in 2020

In 2020	C&T WCI linked, Proposed Program: Transitional Assistance, Mixed use of Proceeds	Ontario Alone C&T, Unlinked: Transitional Assistance, Mixed use of Proceeds	Ontario Alone, Carbon Tax or C&T Full Auction: Mixed use of Proceeds	Ontario Alone, Carbon Tax or C&T Full Auction: Tax Reductions
GHG reductions (Mt)	18.7	18.7	18.7	18.7
Leakage (Mt)	-0.28	-1.75	-5.84	-6.03
Net GHG Reductions (Mt)	18.42	16.95	12.9	12.7
Carbon price (\$/2016)	\$18	\$157	\$69	\$72
Household energy (\$/ month; \$2016)	\$13	\$107	\$49	\$50

Source: EnviroEconomics, Impact Modelling and Analysis of Ontario's Proposed Cap and Trade Program

As part of the cap and trade program, Ontario is developing a regulatory proposal to allow the creation of emissions offsets in uncapped sectors such as agriculture and forestry.

New approach to technology deployment: a low-carbon service provider and financing entity

Ontario intends to establish a green bank to deploy and finance readily available low-carbon energy technologies to reduce carbon pollution from Ontario buildings. The green bank will help source the most cost-effective low-carbon technologies to reduce emissions in homes and businesses.

Currently, natural gas combustion and carbon-based electricity emissions from buildings represent 24 per cent of Ontario's climate change-causing air pollution. Because of Ontario's growing population and economy, greenhouse gas pollution from its buildings sector continues to rise each year – with no end in sight. Without action in this sector, we will lose the fight to reduce carbon emissions across the economy.



Energy conservation programs have benefited many consumers in Ontario, but this ongoing trend of emissions growth calls for bolder action. Ontario intends to draw on the best practices of two existing models: Efficiency Vermont, the first statewide energy-efficiency utility in the United States, and the New York Green Bank, a state-run financing agency. Both of these initiatives are funded in part from cap and trade proceeds collected in their jurisdictions.

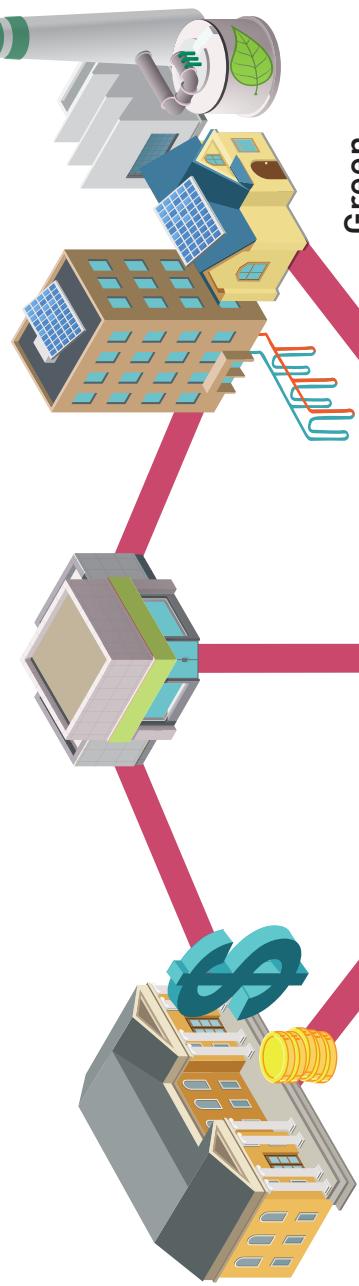
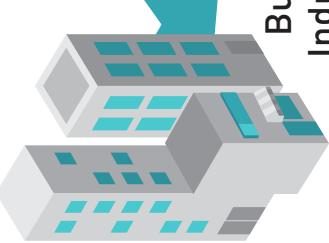
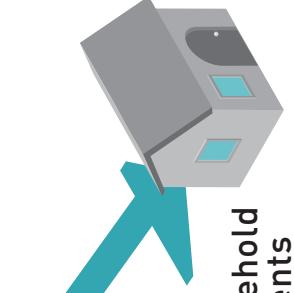
The green bank will work to significantly reduce greenhouse gas from energy intensive heat and cooling sources like old gas boilers, inefficient electric baseboard heaters, and oil furnaces – while significantly increasing the use of available technologies like solar, air-source heat pumps, geothermal systems, vehicle-to-grid energy systems, and energy storage systems.

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The green bank is intended to:

- help households understand and determine what government grants and other incentives are available for each prospective project, and help people calculate payback periods and returns on investments.
- provide households with assistance to secure flexible low-interest financing to help pay for greenhouse gas-reducing energy improvements in their homes – with special provisions to support low- and modest-income households.
- support large commercial and industrial projects, or projects that require scale to be financed privately, by working with commercial banks to help aggregate projects to reduce risk.

The Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change will ensure the new organization applies a rational and evidence-based approach to program delivery, with carbon emission reductions its priority.

Supporting Service Providers**Green Technology and Retrofits Deployment Services****Financing Services****Green Bank****Household Clients****Business and Industry Clients**

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Increase the availability and use of lower-carbon fuel

Increase the use of electric vehicles

Support cycling and walking

Increase the use of low-carbon trucks and buses

Support the Accelerated Construction of GO Regional Express Rail





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Transportation represents one of the largest challenges Ontario faces in achieving its emission reduction targets.

More than one-third of Ontario's greenhouse gas pollution is caused by the transportation sector, with cars and trucks responsible for more than 70 per cent of the total. Domestic aviation, rail, marine, and other off-road forms of transportation, such as mining and construction vehicles, make up the other 30 per cent.

Since 1990, vehicle emissions in this province have been rising steadily due to increased vehicle ownership, commuting distance and population growth. It's important that this be reduced. Today, about 11 million passenger and commercial vehicles regularly travel Ontario roads. The auto sector has made great strides in reducing per vehicle emissions. Working together, there are opportunities to do much more.

Federal emission standards, in addition to new fuel policies established under this plan, will help begin to address the annual increases in greenhouse gas pollution from passenger vehicles. But, in the long term, and given Ontario's clean electricity system and supported by Ontario's innovative auto sector, accelerating the shift to electric, plug-in and hydrogen vehicles will be crucial if Ontario is to achieve its climate change targets.

The action plan establishes a provincewide electric and hydrogen passenger vehicle sales target of five per cent in 2020. This target will be reviewed and increased appropriately every

five years thereafter. For context, about 284,000 passenger cars were sold in Ontario in 2015. Five per cent of annual sales on that number represent about 14,000 cars.





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Ontario opted not to proceed with establishing a ZEV (Zero-Emissions Vehicle) mandate – an approach developed in the United States that imposes penalties on automakers that do not sell enough electric vehicles. Instead, Ontario believes that a collaborative approach, with a provincewide sales target that represents a collective goal, will be the most effective approach. Government will work closely with automakers, unions, the not-for-profit sector and with academia to ensure that all parties are taking the most effective steps to get electric and hydrogen vehicles on our province's roads.

This provincewide sales target will help the auto industry remain competitive while reducing the number of polluting vehicles on Ontario roads. It also dovetails with Ontario's leadership on automated vehicles, lightweight materials and other advanced automotive technology.

To help implement the provincewide sales target, the government will encourage each multi-car household to consider switching at least one vehicle to electric or hydrogen when they make their next purchase. Ontario will encourage all new drivers to choose a zero emission vehicle when buying or leasing their first car.

Actions in this section of the plan are designed to meet the challenges of reducing transportation emissions. They include actions that reduce

emissions from the existing vehicle fleet on Ontario's roads today, actions to promote adoption of the non-polluting vehicles now and in the future, actions that support cycling and transit; and actions that address the movement of goods, including by truck and rail. This comprehensive approach will put Ontario on track to reduce transportation-related emissions while also helping to reduce the fuel costs of moving people and goods.

1) Increase the availability and use of lower-carbon fuel

Standard, Ontario plans to implement a new regulation that will lead to a five per cent reduction in greenhouse gas pollution from gasoline by 2020.

- 1.2 Assist fuel distributors:** Ontario intends to provide funding to fuel distributors for high-blend sustainable biofuels and infrastructure upgrades – to help them help consumers lower their greenhouse gas pollution.
- 1.3 Pilot waste and agricultural methane as a fuel source:** The province intends to pilot a program that uses methane obtained from agricultural materials or food wastes for transportation purposes, with funding for commercial-scale demonstration projects.

2) Increase the use of electric vehicles

Greenhouse gas pollution from cars account for more emissions than from industries like iron, steel, cement and chemicals combined. This action will help get more people into electric vehicles and lower greenhouse gases. It will:

- 2.1 Maintain incentives for electric vehicles:** Ontario intends to extend the rebate program to 2020 for leasing or buying an eligible electric vehicle (up to \$14,000 per



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vehicle), including rebates for purchase and installation of home charging stations (up to \$1,000 per station).

- 2.2 Eliminate HST on zero emission vehicles:** Ontario will work with the federal government to explore ways to provide full-HST relief to purchasers of new battery electric vehicles, with the objective of introducing this relief by 2018.

Battery Electric Vehicles (BEV) run on a large battery that can be charged from home or public charging stations.

- 2.4 Replace older vehicles:** The province intends to help get older and less fuel-efficient vehicles off the roads by offering a rebate to low- and moderate-income households that will help them replace old cars with new or used electric vehicles or a plug-in hybrid.
- 2.5 Ensure charging infrastructure is widely available:** Ontario intends to increase access to the infrastructure required to charge electric vehicles by ensuring the following:
- 2.5.1 More charging stations:** The province intends to invest in the rapid deployment of charging in workplaces, multi-unit residential buildings, downtowns and town centres. Ontario will encourage ONroute locations to equip themselves with high-speed chargers. It will further encourage the federal government to invest in high-speed, fast-charging infrastructure on inter-provincial highways and highways that connect Ontario to the United States.
- 2.3 Free overnight electric vehicle charging:** The province intends to establish a four-year free overnight electric vehicle-charging program for residential and multi-unit residential customers starting in 2017. Charging electric cars at night can help balance electricity system demands and potentially reduce costs associated with exporting excess electricity overnight. Ontario intends to work with utilities to transition this program to an optional enhanced time-of-day charging program. The goal would be to lower overall electricity bills for homes that charge vehicles.

These receptacles can be used with home charging stations and readily available at retail locations and are compatible with all plug-in hybrid and electric cars.

- 2.5.3 Electric-vehicle-ready workplaces:** Ontario intends to establish a requirement that, as of 2018, all newly built commercial office buildings and appropriate workplaces must provide charging infrastructure. The workplace is the second most common place to charge electric vehicles after the home. Workplace charging is particularly critical to people living in multi-residential buildings who may not have access to a home-based plug.

Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles combine an internal combustion engine with an electric motor and battery.

- 2.5.2 Electric-vehicle-ready homes:** Ontario intends to require all new homes and townhomes with garages to be constructed with a 50-amp, 240-volt receptacle (plug) in the garage for the purpose of charging an electric vehicle.

2.6 Electric and Hydrogen Advancement Program: Starting in 2017, vehicle manufacturers that offer their customers access to Ontario's Electric Vehicle Incentive Program will need to participate in an Electric and Hydrogen Vehicle Advancement Program. This program will recognize



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manufacturers that exhibit performance in advance zero-emission vehicle sales, marketing, infrastructure and public awareness.

2.7 Increase public awareness: Ontario will work with Plug'n Drive, a non-profit electric vehicle advocacy organization, to establish and operate a facility to showcase electric vehicles and related technology to Ontarians across the province.

- 3.1.2 **Safe cycling:** There will be more cycling facilities in urban areas, including grade-separated routes and cycling signals.
- 3.1.3 **Convenient cycling:** There will be more bike parking at transit stations and provincially owned, publicly accessible facilities.
- 3.1.4 **Commuter cycling:** Ontario will revise provincial road and highway standards to require commuter cycling infrastructure be considered for all road and highway construction projects where it is safe and feasible. Ontario will do the same for major transit corridors.

3) Support cycling and walking

Good cycling infrastructure gets people out of their cars and onto bikes and transit for their daily commute, effectively reducing greenhouse gas pollution while also improving public health. This action will:

- 3.1 **Improve commuter cycling network:** The government intends to accelerate and enhance implementation of Ontario's Cycling Strategy and Action Plan and promote cycling. It will do this through:
 - 3.1.1 **Better cycling network:** Commuter cycling networks will be established across Ontario, targeting routes with high-commuting volume such as

- 4.1 **Provide incentives for business:** A new Green Commercial Vehicle Program would be set up to provide incentives to eligible businesses that want to buy low-carbon commercial vehicles and technologies to reduce emissions, including electric and natural gas-powered trucks, aerodynamic devices, anti-idling devices, and electric trailer refrigeration.
- 4.2 **Build a network of low-emission fuelling stations:** The province intends to work with the Ontario Trucking Association, Union Gas, Enbridge and others to establish a network of natural gas and low- or zero carbon fuelling stations. It will work with utilities to ensure the recovered biogas content of the fuel provided is increased over time to further lower the carbon footprint of this alternative fuel. Natural gas has a lower carbon content than diesel and also burns cleaner, producing less local air pollution.
- 4.3 **Improve competitiveness of short-line railways:** A study would be conducted and action taken to improve the competitiveness of Ontario's short-line railways. According to the Railway Association of Canada, short-lines can be three to four times more efficient per tonne-kilometre than transporting the same freight by truck. There are currently five

4) Increase the use of low-carbon trucks and buses

The movement of goods is an area that is vital to Ontario's economy. But it's also the second largest source of transportation emissions. Opportunities to reduce emissions focus on improved efficiency and switching to lower-carbon fuels. This action will:

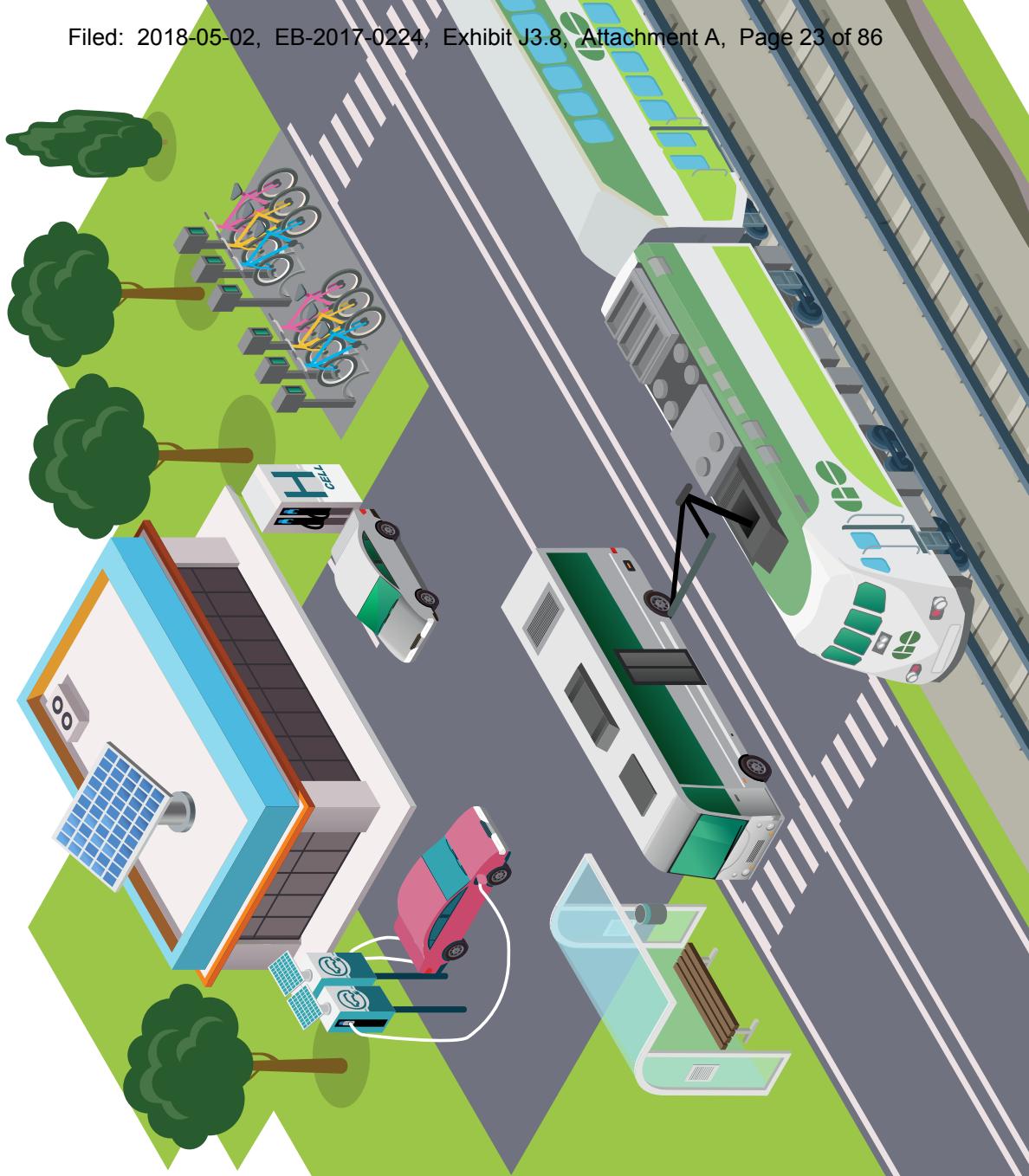


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provincially licensed freight short-lines in operation that carry goods over distances up to 300 kilometres.

Fuel switching is a term for the replacement of fossil fuels with lower carbon alternatives.



5) Support the Accelerated Construction of GO Regional Express Rail

5.1 Accelerate Regional Express Rail

Deployment: The province intends to work to accelerate deployment of the Regional Express Rail system. The expansion of GO infrastructure will create a stronger network across the region and encourage more people to choose public transit. Improved transit infrastructure means faster, more frequent, transit options for users, and less traffic congestion for people who drive.



ACTION AREA: BUILDINGS AND HOMES

Reduce emissions from fossil-fuel use in buildings

ACTIONS

Improve energy efficiency in multi-tenant residential buildings	Set lower-carbon standards for new buildings	Promote low-carbon energy supply and products	Help individuals and businesses manage their energy use and save money	Training, workforce and technical capacity
Improve energy efficiency in schools and hospitals				
Reduce emissions from heritage buildings				
Help homeowners reduce their carbon footprints by supporting additional choice				





BUILDINGS AND HOMES

Reduce emissions from fossil-fuel use in buildings

Buildings, and the energy they consume, account for almost one quarter of Ontario's total greenhouse gas pollution. Between 1990 and 2012, buildings sector emissions per square metre improved significantly. However, its total emissions still rose due to population, economic and building floor space growth.

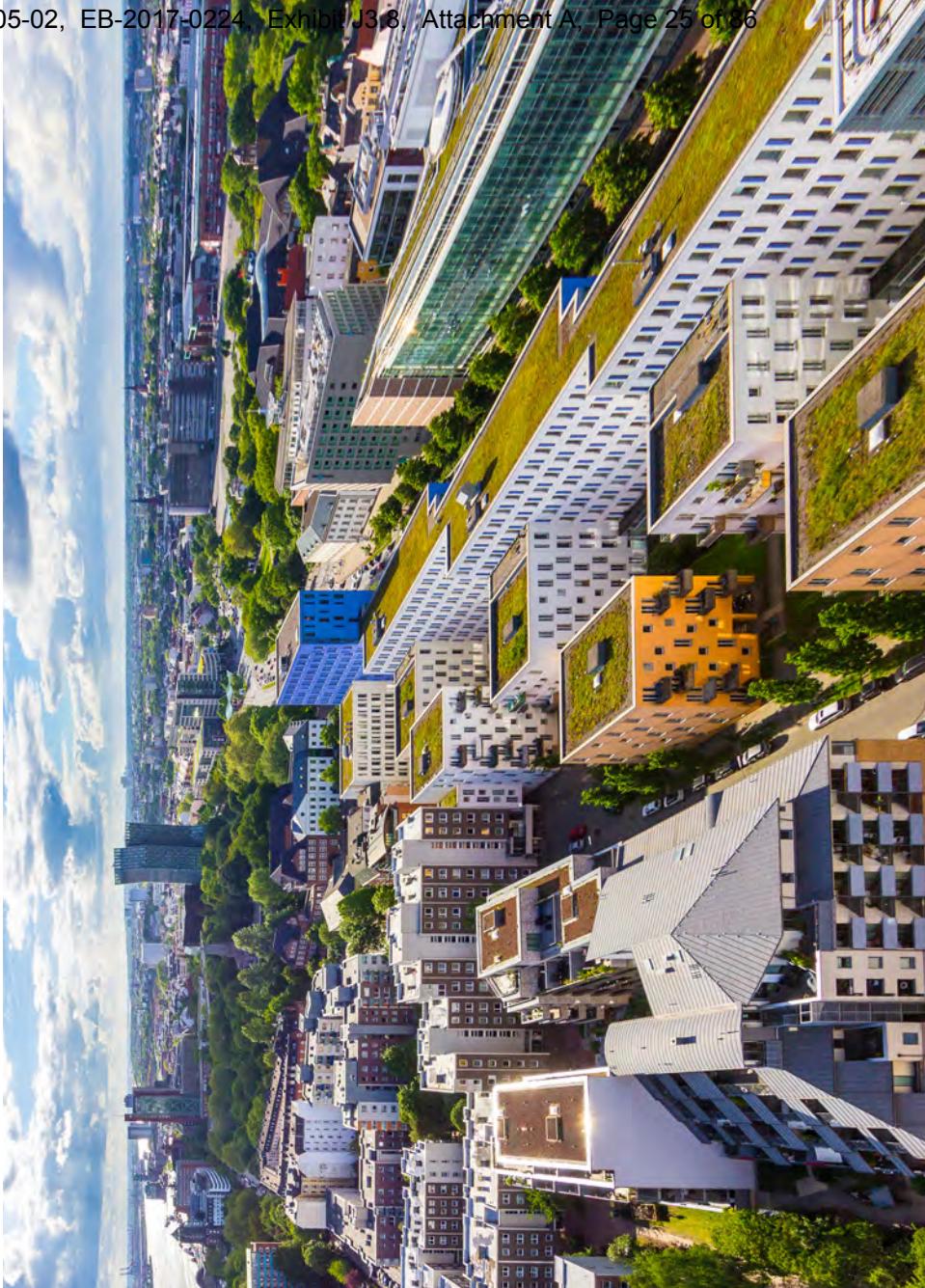
Ontario's buildings sector presents a particular challenge because many existing buildings were built at a time when energy efficiency was less of a priority and climate change was not considered. These buildings rely primarily on fossil fuels for heating.

To date, Ontario has reduced energy use in buildings through conservation programs, stricter requirements in the Building Code, product efficiency regulations, greening electricity, and improved access to energy information for consumers.

Ontario will build upon progress made. The province will continue to reduce greenhouse gas pollution in existing housing and other buildings, and ensure new buildings do not contribute to increased net greenhouse gas pollution. For existing homes, technologies such as geothermal and other home heating solutions in new, highly efficient buildings can also be complemented with natural gas.

To achieve the 2016 budget commitment, Ontario intends to invest in initiatives that both reduce greenhouse gas pollution and ensure that the net impact of cap and trade would not result in an overall increase in electricity costs for commercial

and industrial consumers, and that there would be a modest benefit of up to \$2 per month, on average, to residential consumers.





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Actions in this part of the plan are designed to help the buildings sector continue to reduce greenhouse gas pollution and to support homeowners. They include actions to improve efficiency in multi-residential buildings and public institutions; to widen low-carbon energy choices for homeowners and help consumers manage their energy use; to establish long-term greenhouse gas reduction targets in the Building Code and introduce low-carbon content requirements for natural gas; and to support workforce training.

of energy efficient and renewable energy technologies such as energy-efficient windows, lighting, boilers, chillers, and thermal insulation on piping and other mechanical systems will be a low-cost, high-benefit improvement to the province's social housing. In addition to reducing emissions, these retrofits will improve comfort for residents and save money for social housing providers to make other improvements. Social housing for First Nations and Métis will be eligible for retrofits under this program.

1) Improve energy efficiency in multi-tenant residential buildings

Better energy efficiency in social housing and other multi-tenant residential buildings will improve comfort for residents and free up funds for owners to make other capital improvements. This action will:

2) Improve energy efficiency in schools and hospitals

Investing in energy efficiency in Ontario's public institutions will not only help reduce emissions, but it will help reduce energy costs and provide a healthier environment for students and patients. This action will:

- 1.1 **Retrofit social housing apartments:** Most of Ontario's social housing towers were constructed in the 1960s and 1970s and can use up to 25 per cent more energy per square metre than a house. The installation
- 1.2 **Protecting tenants from the price of carbon:** Ontario will consider options for legislative and/or regulatory change that lessen the impact on residential tenants of increased energy costs from cap and trade. The government wants to make sure that carbon pricing does not get passed on to tenants who are unable to make changes to reduce energy use, and that private building owners are able to take advantage of retrofit programs, including boiler replacements and geothermal technology.
- 1.3 **Provide incentives for apartment building retrofits:** Ontario intends to offer incentives to install energy efficient technologies, like boiler replacements, adaptive thermostats and lighting retrofits in multi-tenant buildings, such as apartments.

- 2.1 **Support schools:** Ontario intends to provide funding for existing schools to improve energy efficiency and install renewable energy technologies. Technologies could include building automation systems, energy-efficient windows, solar energy and geothermal systems.
- 2.2 **Support hospitals, universities and colleges:** The government would establish a fund to help hospitals, universities and colleges retrofit their facilities with energy efficient and renewable energy technologies, including building automation systems, energy-efficient windows, solar thermal and geothermal systems.



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3) Reduce emissions from heritage buildings

resources to help make the right choice for them. This action will:

4.1 Boost low-carbon technology in homes:

Ontario intends to help homeowners

purchase and install low-carbon energy technologies such as geothermal heat pumps and air-source heat pumps, solar thermal and solar energy generation systems that reduce reliance on fossil fuels for space and water heating. This will include an increased benefit for low-income households and vulnerable communities.

3.1 Showcase low-carbon technologies:

Ontario's heritage properties are excellent platforms to showcase low-carbon technology to the public and are among the most challenging structures to retrofit. Retrofitting heritage buildings with low-carbon energy systems and high-efficiency materials provides the double benefit of showcasing to the public the uses and advantages of this technology, and preserving these important buildings for the enjoyment of future generations.

Code. In addition to reducing the higher up-front costs for homebuyers, this program will encourage construction of high-efficiency homes that pollute less.

4.4 Keep Electricity Rates Affordable: Use cap and trade proceeds to offset the cost of greenhouse gas pollution reduction initiatives that are currently funded by residential and industrial consumers through their bills.

5) Set lower-carbon standards for new buildings

5.1 Update the Building Code: The government intends to update the Building Code with long-term energy efficiency targets for new net zero carbon emission small buildings that will come into effect by 2030 at the latest, and consult on initial changes that will be effective by 2020. Ontario will consult on how to best achieve these targets through Building Code improvements.

4.2 Help retire older wood stoves: A new program targeting northern and rural communities, including Indigenous communities, would encourage households to switch out older polluting wood stoves for new high-efficiency wood stoves.

4.3 Near Net Zero Carbon Home

Incentive: Rebates will go to individuals who purchase or build their own near net zero carbon emission homes, with energy efficiency performance that sufficiently exceeds the requirements of the Building

4) Help homeowners reduce their carbon footprints by supporting additional choice

Technologies that are readily available and being used today can significantly reduce energy demands and greenhouse gas pollution. Homeowners will be given the tools and



6) Promote low-carbon energy supply and products

6.1 Establish low-carbon content for natural gas: Ontario intends to introduce a renewable content requirement for natural gas and provide supports to encourage the use of cleaner, renewable natural gas in the industrial, transportation and buildings sectors. The government will consult with industry on the implementation of this requirement. The goal is to ensure the lowest possible carbon content to help reduce building and transportation emissions. Methane released from sources like landfills, municipal green bin collection, agricultural residues, livestock manure, food and beverage manufacturing waste, sewage treatment plants and forestry waste can be renewed and directly substituted for conventional natural gas. Renewable natural gas is a low-carbon fuel that does not add new carbon to the atmosphere. It is fully interchangeable with conventional natural gas and uses the same infrastructure.





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7) Help individuals and businesses manage their energy use and save money

- 7.1 Provide free energy audits for pre-sale homes:** Energy audits would be required before a new or existing single-family home can be listed for sale, and the energy rating will be included in the real estate listing. These audits are intended to be provided free of charge under this plan. The Home Energy Rating and Disclosure program will improve consumer awareness by allowing homebuyers to compare homes by energy rating. It will also encourage uptake of retrofit incentive programs. To meet the expected demand for home energy auditors, Ontario will support development of energy audit training programs and will further consult before launching this program in 2019.
- By better understanding how people use energy, Ontarians can make informed choices on how to change their behaviours to help lower greenhouse gas pollution and fight climate change – as well as how to save money through reduced energy use. This action will:
- 7.2 Expand Green Button provincewide:** Ontario's Green Button program lets Ontarians access and share their data on electricity, natural gas and water consumption in a secure, standardized electronic format. Expanding this tool provincewide will help more households and businesses manage and conserve their energy and water use.
- 7.3 Boost public access to climate change tools:** Ontarians would have access to a wide range of climate change tools to help them reduce carbon emissions. Publicly accessible tools will include carbon calculators, solar potential mapping, municipal level emissions data, climate change training materials, and guidance documents for businesses, municipalities and homes. These will be available starting in 2017.

- and create new opportunities and new jobs for Ontarians. This action will:
- 8.1 Grow the workforce for a low-carbon buildings sector:** New and expanded training programs would be developed to ensure Ontario's buildings sector has the skilled workers it needs to compete in a low-carbon economy, and to help reduce the carbon footprint of Ontario homes and buildings.
- 8.2 Support post-secondary training and innovation:** Training will be developed and delivered through post-secondary institutions and other training partners to be sure Ontario has the capacity to build, maintain and repair low-carbon buildings. This will include training for First Nation and Métis peoples. The province will support initiatives that advance low-carbon building science, technologies, materials and designs. Focus will be on stimulating product development and promotion, which includes support for research and pilot programs for innovations. A research program will be established for the design and engineering of tall wood-frame buildings.
- Smart Thermostats** help homeowners control and adjust their home heating and cooling from their smartphones.

8) Training, workforce and technical capacity

ACTION AREA: LAND-USE PLANNING

Support low-carbon communities



ACTIONS

Strengthen climate change policies in the municipal land-use planning process

Support municipal and other stakeholder climate action

Reduce congestion and improve economic productivity





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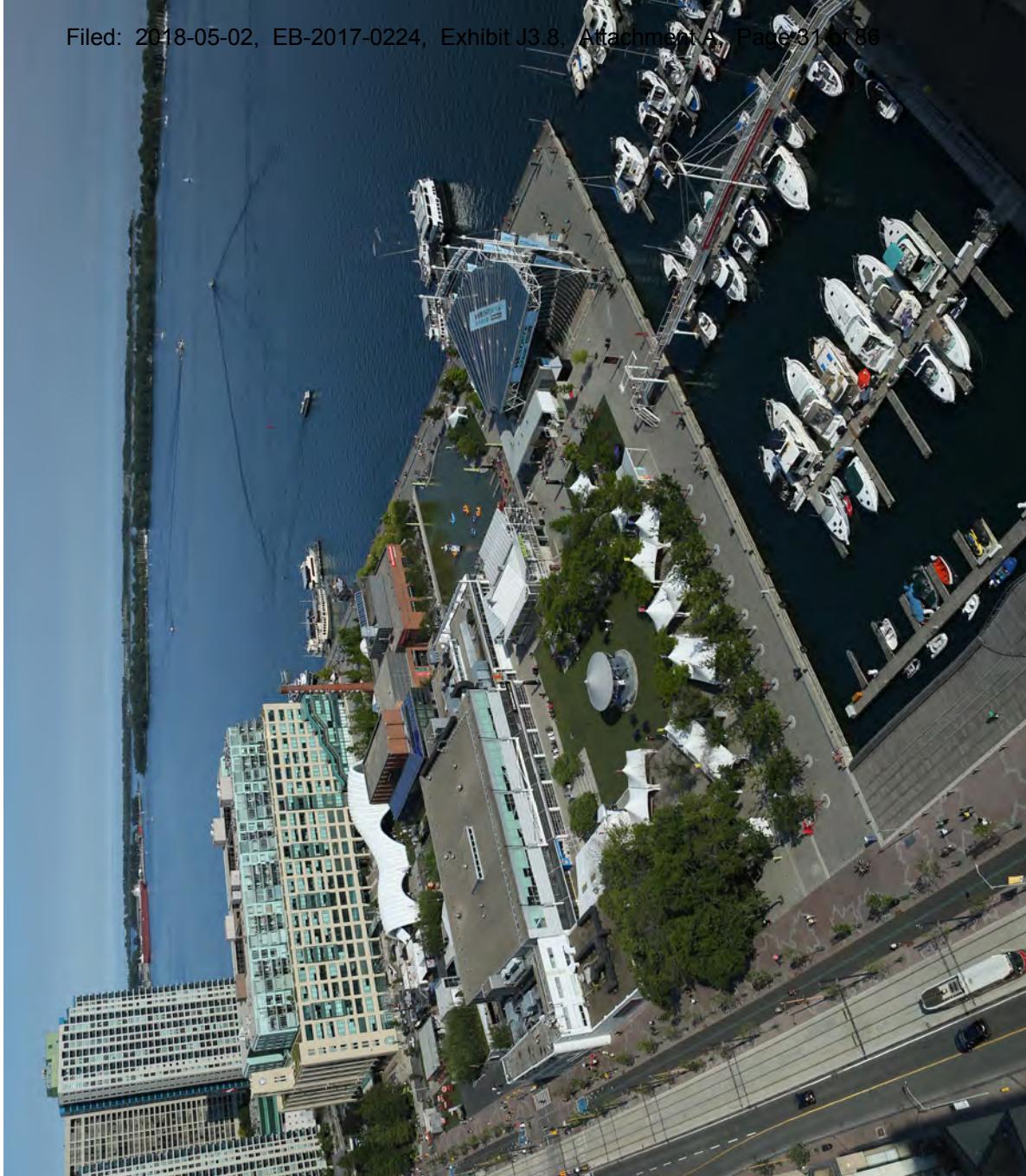
Good community planning can substantially reduce greenhouse gas pollution from transportation, buildings, business and industry – and help deliver a cleaner, healthier environment for residents.

As an example, studies show that compact, mixed-use and pedestrian-oriented city designs can decrease transportation emissions per household by 24 to 50 per cent, compared to conventional suburban neighbourhoods. Stemming the ability of urban sprawl to extend through rural lands not only reduces emissions – it protects valuable agricultural lands, natural resources, and ecosystems for the future.

Ontario is fully committed to complete, compact communities. Ontario is currently acting on recommendations that outline how to build more complete communities in the Greater Golden Horseshoe area – Canada's fastest-growing urban region.

Provincial policies and laws already guide transportation, land-use planning and urban design in this regard. Establishing emissions reduction as a priority will embed low-carbon design in long-term decision-making, and help in the fight against climate change.

Actions in this section support the planning and development of low-carbon communities. They include actions to help municipalities strengthen





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local land-use policies to help fight climate change; to strengthen local energy planning and mapping; and to reduce traffic congestion and transportation emissions generally.

- 1.1.2 Set green development standards:** Municipalities would be able to pass bylaws related to green standards in areas other than building construction. This would include, for example, sustainable transportation management.

1) Strengthen climate change policies in the municipal land-use planning process

Municipalities need the tools to ensure land-use planning proposals can support greenhouse gas pollution reductions. This action focuses on helping municipalities implement local policies that contribute to provincial targets. It will:

- 1.1 Empower municipalities:** The government intends to consult on and propose amendments to the Municipal Act and the City of Toronto Act (currently being reviewed) that, [if passed], would:

- 1.1.1 Require electric vehicle charging in surface lots:** Municipalities would be able to require installation of electric vehicle charging stations in surface parking areas.

mixed-use communities. Instead, bylaws will encourage bike lanes, larger sidewalks, and enhanced tree canopies.

2) Support municipal and other stakeholder climate action

Ontario works with many partners to support climate change action. In the 2016 Ontario Budget, a \$17-million endowment was announced for the Toronto Atmospheric Fund to innovate, promote and invest in ways to reduce greenhouse gas pollution and improve air quality in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Areas. Ontario will continue to work with partners across the province to fight climate change. This action will:

- 2.1 Establish a Challenge Fund or Program:** The government intends to establish a greenhouse gas pollution reduction challenge fund or program. This fund or program will support emissions reduction projects proposed by municipalities that already have municipal/community energy plans or climate change policies with greenhouse gas pollution inventories in place. Green projects will get matching

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provincial funding, with a focus on demonstrating the best cost-per-tonne reduction.

2.2 Support community energy planning: Ontario intends to fund the development of Community Energy Plans and Climate Action Plans (and their supporting data) with greenhouse gas pollution inventories for municipalities and First Nation and Métis communities that currently do not have these plans.

These programs would include training and guidance to help communities access energy use data for their community energy planning and mapping.

3) Reduce congestion and improve economic productivity

- 3.2 Reduce single-passenger vehicle trips:** Ontario would provide grants to municipalities and large private employers to implement Transportation Demand Management Plans. The plans will be designed to help increase walking, cycling, carpooling, telecommuting and flex-work schedules, thereby reducing overall fossil fuel consumption, traffic congestion and transportation emissions.

Congestion costs Ontario billions of dollars annually, increases greenhouse gas pollution, reduces our productivity and competitiveness, and impacts quality of life. This action will:



- 3.1 Help manage congestion:** Ontario intends to ensure municipalities have the tools they need to pilot congestion management plans and "low emission zones."

- 2.3 Support community energy mapping and platforms:** The government would support collaborative, community-based and data-driven approaches to carbon reduction. This would include district-wide mapping that integrates gas, electricity, heating and cooling, water, transportation, waste consumption and building data into a single platform to enable district-wide decisions. Applications would include distributed generation opportunities, detailed emissions analysis, targeted conservation spending and improved benchmarking.

ACTION AREA: INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS

Keeping Ontario competitive: A strong centre of modern, clean manufacturing and jobs



ACTIONS

Help industries adopt low-carbon technologies

Help the agri-food sector adopt low-carbon technologies



INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS

Keeping Ontario competitive: A strong centre of modern, clean manufacturing and jobs

Industrial activity in Ontario accounts for more than one quarter of the province's annual greenhouse gas pollution. It is crucial for the long-term success of Ontario's low-carbon economy that industrial emissions reduction is balanced with continuing economic competitiveness.

The province has already taken steps to support business and industry through its climate change policies. The cap and trade program provides numerous incentives, including transitional allowances, to help business and industry cut emissions. Cap and trade offers them flexibility and choice in reducing their carbon footprints. The government intends to dedicate, from those proceeds that are intended to be invested back into industry between \$40 million and \$60 million for the specific purpose of helping coal-intensive industries move to less carbon intensive fuels.

The action plan fully supports a competitive low-carbon economy. Companies will benefit from improved productivity, business certainty and a stable investment climate. The plan promotes innovation to develop more of the clean-technology processes and products that are increasingly in demand in this province and around the world, and will maintain and create jobs for Ontarians.

Actions in this section focus on establishing a green bank that will help companies across the province adopt low-carbon technologies, and actions targeted specifically to Ontario's agri-food sector.



INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS Keeping Ontario competitive: A strong centre of modern, clean manufacturing and jobs



1) Help industries adopt low-carbon technologies

1.1 Help companies transition to low-carbon:

The government intends to help Ontario businesses and industries increase their use of low-carbon technologies. Programs and

services will be designed and delivered by the green bank to help reduce greenhouse gas pollution while also reducing costs. Technologies deployed would not only improve energy productivity but also help industrial plants modernize to thrive in a competitive low-carbon economy. The green bank would support both large and smaller emitters.

These actions would be complemented by a modern and efficient approval process that would reduce time and costs involved in implementing low-carbon technologies. For example, the government will work with cement, steel, lime and other high-emitting sectors that can use alternative fuels, to establish a service standard for decisions on alternative fuel applications. The green bank will help businesses and industries identify available government programs and



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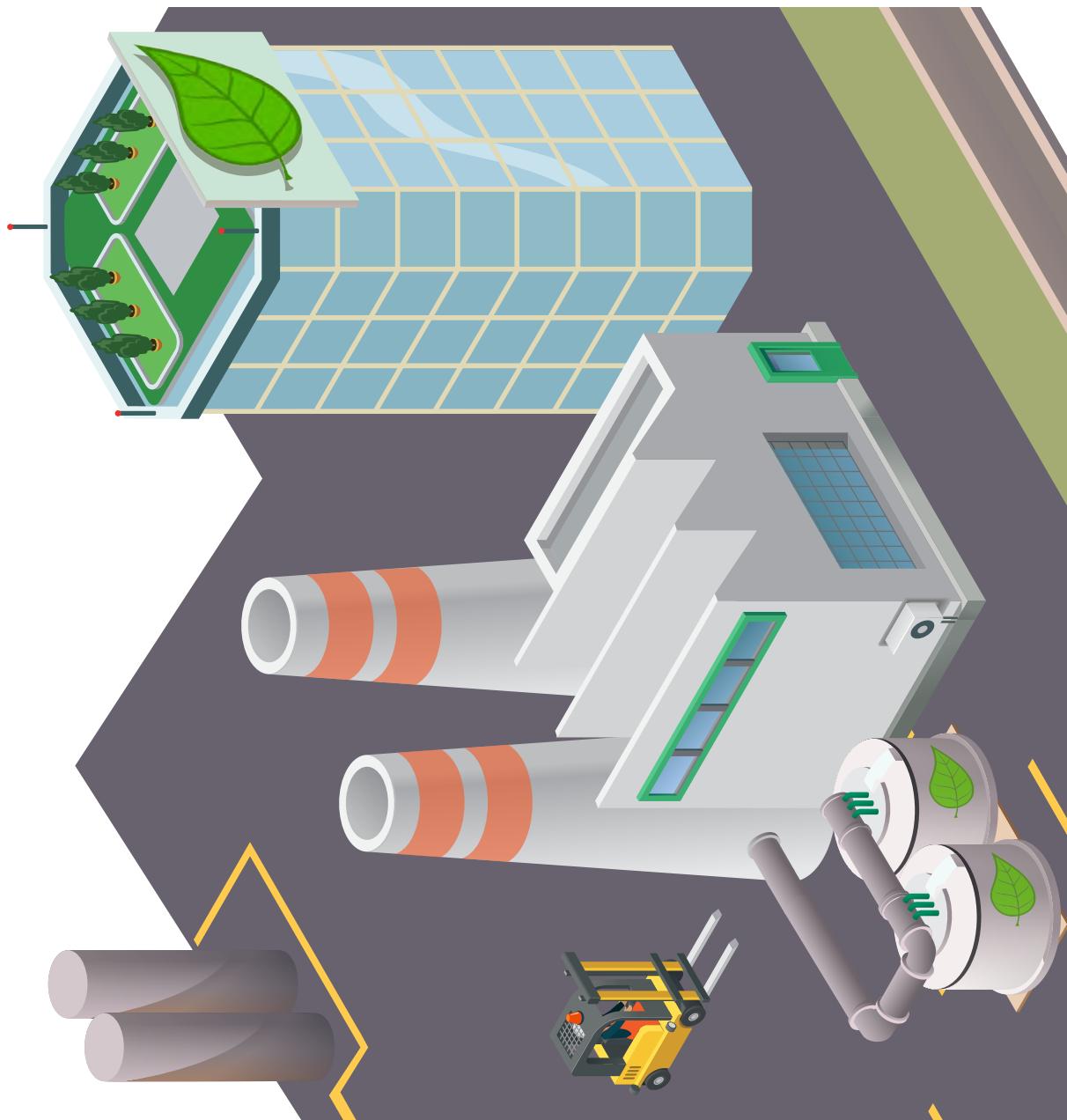
financial supports, achieve economies of scale through project aggregation, calculate returns on investment, and secure financing. The delivery model for the green bank will be finalized in consultation with existing utilities.

2) Help the agri-food sector adopt low-carbon technologies

The agricultural sector is vital to Ontario – both by ensuring a secure food supply for Ontarians and as a significant contributor to the economy. This action focuses on helping the agri-food sector reduce its greenhouse gas pollution. It will:

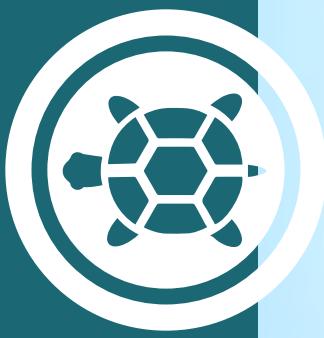
2.1 Reduce emissions: Ontario intends to help its food and beverage-processing sector expand the use of innovative technologies and practices to reduce emissions.

2.2 Retrofit agricultural facilities: Ontario intends to support the transition to low-carbon, indoor agricultural facilities, such as greenhouses and grain dryers, through retrofits to existing structures.



ACTION AREA: COLLABORATION WITH INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

Partner to reduce emissions and transition to a low-carbon economy



ACTIONS

Collaborate with Indigenous communities





COLLABORATION WITH INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

Partner to reduce emissions and transition to a low-carbon economy

Climate change poses challenges on Ontario's Indigenous communities that depend on natural ecosystems for food supplies, traditional cultural practices, and their livelihood.

Ontario will work together with First Nation and Métis communities to address the challenges. The government is committed to developing a greater understanding of how Traditional Ecological Knowledge and expertise can be considered to address climate change. Ontario recognizes Indigenous communities' unique relationship with the land and is committed to supporting the survival of cultures, values and languages.

First Nation and Métis communities will benefit from the economic opportunities presented by Ontario's transition to a low-carbon economy. Reduced greenhouse gas pollution presents opportunities for job creation and economic development across the province, as well as opportunities to enhance the efficiency and sustainability of energy use in Indigenous communities. The Ontario Aboriginal Loan Guarantee Program is already working to support Indigenous participation in new transmission and renewable energy generation projects, such as wind, solar and hydroelectric.

The ideas included in this section are potential areas of collaboration with Indigenous communities and organizations. They are a



COLLABORATION WITH INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

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starting point, setting out Ontario's commitment to an ongoing dialogue. Working in partnership, we would refine all potential actions to ensure they address community needs and interests.

- Where community support exists, Ontario would work with First Nation organizations to develop advanced microgrid solutions in First Nation communities. These projects would support economic growth by reducing reliance on diesel fuel and enabling stable, predictable sources of power. Projects would focus on renewable energy such as biomass, solar, and waterpower. In the future, these projects could be connected to the provincial grid to enhance the reliability of the new transmission line and to diversify clean sources of energy for communities.
- Ontario and First Nation communities would work in partnership to ensure a transition to non-fossil fuel energy in a way that minimizes impact on the communities. This could be through investments in energy efficiency, micro-grids and renewable energy where feasible, and other forms of transition assistance, especially in remote and northern First Nations communities.
- Ontario will work with First Nations and the federal government to connect remote communities to the provincial electricity grid. This would reduce greenhouse gas pollution by moving communities from diesel generators to low-carbon electricity.
- Where community support exists, Ontario would work with First Nation organizations to develop advanced microgrid solutions in First Nation communities. These projects would support economic growth by reducing reliance on diesel fuel and enabling stable, predictable sources of power. Projects would focus on renewable energy such as biomass, solar, and waterpower. In the future, these projects could be connected to the provincial grid to enhance the reliability of the new transmission line and to diversify clean sources of energy for communities.
- Ontario will establish a fund for community-level greenhouse gas pollution reduction projects and for community energy and climate action planning in First Nation communities, particularly to reduce emissions from buildings and infrastructure, and for the development of carbon sequestration projects.
- First Nation and Métis Climate Change Tables will be created to ensure ongoing, regular discussion on shared priorities between Ontario and First Nations, and between Ontario and Métis communities. These tables would coordinate climate action and the implementation of Ontario's Climate Change Strategy and this action plan, and identify new actions that communities would like to see move forward.

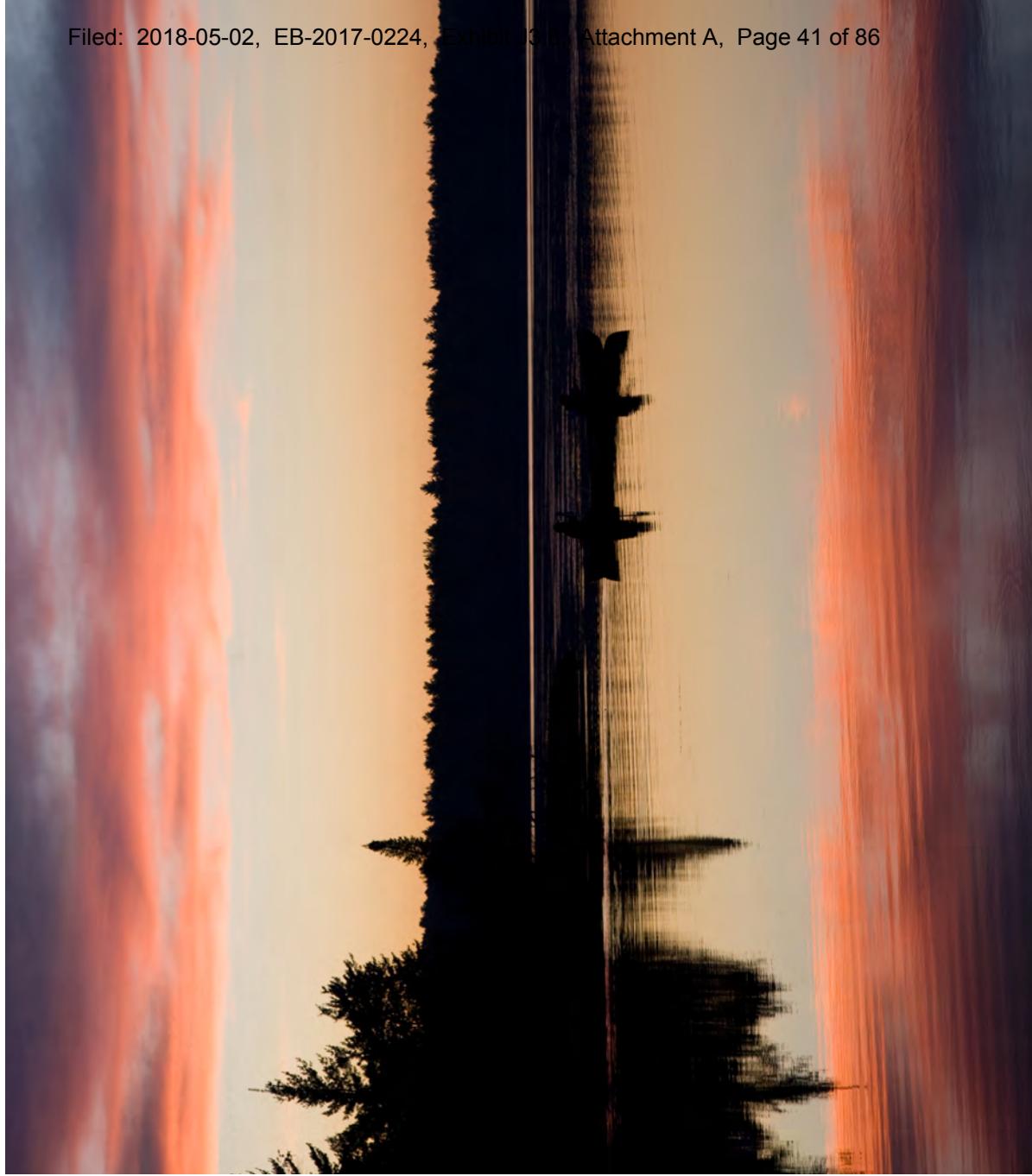
1) Collaborate with Indigenous communities





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- Low-carbon jobs and training partnerships will be established among post-secondary institutions and Indigenous communities. These would deliver programs that would support skills training related to renewable energy, energy efficiency, and the green buildings sector.
 - Ontario would connect with First Nation and Métis communities by partnering on regular symposiums to be held in different communities across Ontario, focusing on sharing knowledge on climate change, including Traditional Ecological Knowledge. These symposiums would engage youth leaders and elders to share knowledge related to climate change mitigation.

ACTION AREA: RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Focus on climate science and zero-carbon breakthroughs



ACTIONS

Support innovation and commercialization of new low-carbon technologies

Set Tax and Regulatory Policies that Encourage Innovations

Support research and development through a Global Centre for Low-Carbon Mobility





RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Focus on climate science and potential zero-carbon breakthroughs

Fighting climate change presents an extraordinary opportunity for innovation. As governments around the world work to achieve their greenhouse gas targets, the demand for low-carbon products and technologies will only increase. By fostering innovation in these areas, Ontario can gain significant long-term benefits across its economy that will include high-quality jobs, technology spill-overs, reduced production costs and greater productivity – and competitiveness on a global scale.

Ontario has already experienced the impact. In 2009, the government kick-started a clean tech and renewable energy sector through its Green Energy Act. This has led to new manufacturing jobs across the province and more renewable sources of power online. Other initiatives, including the Water Opportunities Act and Greener Diesel and Ethanol in Gasoline Regulations, have spurred innovation that has led to new products and services, new choice for consumers and businesses, and new high-paying jobs.

Today, Ontario is well-placed to excel in low-carbon innovation, science and technology. It has already repositioned its role in North American manufacturing towards the low-carbon economy. And many opportunities lie ahead.

This action plan supports research, development and innovation in climate change science and technologies. It encourages Ontario's researchers, entrepreneurs and businesses to make the discoveries that will lead to breakthroughs in zero-carbon technology. It supports scaling-up of pioneering Ontario companies.

Actions in this section will help strengthen and grow Ontario's clean-tech sector; set tax and regulatory policies to encourage innovation; and create a new Centre dedicated to supporting research and development that has great potential for emissions reduction and for high consumer demand.



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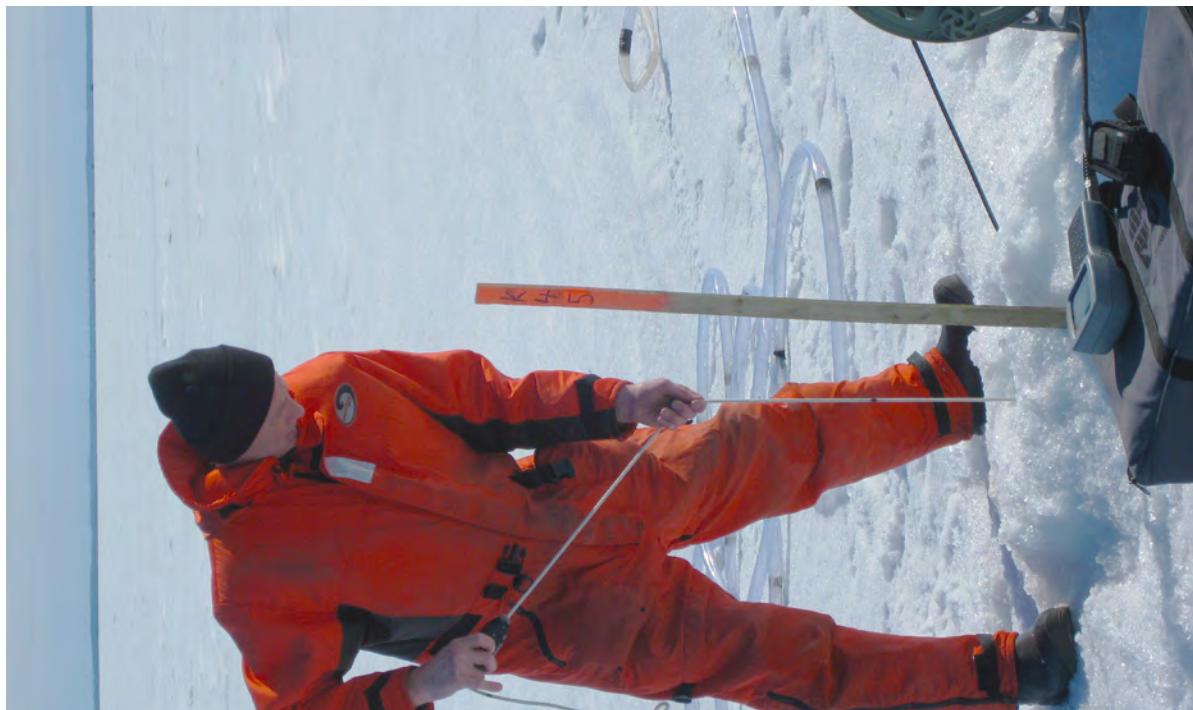
1) Support innovation and commercialization of new low-carbon technologies

Fighting climate change requires both maximizing use of existing technologies and developing new technologies. In the 2016 Ontario Budget, the government announced a \$55 million

Ontario has the fastest-growing cleantech sector in Canada — with \$8 billion in revenue, 3,000 companies and 65,000 employees.

commitment to support the clean-tech sector. The government intends to add to this amount — and will dedicate the new funds specifically to research and development and proof-of-concept low-carbon technologies.

1.1 Strengthen the low-carbon clean-tech sector: Ontario will encourage the development and growth of its clean-tech sector by supporting research in low-carbon technologies; developing low-carbon clean technology accelerators and clusters in sectors where Ontario has a competitive edge;



supporting proof-of-concept projects for low-carbon technologies; and helping emerging low-carbon companies increase scale.

2) Set Tax and Regulatory Policies that Encourage Innovations

Tax and regulatory policies can play an important role in supporting low-carbon investment decisions. This action will:

2.1 Explore R&D tax credits: Ontario intends to explore opportunities to create tax credits for research and development in order to encourage investment in Ontario companies focused on low-carbon technologies.

2.2 Consider accelerated capital cost allowance: The province will work with the federal government to explore possible opportunities for accelerated capital cost allowance for technologies that reduce greenhouse gas pollution.

2.3 Regulatory requirements: Regulatory requirements will be updated to support the adoption of innovative industrial technologies and the reduction of greenhouse gas pollution.



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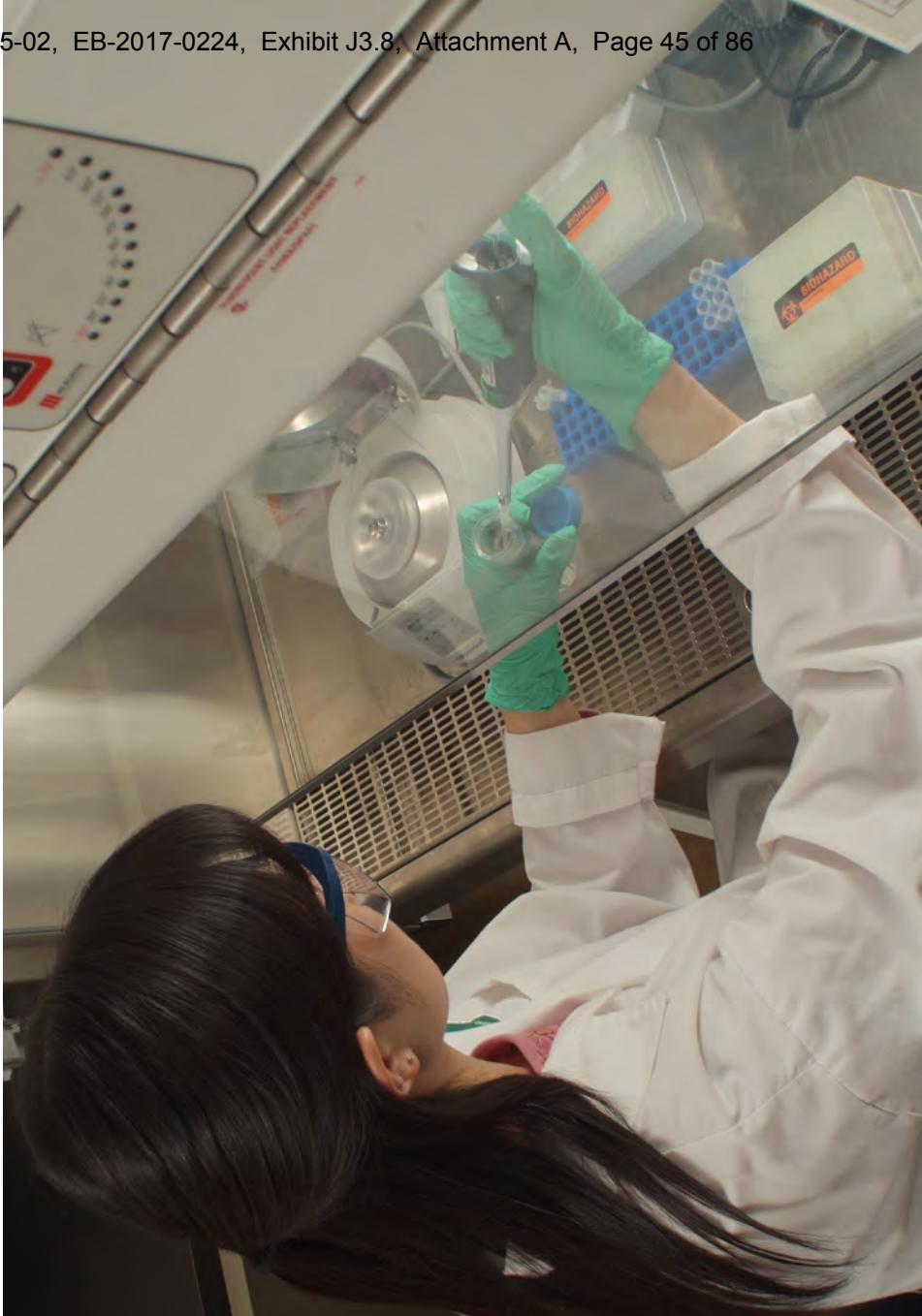
Biomass heating systems burn organic fuels like wood pellets to provide heat, steam or hot water.

build on the strong foundation that exists between Ontario and the auto industry. It will create new jobs, new technologies and help preserve existing manufacturing jobs in the province.

3) Support research and development through a Global Centre for Low-Carbon Mobility

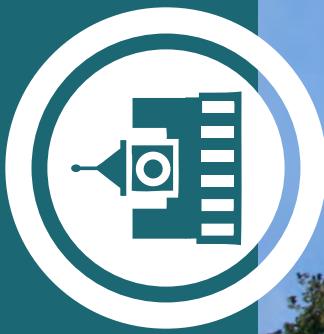
3.1 Create a Global Centre for Low Carbon

Mobility: Based at a post-secondary institution in Ontario, a Global Centre for Low Carbon Mobility will be set up to advise the government on low-carbon transportation, and to direct funding for research, development and low-carbon manufacturing. The Centre will focus on industry research and development needs and support development of low- and no-carbon transportation technology such as electric automated vehicles. Priority will be given to technology that has both high emissions reduction and consumer-demand potential. The Centre will also support research and development in low-carbon technology for off-road vehicles. It will



ACTION AREA: GOVERNMENT

Move toward a carbon neutral public service



ACTIONS

Reduce emissions and energy costs across government





GOVERNMENT

Move toward a carbon neutral public service

<p>The Ontario Public Service (OPS) has more than 63,000 employees, billions of dollars in annual purchases of goods and services (including energy), more than 6,000 vehicles, and over 3.25-million square metres of building space. This presents considerable opportunities for the province to lead by example, by becoming carbon neutral by 2018.</p> <p>Ontario has already made progress. Since 2006, greenhouse gas pollution from the province's vehicle fleet has been reduced by 18 per cent, from business-related employee air travel by 18 per cent, and from government-owned buildings by 30 per cent.</p> <p>Further, the government is able to drive emissions reduction through policies, decision-making and investments. For example, Ontario will spend \$160 billion over 12 years on public infrastructure, including \$31.5 billion through the Moving Ontario Forward plan that invests in, for example, transit projects.</p> <p>Over the next five years, the OPS will lay the foundation to reach its new target of reducing emissions by 50 per cent below 2006 levels by 2030. These reductions will have the added benefit of reducing the cost to Ontarians of government operations.</p> <p>The actions in this section focus on reducing emissions and energy costs across government, including through healthier government buildings, increased electric vehicles in the OPS fleet, low-carbon procurement, and public-sector climate change tools, information and training.</p>





1) Reduce emissions and energy costs across government

for provincial employees, and inspire other employers and individuals to reduce emissions to fight climate change. This action will:

1.1 Deliver healthier buildings:

Ontario will reduce emissions in provincial government buildings through measures that include energy-efficiency and low-carbon energy retrofits, and by strengthening the performance of existing buildings. Aging government buildings currently emit more

than 120,000 tonnes of carbon annually. The province will also explore opportunities to conduct major building renovations, restorations and redevelopment to reduce its carbon footprint.

1.2 Increase the reduction target: The new government greenhouse gas pollution reduction target will be 50 per cent below 2006 levels by 2030. Ontario will develop a





GOVERNMENT

Move toward a carbon neutral public service



- long-term strategy to move all government operations towards carbon neutrality.
- 1.3 Increase telecommuting:** Providing more opportunities for telecommuting by OPS staff will help reduce emissions from transportation and buildings.
- 1.4 Green-up government vehicles:** Ontario will buy or lease green-plate-eligible passenger vehicles for the OPS fleet wherever possible. Government and corporate fleets present an important opportunity to showcase the viability and practicality of electric vehicles.
- 1.5 Emphasize energy reductions:** To help drive energy conservation and emissions reductions, the government will enable the use of energy performance contracts across the OPS.
- 1.6 Showcase Ontario's clean-tech expertise:** Public properties and buildings will be used to help demonstrate low-carbon technologies, and to showcase made-in-Ontario innovations and the expertise of Ontario's clean-tech companies.
- 1.7 Ensure low-carbon procurement:** Ontario spends billions of dollars each year in procurement. This spending can be directed to encourage the use of low-carbon materials and construction techniques in projects across the province. The OPS Procurement
- Directive will be reviewed to enable low-carbon procurement, considering the full lifecycle of products.
- 1.8 Reform fossil fuel policies:** Ontario will reform existing policies and programs that support fossil fuel use and fossil fuel-intensive technologies.



ACTION AREA: AGRICULTURE, FORESTS AND LANDS

Productive, sustainable, and a pathway to creating offsets

ACTIONS

Reduce emissions from waste and move Ontario towards a circular economy

Increase our understanding of how agricultural and natural lands emit and store carbon

Maximize carbon storage from agriculture

Understand and enhance carbon storage in natural systems

Update Environmental Assessments to Account for Climate Change





AGRICULTURE, FORESTS AND LANDS

Productive, sustainable, and a pathway to creating offsets

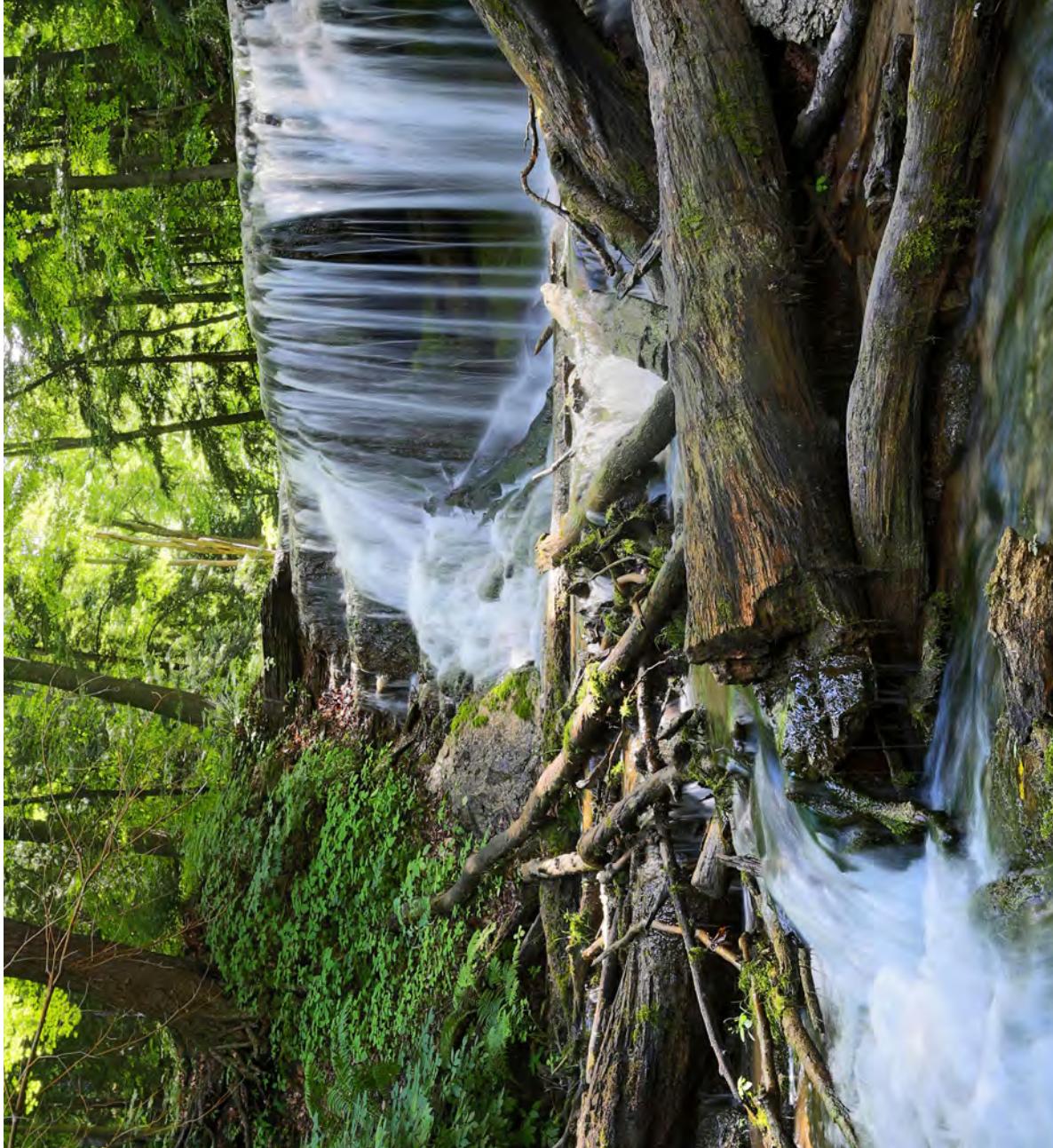
Ontario is committed to preserving and protecting the natural environment for today and tomorrow. Making effective use of our natural environment while reducing emissions, requires careful study and a targeted response.

Agriculture, for example, has a complex relationship with emissions. Some farming activities, such as raising livestock or using tractors, add emissions. Plants and vegetation, on the other hand, absorb carbon dioxide, a key greenhouse gas, and store it in plant material, thereby reducing atmospheric carbon.

Ontario's goal is to ensure natural, agricultural, and forested lands are used in ways that are efficient and sustainable and enhance the removal and storage of carbon from the atmosphere. Also important is Ontario's waste sector, where different practices and technologies can capture greenhouse gas pollution that would otherwise be released into the air.

Due to their ability to remove carbon from the atmosphere, Ontario's agriculture, forestry, lands, and resource recovery sectors will be able to supply carbon offsets to the cap and trade market, providing made-in-Ontario compliance options for emitters.

Actions in this section focus on moving Ontario further towards a circular economy that diverts all waste; ensuring a better understanding of how





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to measure the flow of carbon and the role of natural systems in climate change mitigation and adaptation; and improving soil health to protect food security and maximize carbon storage.

- reduce the amount of organic materials going into landfills, which would reduce emissions. Potential targets are 40 per cent of organics diverted by 2025 and 60 per cent by 2035.

1) Reduce emissions from waste and move Ontario towards a circular economy

1.1 On track to zero waste: The government will implement the Waste-Free Ontario: Building the Circular Economy strategy, which calls for zero waste in the province and zero greenhouse gas pollution from the waste sector. The draft strategy was released in November 2015. Once finalized, it will be implemented over five years. The government's Waste-Free Ontario Act will help recover resources and divert more waste from landfills while supporting the province's efforts to tackle climate change. Together, the legislation and the strategy would:

- boost recycling in the industrial, commercial and institutional sector, which would reduce waste and lower greenhouse gas pollution, and

- managed Crown forests in storing carbon. Ontario will develop policy on forest carbon management and/or carbon offset projects for the forestry sector while exploring the potential benefits with Indigenous peoples.

2) Increase our understanding of how agricultural and natural lands emit and store carbon

Agricultural land and natural systems sequester carbon. Protecting and enhancing Ontario's agricultural land and natural systems improves our resilience to climate change. Wetlands, for example, sequester and store carbon, but also help prevent floods and reduce the impacts of extreme weather on storm sewers and other infrastructure. This action will:

- 2.1 Develop a Land Use Carbon Inventory:** This will allow Ontario to assess the potential of agriculture, forestry and other land uses, such as wetlands and grasslands, to emit, remove and store carbon.

2.2 Develop a Forest Carbon Policy Framework: This will help clarify the role of

3) Maximize carbon storage from agriculture

- 3.1 Long-term soil health:** Ontario will work with stakeholders to develop and implement an Agricultural Soil Health and Conservation Strategy that will maximize long-term carbon storage in soils while protecting their long-term productivity. This strategy will identify ways to increase the use of soils management practices that reduce greenhouse gas pollution and improve the long-term capacity for soil carbon sequestration. Improved soil health will also help the agricultural sector adapt to a changing climate, find more opportunities to reduce greenhouse gas pollution, and lay the groundwork for potential participation in Ontario's carbon offset market. Investments in soil mapping will help gather data and information needed to assess soil health, carbon sequestration and accounting.



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4) Understand and enhance carbon storage in natural systems

plans. This includes considering potential climate change impacts when designing land-use areas and designations.

- 4.4 Increase tree planting:** Ontario will continue to support tree-planting programs, including its commitment to plant 50 million trees across the province by 2025. The number of trees to be planted within the boundaries of urban municipalities will be doubled from one million to two million, with funding for irrigation where appropriate.

By taking actions to protect, plan for and enhance natural areas, Ontario's natural systems can play an important role in climate change mitigation. This action will:

- 4.1 Benefit from an expanded Greenbelt:** Ontario's Greenbelt is being expanded. This will enable more green spaces to be protected and enable the carbon sequestration potential of the area to be maintained.

- 4.2 Protect grasslands:** The government will develop and implement the Ontario Grasslands Stewardship Initiative to promote and support grasslands that help store carbon. The program will focus on conserving, restoring, and managing 22,500 hectares of grassland conservation.

- 4.3 Support Far North land-use planning:** The Far North Land Use Strategy, when completed and implemented, will help support First Nation-Ontario planning teams in preparing community-based land-use

5) Update Environmental Assessments to Account for Climate Change

- 5.1 Address climate change in environmental assessments:** The province has prepared a draft guide entitled Consideration of Climate Change in Environmental Assessment in Ontario for projects and undertakings under the Environmental Assessment Act. This guide describes various approaches to the treatment of climate change in environmental assessment processes and studies, including:
- consideration of climate change mitigation, i.e. reducing the likelihood that climate change will occur or its severity, and
 - consideration of climate change adaptation, i.e. ensuring that projects, when built, are prepared for future changes to climate.

When finalized, this guide will support the province's Climate Change Action Plan and Adaptation Strategy and will become part of the Environmental Assessment program's Guides and Codes of Practice.

Implementing actions and reporting to Ontarians

This action plan sets out the steps Ontario will take to fight climate change. It is a five-year plan, with actions being launched throughout that period. Each year, Ontario will prepare an annual report that describes the status of the actions set out in the action plan. The report must be put before the Legislature and made available to the public.

All actions will be implemented after thorough collaboration with business, industry, municipalities, First Nations and Métis communities and organizations, and other partners – with additional consultation, where appropriate.

Ontario will advise both public and stakeholders whenever specific actions – such as home energy retrofits for homeowners or research and development grants for clean-tech companies – become available.

All actions taken to fight climate change, and the way in which cap and trade proceeds are used, will be transparent and accountable. Ontario's Climate Change Mitigation and Low-carbon Economy Act requires:

- that Ontario renew this action plan at least every five years,
- an annual public reporting on action plan progress as well as funds tracked in and out of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Account,
- establishment of a Greenhouse Gas Reduction Account to track cap and trade proceeds and ensure they are invested in green projects and programs that reduce or support the reduction of greenhouse gas pollution.



Climate Change Action Plan**Implementing actions and reporting to Ontarians**

Working with the federal government

Ontario recognizes the federal government's leadership on fighting climate change, as well as its commitment to targeted federal funding for provinces and territories. Ontario supports the creation of a pan-Canadian approach to carbon pricing that recognizes existing and planned provincial initiatives and is driven by the delivery of real greenhouse gas reductions.

As this province and country moves to carbon pricing, it is important to consider what might be collectively done to keep businesses competitive, including through tools such as border carbon measures that can help level the playing field with goods entering Ontario from jurisdictions without a carbon price. This would support our businesses while also encouraging broader reduction of carbon. The province will consult with industry regarding trade exports over the next few months.

Ontario looks forward to working collaboratively with the federal government to reduce greenhouse gas pollution, build resiliency, and ensure federal infrastructure support aligns with provincial climate change objectives. The federal government is urged to contribute funds that will enhance and build on the actions outlined in this plan.

Ontario has been an early leader in Canada regarding emissions reductions. It made hard, far-reaching decisions to ensure a cleaner electricity supply by closing coal and supporting the growth of the renewable energy sector. Federal support will be crucial to Ontario's success in achieving its emissions reduction targets which will, in turn, help Canada meet and exceed its commitments to the international community.

Ontario will continue to work with the federal government to develop intergovernmental climate change initiatives in collaboration with Ontario's municipalities, First Nation and Métis communities.

Adapting to become climate resilient

Ontario's Climate Change Strategy recognizes the need to plan, prepare and adapt to a changing climate. This Climate Change Action Plan focuses on greenhouse gas reductions. Ontario's plan for adapting to climate change and becoming more resilient will be released in 2017.

This upcoming plan will build on Climate Ready: Ontario's Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan, which was released in 2011, and was Ontario's first public commitment to address climate impacts across government.

The updated plan will provide details of a new climate modelling collaborative, a commitment under Ontario's Climate Change Strategy. This modelling collaborative will help decision-makers understand potential climate impacts so they can make effective, climate-resilient decisions. It will provide:

- a one-window repository for information about current impacts and projections for the future, and
- access to expertise to understand how climate change may affect different activities or lines of business, and help plan for and manage risks in areas such as farming, infrastructure, and public health.

This work will be useful to provincial and municipal governments, Crown agencies, utilities, conservation authorities, the private sector, First Nations and Métis communities, and others. The updated adaptation plan will address pollinator health and food security, as well as expand on the importance of healthy Ontario soil. It will also address the unique challenges Indigenous communities face in adapting to climate change.

Conclusion: taking action together

The fight against climate change is crucial. At its core, it's about respecting this province and this planet whose care has been entrusted to us all.

Ontario's Climate Change Action Plan is a springboard to progress. It's a five-year plan that builds on work already done and achievements already made in reducing Ontario's greenhouse gas pollution. It introduces key actions that will move the province further towards its emissions reduction targets of 2020, 2030 and 2050, and to ultimately realize the goals of Ontario's Climate Change Strategy.

This plan addresses the full scope of what needs to be done. Over time, fighting climate change requires a shift in how we live, work and move. The plan provides choice: it gives consumers and businesses the tools to change their behaviours and reduce their carbon footprints. It provides businesses with certainty and stability. It promotes the innovation that will propel Ontario's transition to a low-carbon economy and create good jobs for Ontarians. And it will preserve and protect our natural environment for future generations to enjoy.

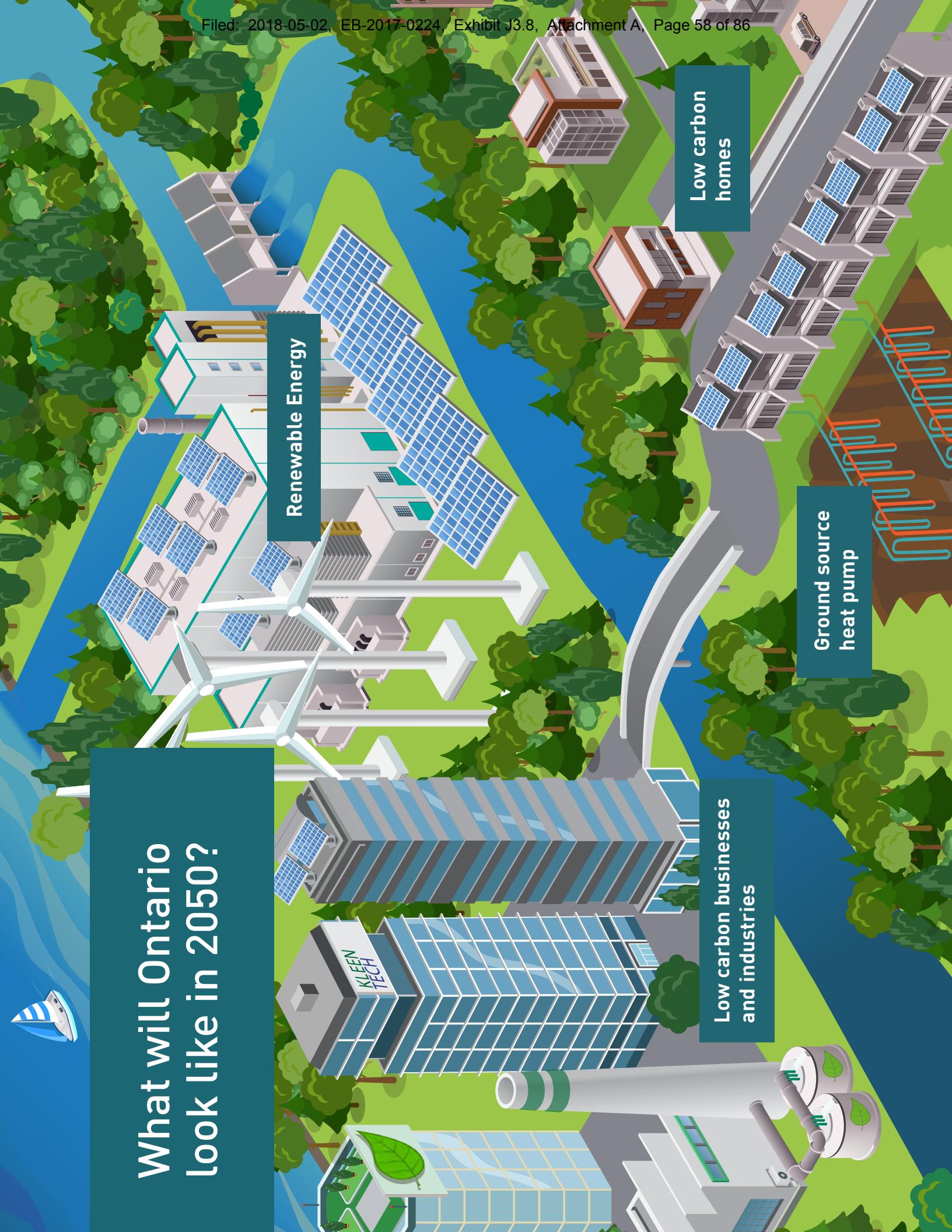
We all have a role to play. Fighting climate change will require the involvement of everyone – individuals, businesses, diverse communities, governments – separately and collectively, both short and long term.

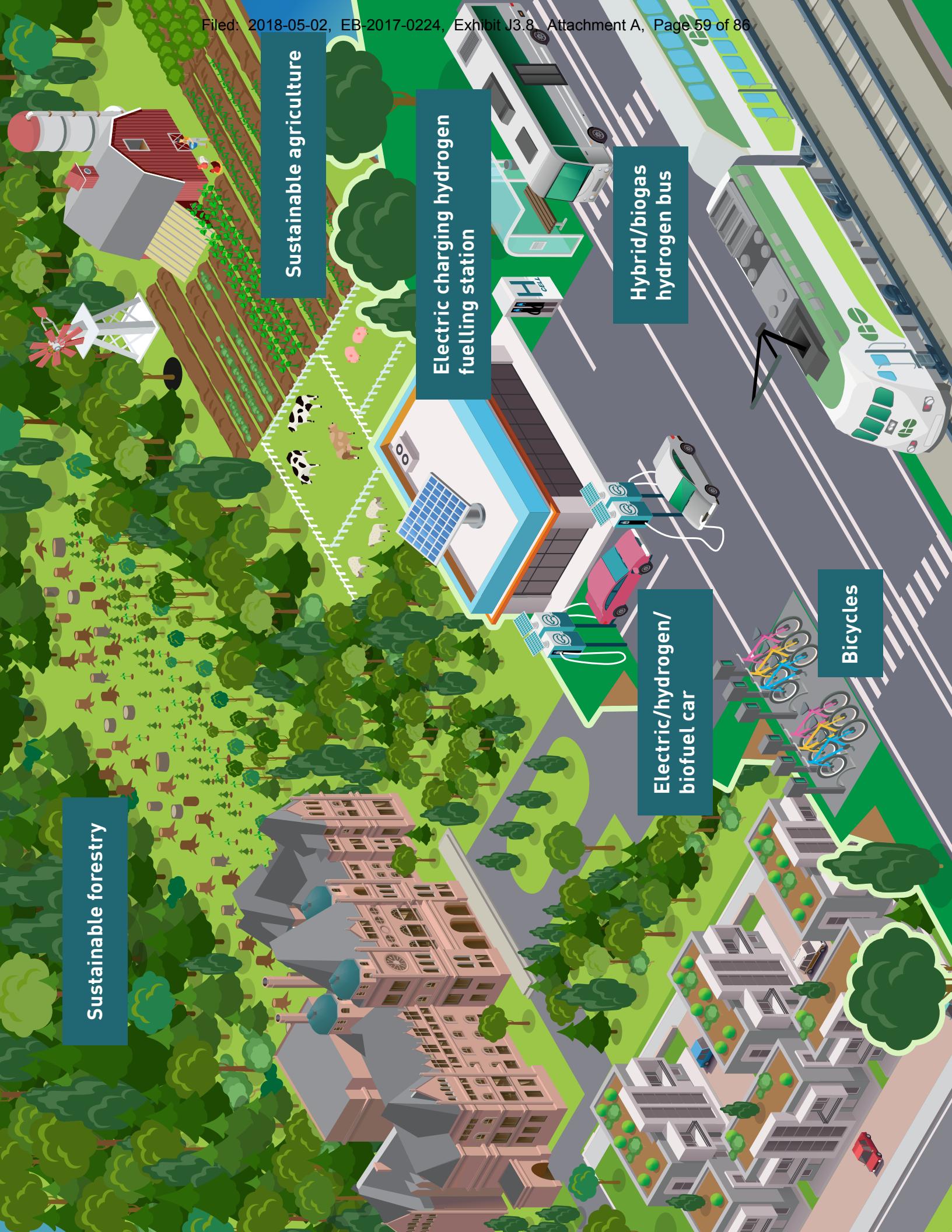
Ontario's Climate Change Action Plan sets us on the path forward. Together, we have an opportunity to lead a climate change movement that will transform our province – and ensure a healthy, prosperous and greener future.





What will Ontario look like in 2050?





Actions and investments in the plan*

Action Area: Transportation

	Action	Intended GGRA Funding	Est. GHG Reduction In 2020*	Est. Cost Per Tonne	Timetable: Action Start
1 Increase The Availability And Use Of Lower-Carbon Fuel					
1.1	Boost renewable content: Ontario will set a Renewable Fuels Standard to increase the percentage of renewable content required in transportation fuels sold in the province.	—			2017/18
1.2	Assist fuel distributors: Ontario will provide funding to fuel distributors for high-blend sustainable biofuels and infrastructure upgrades – to help them help consumers lower their greenhouse gas pollution.	\$100,000,000 to \$155,000,000			2017/18
1.3	Pilot waste and agricultural methane as a fuel source: The province will pilot a program that uses methane obtained from agricultural materials or food wastes for transportation purposes, with funding for commercial-scale demonstration projects.	\$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000			2017
	Intended GGRA Funding (Total)	\$115,000,000 to \$175,000,000	2,000,000 Tonnes	\$20	
2 Increase The Use Of Electric Vehicles					
2.1	Maintain incentives for electric vehicles: Ontario will extend the rebate program to 2020 for leasing or buying an eligible electric vehicle (up to \$14,000 per vehicle), including rebates for purchase and installation of home charging stations (up to \$1,000 per station).	\$140,000,000 to \$160,000,000			2017

Climate Change Action Plan**Actions and investments in the plan****Action Area: Transportation**

	Action	Intended GGRA Funding	Est. GHG Reduction In 2020*	Est. Cost Per Tonne	Timetable: Action Start
2.2	Eliminate HST on zero emission vehicles: Ontario will work with the federal government to explore ways to provide full HST relief to purchasers of new battery electric vehicles, with the objective of introducing this relief by 2018.	—		2017/18	
2.3	Free overnight electric vehicle charging: The province intends to establish a four-year free overnight electric vehicle-charging program for residential and multi-unit residential customers starting in 2017.	\$15,000,000		2016	
2.4	Replace older vehicles: The province will help get older and less fuel-efficient vehicles off the roads by offering a rebate to low- and moderate-income households that will help them replace old cars with new or used electric vehicles or a plug-in hybrid.	\$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000		2017/18	
2.5	Ensure availability of charging infrastructure is widely available: Ontario will increase access to the infrastructure required to charge electric vehicles by ensuring the following:	See Below		See Below	Ongoing
2.5.1	More charging stations: The province will invest in the rapid deployment of charging in workplaces, multi-unit residential buildings, downtowns and town centres.	\$80,000,000			January 2018
2.5.2	Electric-vehicle-ready homes: Ontario will require all new homes and townhomes with garages to be constructed with a 50-amp, 240-volt receptacle (plug) in the garage for the purpose of charging an electric vehicle.	—			

Climate Change Action Plan**Actions and investments in the plan****Action Area: Transportation**

	Action	Intended GGRA Funding	Est. GHG Reduction In 2020*	Est. Cost Per Tonne	Timetable: Action Start
2.5.3	Electric-vehicle-ready workplaces: Ontario will establish a requirement that, as of 2018, all newly built commercial office buildings and appropriate workplaces must provide charging infrastructure.	—			2018
2.6	Electric and Hydrogen Advancement Program: Starting in 2017, vehicle manufacturers that offer their customers access to Ontario's Electric Vehicle Incentive Program will need to participate in an Electric and Hydrogen Vehicle Advancement Program.	—			2017
2.7	Increase public awareness: Ontario will work with Plug'n Drive, a non-profit electric vehicle advocacy organization, to establish and operate a facility to showcase electric vehicles and related technology to Ontarians across the province.	\$1,750,000 to \$2,000,000			2017/18
Intended GGRA Funding (Total)		\$246,750,000 to \$277,000,000	50,000 Tonnes	\$75	

Climate Change Action Plan**Actions and investments in the plan****Action Area: Transportation**

	Action	Intended GGRA Funding	Est. GHG Reduction In 2020*	Est. Cost Per Tonne	Timetable: Action Start
3	Support Cycling And Walking				
3.1	Improve commuter cycling network: The government will accelerate and enhance implementation of Ontario's Cycling Strategy and Action Plan and promote cycling.				See Below
3.1.1	A better cycling network: Commuter cycling networks will be established across Ontario, targeting routes with high-commuting volume such as between residential communities, major transit stations and employment areas.			Ongoing	
3.1.2	Safe cycling: There will be more cycling facilities in urban areas, including grade-separated routes and cycling signals.	\$150,000,000 to \$225,000,000		Ongoing	
3.1.3	Convenient cycling: There will be more bike parking at transit stations and provincially owned, publicly accessible facilities.			Ongoing	
3.1.4	Commuter cycling: Ontario will revise provincial road and highway standards to require commuter cycling infrastructure be considered for all road and highway construction projects where it is safe and feasible. Ontario will do the same for major transit corridors.			Ongoing	
Intended GGRA Funding (Total)		\$150,000,000 to \$225,000,000		Enables Reductions Post-2020	\$500

Action Area: Transportation

	Action	Intended GGRA Funding	Est. GHG Reduction In 2020*	Est. Cost Per Tonne	Timetable: Action Start
4	Increase The Use Of Low-Carbon Trucks And Buses				
4.1	Provide incentives for business: A new Green Commercial Vehicle Program will be set up to provide incentives to eligible businesses that want to buy low-carbon commercial vehicles and technologies to reduce emissions, including electric and natural gas-powered trucks, aerodynamic devices, anti-idling devices, and electric trailer refrigeration.	\$125,000,000 to \$170,000,000			2017/18
4.2	Build a network of low-emission fuelling stations: The province will work with the Ontario Trucking Association, Union Gas, Enbridge and others to establish a network of natural gas and low- or zero carbon fuelling stations.	\$75,000,000 to \$100,000,000			2017/18
4.3	Improve competitiveness of short-line railways: A study will be conducted and action taken to improve the competitiveness of Ontario's short-line railways.	\$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000			2017
		Intended GGRA Funding (Total)	\$215,000,000 to \$290,000,000	400,000 Tonnes	\$100

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Action Area: Transportation

	Action	Intended GGRA Funding	Est. GHG Reduction In 2020*	Est. Cost Per Tonne	Timetable: Action Start
5 Support the accelerated construction of GO Regional Express rail					
5.1	Accelerate Regional Express Rail Deployment: The province will work to accelerate deployment of the Regional Express Rail system. Improved transit infrastructure means faster, more frequent, transit options for users, and less traffic congestion for people who drive.	\$355,000,000 to \$675,000,000			
	Intended GGRA Funding (Total)	\$355,000,000 to \$675,000,000	Enables Reductions Post-2020	\$525	Ongoing

Action Area: Buildings and Homes

	Action	Intended GGRA Funding	Est. GHG Reduction In 2020*	Est. Cost Per Tonne	Timetable: Action Start
1 Improve energy efficiency in multi-tenant residential buildings					
1.1	Retrofit social housing apartments: Most of Ontario's social housing towers were constructed in the 1960s and 1970s and can use up to 25 per cent more energy per square metre than a house.	\$380,000,000 to \$500,000,000			2017/18
1.2	Protecting tenants from the price of carbon: Ontario will consider options for legislative and/or regulatory change that lessen the impact on residential tenants of increased energy costs from cap and trade.	—			2017/18

Action Area: Buildings and Homes

	Action	Intended GGRA Funding	Est. GHG Reduction In 2020*	Est. Cost Per Tonne	Timetable: Action Start
1.3	Provide incentives for apartment building retrofits: Ontario will offer incentives to install energy efficient technologies, like boiler replacements, adaptive thermostats and lighting retrofits in multi-tenant buildings, such as apartments.	\$300,000,000 to \$400,000,000			2017
	Intended GGRA Funding (Total)	\$680,000,000 to \$900,000,000	99,000 Tonnes	\$425	
2	Improve energy efficiency in schools and hospitals				
2.1	Support schools: Ontario will provide funding for existing schools to improve energy efficiency and install renewable energy technologies.				2017/18
2.2	Support hospitals, universities and colleges: The government will establish a fund to help hospitals, universities and colleges retrofit their facilities with energy efficient and renewable energy technologies, including building automation systems, energy-efficient windows, solar thermal and geothermal systems.	\$400,000,000 to \$800,000,000			2017/18
	Intended GGRA Funding (Total)	\$400,000,000 to \$800,000,000	113,000 Tonnes	\$270	
3	Reduce emissions from heritage buildings				
3.1	Showcase low-carbon technologies: Ontario's heritage properties are excellent platforms to showcase low-carbon technology to the public.	\$40,000,000 to \$80,000,000			2017
	Intended GGRA Funding (Total)	\$40,000,000 to \$80,000,000	Enables Reductions Post-2020	N/A	

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	Action	Intended GGRA Funding	Est. GHG Reduction In 2020*	Est. Cost Per Tonne	Timetable: Action Start
4 Help homeowners reduce their carbon footprints by supporting additional choice					
4.1	Boost low-carbon technology in homes: Ontario will help homeowners purchase and install low-carbon energy technologies such as geothermal heat pumps and air-source heat pumps, solar thermal and solar energy generation systems that reduce reliance on fossil fuels for space and water heating.	\$500,000,000 to \$600,000,000			2017/18
4.2	Help retire older wood stoves: A new program targeting northern and rural communities, including Indigenous communities, will encourage households to switch out older polluting wood stoves for new high-efficiency wood stoves.	\$1,000,000 to \$4,000,000			2017/18
4.3	Near Net Zero Carbon Home Incentive: Rebates will go to individuals who purchase or build their own near net zero carbon emission homes, with energy efficiency performance that sufficiently exceeds the requirements of the Building Code.	\$180,000,000 to \$220,000,000			2017/18
4.4	Keep Electricity Rates Affordable: Use cap and trade proceeds to offset the cost of greenhouse gas pollution reduction initiatives that are currently funded by residential and industrial consumers through their bills.	\$1,000,000,000 to \$1,320,000,000	3,000,000 Tonnes from energy related activities, beyond LTEP 2013	N/A	2017
Intended GGRA Funding (Total excluding 4.4)		\$681,000,000 to \$824,000,000	180,000 Tonnes	\$225	

Action Area: Buildings and Homes

	Action	Intended GGRA Funding	Est. GHG Reduction In 2020*	Est. Cost Per Tonne	Timetable: Action Start
5 Set lower-carbon standards for new buildings					
5.1	Update the Building Code: The government will update the Building Code with long-term energy efficiency targets for new net zero carbon emission small buildings that will come into effect by 2030 at the latest, and consult on initial changes that will be effective by 2020.	—			2017/18
6 Promote low-carbon energy supply and products					
6.1	Establish low-carbon content for natural gas: Ontario will introduce a renewable content requirement for natural gas and provide supports to achieve encourage the use of cleaner, renewable natural gas in industrial, transportation and buildings sectors.	\$60,000,000 to \$100,000,000			2017
7 Help individuals and businesses manage their energy use and save money					
7.1	Provide free energy audits for pre-sale homes: Energy audits will be required before a new or existing single-family home can be listed for sale, and the energy rating will be included in the real estate listing.	\$200,000,000 to \$250,000,000			2019

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	Action	Intended GGRA Funding	Est. GHG Reduction In 2020*	Est. Cost Per Tonne	Timetable: Action Start
7.2	Expand Green Button provincewide: Ontario's Green Button program lets Ontarians access and share their data on electricity, natural gas and water consumption in a secure, standardized electronic format.	—			2017
7.3	Boost public access to climate change tools: Ontarians will have access to a wide range of climate change tools to help them reduce carbon emissions.	—			2017
	Intended GGRA Funding (Total)	\$200,000,000 to \$250,000,000		Supports Reductions In The Buildings Sector	N/A
8	Training, workforce and technical capacity				
8.1	Grow the workforce for a low-carbon buildings sector: New and expanded training programs will be developed to ensure Ontario's buildings sector has the skilled workers it needs to compete in a low-carbon economy, and to help reduce the carbon footprint of Ontario homes and buildings.	—			2017/18
8.2	Support post-secondary training and innovation: Targeted training will be developed and delivered through post-secondary institutions and other training partners to be sure Ontario has the capacity to build, maintain and repair low-carbon buildings.	\$45,000,000 to \$70,000,000			2017/18
	Intended GGRA Funding (Total)	\$45,000,000 to \$70,000,000		Supports Reductions In The Buildings Sector	N/A

Action Area: Land-use Planning

	Action	Intended GGRA Funding	Est. GHG Reduction In 2020*	Est. Cost Per Tonne	Timetable: Action Start
1	Strengthen climate change policies in the municipal land-use planning process				
1.1	Empower municipalities: The government will consult on and propose amendments to the Municipal Act and the City of Toronto Act	—			2017/18
1.1.1	Require electric vehicle charging in surface lots: Municipalities would be able to require installation of electric vehicle charging stations in surface parking areas.	—			2017/18
1.1.2	Set green development standards: Municipalities would be able to pass bylaws related to green standards in areas other than building construction.	—			2017/18
1.2	Make climate change a planning priority: The government will consult and propose amendments to Ontario's Planning Act to make climate change a provincial interest, which would ensure climate change is taken into consideration when planning decisions are made.	—			2017/18
1.3	Put climate change in official plans: The government will consult and propose amendments to the Planning Act to make climate change mitigation and adaptation mandatory in municipal official plans.	—			2017/18
1.4	Eliminate minimum parking requirements: Minimum parking requirements will be eliminated over the next five years for municipal zoning bylaws, especially in transit corridors and other high-density, highly walkable communities.	—			2017/18

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	Action	Intended GGRA Funding	Est. GHG Reduction In 2020*	Est. Cost Per Tonne	Timetable: Action Start
	Intended GGRA Funding (Total)	—	Supports Reductions Across Sectors	N/A	
2	Support municipal and other stakeholder climate action				
2.1	Establish a Challenge Fund: The government will establish a greenhouse gas pollution reduction challenge fund or program.	\$250,000,000 to \$300,000,000			2017
2.2	Support community energy planning: Ontario will fund the development of Community Energy Plans and Climate Action Plans (and their supporting data) with greenhouse gas pollution inventories for municipalities and First Nation and Métis communities that currently do not have these plans.	\$20,000,000 to \$25,000,000			2017
2.3	Support community energy mapping and platforms: The government will support collaborative, community-based and data-driven approaches to carbon reduction.	—			2017/18
	Intended GGRA Funding (Total)	\$270,000,000 to \$325,000,000	100,000 Tonnes	\$165	
3	Reduce congestion and improve economic productivity				
3.1	Help manage congestion: Ontario will ensure municipalities have the tools they need to pilot congestion management plans and “low emission zones.”	—			2017

Action Area: Land-use Planning

	Action	Intended GGRA Funding	Est. GHG Reduction In 2020*	Est. Cost Per Tonne	Timetable: Action Start
3.2	Reduce single-passenger vehicle trips: Ontario will provide grants to municipalities and large private employers to implement Transportation Demand Management Plans.	\$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000			2017/18
	Intended GGRA Funding (Total)	\$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000		TBD	N/A

Action Area: Industry and Business

	Action	Intended GGRA Funding	Est. GHG Reduction In 2020*	Est. Cost Per Tonne	Timetable: Action Start
1	Help industries adopt low-carbon technologies				
1.1	Help companies transition to low-carbon: The government will help Ontario businesses and industries increase their use of low-carbon technologies. Programs and services will be designed and delivered by the green bank to help reduce greenhouse gas pollution while also reducing costs.	\$875,000,000 to \$1,100,000,000			2018
	Intended GGRA Funding (Total)	\$875,000,000 to \$1,100,000,000		2,500,000 Tonnes	\$30

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Action Area: Industry and Business

	Action	Intended GGRA Funding	Est. GHG Reduction In 2020*	Est. Cost Per Tonne	Timetable: Action Start
2 Help the agri-food sector adopt low-carbon technologies					
2.1	Reduce emissions: Ontario will help its food and beverage-processing sector expand the use of innovative technologies and practices to reduce emissions.	\$50,000,000 to \$115,000,000			2017
2.2	Retrofit agricultural facilities: Ontario will support the transition to low-carbon, indoor agricultural facilities, such as greenhouses and grain dryers, through retrofits to existing structures.				2017
	Intended GGRA Funding (Total)	\$50,000,000 to \$115,000,000	150,000 Tonnes	\$60	

Action Area: Collaboration With Indigenous Communities

	Action	Intended GGRA Funding	Est. GHG Reduction In 2020*	Est. Cost Per Tonne	Timetable: Action Start
1 Collaborate with Indigenous communities					
	Intended GGRA Funding (Total)	\$85,000,000 to \$96,000,000		TBD	2017/18

Action Area: Research and Development

	Action	Intended GGRA Funding	Est. GHG Reduction In 2020*	Est. Cost Per Tonne	Timetable: Action Start
1	Support innovation and commercialization of new low-carbon technologies				
1.1	Strengthen the low-carbon clean-tech sector: Ontario will encourage the development and growth of its clean-tech sector by supporting research in low-carbon technologies; developing low-carbon clean technology accelerators and clusters in sectors where Ontario has a competitive edge; supporting proof-of-concept projects for low-carbon technologies; and helping emerging low-carbon companies increase scale.	\$140,000,000 to \$235,000,000			2017
	Intended GGRA Funding (Total)	\$140,000,000 to \$235,000,000		Enables Reductions Post-2020	\$75
2	Set Tax and Regulatory Policies that Encourage Innovations				
2.1	Explore R&D tax credits: Ontario will explore opportunities to create tax credits for research and development in order to encourage investment in Ontario companies focused on low-carbon technologies.	—			2017/18
2.2	Consider accelerated capital cost allowance: The province will work with the federal government to explore possible opportunities for accelerated capital cost allowance for technologies that reduce greenhouse gas pollution.	\$0 to \$1,000,000			2017/18
2.3	Regulatory requirements: Regulatory requirements will be updated to support the adoption of innovative industrial technologies and the reduction of greenhouse gas pollution.	—			2017

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Action Area: Research and Development

	Action	Intended GGRA Funding	Est. GHG Reduction In 2020*	Est. Cost Per Tonne	Timetable: Action Start
	Intended GGRA Funding (Total)	\$0 to \$1,000,000	Supports Reductions In All Sectors	N/A	
3	Support research and development through a Global Centre for Low-Carbon Mobility				
3.1	Create a Global Centre for Low Carbon Mobility: Based at a post-secondary institution in Ontario, a Global Centre for Low Carbon Mobility will be set up to advise the government on low-carbon transportation, and to direct funding for research, development and low-carbon manufacturing.	\$100,000,000 to \$140,000,000			2017
	Intended GGRA Funding (Total)	\$100,000,000 to \$140,000,000	Supports Reductions In Transportation	N/A	

Action Area: Government

	Action	Intended GGRA Funding	Est. GHG Reduction In 2020*	Est. Cost Per Tonne	Timetable: Action Start
	1 Reduce emissions and energy costs across government				
1.1	Deliver healthier buildings: Ontario will reduce emissions in provincial government buildings through measures that include energy-efficiency and low-carbon energy retrofits, and by strengthening the performance of existing buildings.	\$90,000,000 to \$100,000,000			2017/18
1.2	Increase the reduction target: The new government greenhouse gas pollution reduction target will be 50 per cent below 2006 levels by 2030. Ontario will develop a long-term strategy to move all government operations towards carbon neutrality.	—			2017/18

Action Area: Government

	Action	Intended GGRA Funding	Est. GHG Reduction In 2020*	Est. Cost Per Tonne	Timetable: Action Start
1.3	Increase telecommuting: Providing more opportunities for telecommuting by OPS staff will help reduce emissions from transportation and buildings.	—	—	2017/18	
1.4	Green-up government vehicles: Ontario will buy or lease green-plate-eligible passenger vehicles for the OPS fleet wherever possible. Government and corporate fleets present an important opportunity to showcase the viability and practicality of electric vehicles.	—	—	2017/18	
1.5	Emphasize energy reductions: To help drive energy conservation and emissions reductions, the government will enable the use of energy performance contracts across the OPS.	—	—	2017/18	
1.6	Showcase Ontario's clean-tech expertise: Public properties and buildings will be used to help demonstrate low-carbon technologies, and to showcase made-in-Ontario innovations and the expertise of Ontario's clean-tech companies.	\$75,000,000	—	2017	
1.7	Ensure low-carbon procurement: Ontario spends billions of dollars each year in procurement. This spending can be directed to encourage the use of low-carbon materials and construction techniques in projects across the province. The OPS Procurement Directive will be reviewed to enable low-carbon procurement, considering the full lifecycle of products.	—	—	2017	

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	Action	Intended GGRA Funding	Est. GHG Reduction In 2020*	Est. Cost Per Tonne	Timetable: Action Start
1.8	Reform fossil fuel policies: Ontario will reform existing policies and programs that support fossil fuel use and fossil fuel-intensive technologies.	—			2017
	Intended GGRA Funding (Total)	\$165,000,000 to \$175,000,000	200,000 Tonnes	\$70	

Action Area: Agriculture, Forests and Lands

	Action	Intended GGRA Funding	Est. GHG Reduction In 2020*	Est. Cost Per Tonne	Timetable: Action Start
1	Reduce emissions from waste and move Ontario towards a circular economy				
1.1	On track to zero waste: The government will implement the Waste-Free Ontario: Building the Circular Economy strategy, which calls for zero waste in the province and zero greenhouse gas pollution from the waste sector.	\$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000			2017
	Intended GGRA Funding (Total)	\$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000	40,000 Tonnes	\$50	
2	Increase our understanding of how agricultural and natural lands emit and store carbon				
2.1	Develop a Land Use Carbon Inventory: This will allow Ontario to assess the potential of agriculture, forestry and other land uses, such as wetlands and grasslands, to emit, remove and store carbon.	\$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000			2018

Action Area: Agriculture, Forests and Lands

	Action	Intended GGRA Funding	Est. GHG Reduction In 2020*	Est. Cost Per Tonne	Timetable: Action Start
2.2	Develop a Forest Carbon Policy Framework: This will help clarify the role of managed Crown forests in storing carbon. Ontario will develop policy on forest carbon management and/or carbon offset projects for the forestry sector while exploring the potential benefits with Indigenous peoples.	—		2017/18	
3	Maximize carbon storage from agriculture	Intended GGRA Funding (Total)	\$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000	Supports Sequestration	N/A
3.1	Long-term soil health: Ontario will work with stakeholders to develop and implement an Agricultural Soil Health and Conservation Strategy that will maximize long-term carbon storage in soils while protecting their long-term productivity.	\$30,000,000		2017	
4	Understand and enhance carbon storage in natural systems	Intended GGRA Funding (Total)	\$30,000,000	Supports Sequestration	N/A
4.1	Benefit from an expanded Greenbelt: Ontario's Greenbelt is being expanded. This will enable more green spaces to be protected and enable the carbon sequestration potential of the area to be maintained.	—		2017/18	
4.2	Protect grasslands: The government will develop and implement the Ontario Grasslands Stewardship Initiative to promote and support grasslands that help store carbon.	—		Ongoing	

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	Action	Intended GGRA Funding	Est. GHG Reduction In 2020*	Est. Cost Per Tonne	Timetable: Action Start
4.3	Support Far North land-use planning: The Far North Land Use Strategy, when completed and implemented, will help support First Nation-Ontario planning teams in preparing community-based land-use plans.	—		Ongoing	
4.4	Increase tree planting: Ontario will continue to support tree-planting programs, including its commitment to plant 50 million trees across the province by 2025.	\$500,000 to \$1,500,000		Ongoing	
4.5	Improve understanding of the flow of carbon: Together with First Nation and Métis communities, Ontario will work to better understand and monitor natural systems that play an important role in carbon storage.	—		2017/18	
	Intended GGRA Funding (Total)	\$500,000 to \$1,500,000		Supports Sequestration	N/A
	5 Update Environmental Assessments to Account for Climate Change				
5.1	Address climate change in environmental assessments: The province has prepared a draft guide entitled Consideration of Climate Change in Environmental Assessment in Ontario for projects and undertakings under the Environmental Assessment Act.	—		2017/18	
	Intended GGRA Funding (Total)	—	Supports reductions across sectors where EA applies	N/A	

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Action	Intended GGRA Funding	Est. GHG Reduction In 2020*	Est. Cost Per Tonne	Timetable: Action Start
Increase The Use Of Electric Vehicles				
Electric Vehicle Charging Stations In Government Locations: Electric charging stations will be installed for workforce and public charging at all government locations, including government offices, GO Transit stations, ServiceOntario offices, driver license offices, Ontario Parks and LCBOs. Charging station installation will begin in 2017 and is to be completed at the majority of locations in 2018. In addition to its own properties, Ontario will request all new government lease agreements and lease renewals include the provision of charging infrastructure, unless the property is not in a location appropriate to support or promote the use of electric vehicles.	\$500,000 to \$2,000,000	—	2017	2017/18
Establish EV Requirements For Existing Condominiums And Apartment Buildings: Establish requirements as soon as possible for existing condominiums and apartment buildings to make it easier to install charging stations for residents.	—	—	—	Ongoing
Permanent Green Licence Plate Program: The Green Licence Plate Program will continue until 25 per cent of passenger vehicles have green plates. Green licence plates identify electric vehicle drivers' commitment to a cleaner Ontario. The program also provides electric vehicles with free access to high-occupancy vehicle lanes, no matter how many people are in the vehicle. The program would be reviewed after 10 years. Green plate vehicles will have free access to the high-occupancy toll lanes that are currently being rolled out in Ontario.	—	—	—	—

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Action	Intended GGRA Funding	Est. GHG Reduction In 2020*	Est. Cost Per Tonne	Timetable: Action Start
EV Educational Campaigns: Continue to collaborate with local partners and jurisdictions such as California and Quebec on educational campaigns to promote awareness of the benefits of electric vehicles, with a focus on first-time car buyers and multi-car households.	—			2017/18
Partner And Dealership Programs: Provide support to dealerships to increase engagements to increase sales through dealer training and awareness programs.	\$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000			2017
Private Fleet Awareness Campaign: Initiate an awareness campaign for private fleet owners and managers to communicate their eligibility for electric vehicle incentives and promote the potential savings from greening their fleets.	—			2017/18
Support Cycling And Walking				
Walking And Walkable Communities: Provide information and guidance to all municipalities on the benefits of walking and creating walkable communities; encourage municipalities to build cycling infrastructure and larger sidewalks to promote cycling and walking; and collaborate with real estate associations and builders to highlight the desirability of walkable communities.	—			2017/18
Increase The Use Of Low-Carbon Trucks And Buses				
Electric School Buses: Work with school bus companies and school boards on a pilot program in five communities that provides incentives to make it more affordable to switch school buses from diesel to electricity. This pilot is intended to determine if these buses can operate reliably and cost-effectively in Ontario. The results of the pilot will inform the development of future action plans.	\$10,000,000			2017

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Action	Intended GGRA Funding	Est. GHG Reduction In 2020*	Est. Cost Per Tonne	Timetable: Action Start
Research New Low-Carbon Commercial Vehicle Technology: Research and find ways to remove regulatory barriers to the adoption of alternative-fuel vehicles such as trucks powered by hydrogen fuel cells, and new technologies that improve fuel efficiency, such as aerodynamic devices, through the proposed Global Centre for Low-Carbon Mobility.	—	—	—	2017/18
Set lower-carbon standards for new buildings	Legislative Amendments For Municipalities To Require Green Standards: Consider amendment to the Municipal Act and City of Toronto Act to enable municipalities across the province to require green standards or technologies to reduce building emissions where relevant technical standards exist in the Building Code but are not mandatory.	—	—	2017/18
Promote low-carbon energy supply and products	Plan for increased electricity demand: Plan for any increased demand on the electricity grid as a result of greenhouse gas emissions reduction from measures such as the greater use of electric vehicles, and increased use of electricity for residential and commercial space and water heating.	—	—	2017/18

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Action	Intended GGRA Funding	Est. GHG Reduction In 2020*	Est. Cost Per Tonne	Timetable: Action Start
Continue To Implement Product Efficiency Standards: Ontario is already a leader in regulating the energy efficiency of appliances and products. We will continue to implement product efficiency standards to reduce energy use. Update energy efficiency standards for key energy-using products and equipment found in drinking water and waste water treatment plants, based on the volume of water processed by the facility. Municipal water and waste-water services are typically one-third to one-half of a municipality's total electrical use, so there is potential for reductions in both costs and emissions.	—	—	Ongoing	
Energy Reporting For Large Buildings: Require energy reporting and benchmarking for multi-unit residential buildings, large commercial, and some industrial buildings to help owners make informed decisions about energy management and conservation.	—	—	2017/18	
Strengthen climate change policies in the municipal land-use planning process				
Climate Change Planning Standards: Set out specific climate change standards that need to be met in land-use planning.	—	—	2017/18	
Growth Plan Policies To Enhance Climate Change Consideration: Consult on the proposed Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and the Regional Transportation Plan to enhance climate change considerations.	—	—	Ongoing	
Employment And Institutional Lands And Transportation Planning: Link the development of employment and institutional lands with transportation planning to ensure that the places people want to go are accessible by transit.	—	—	2017/18	

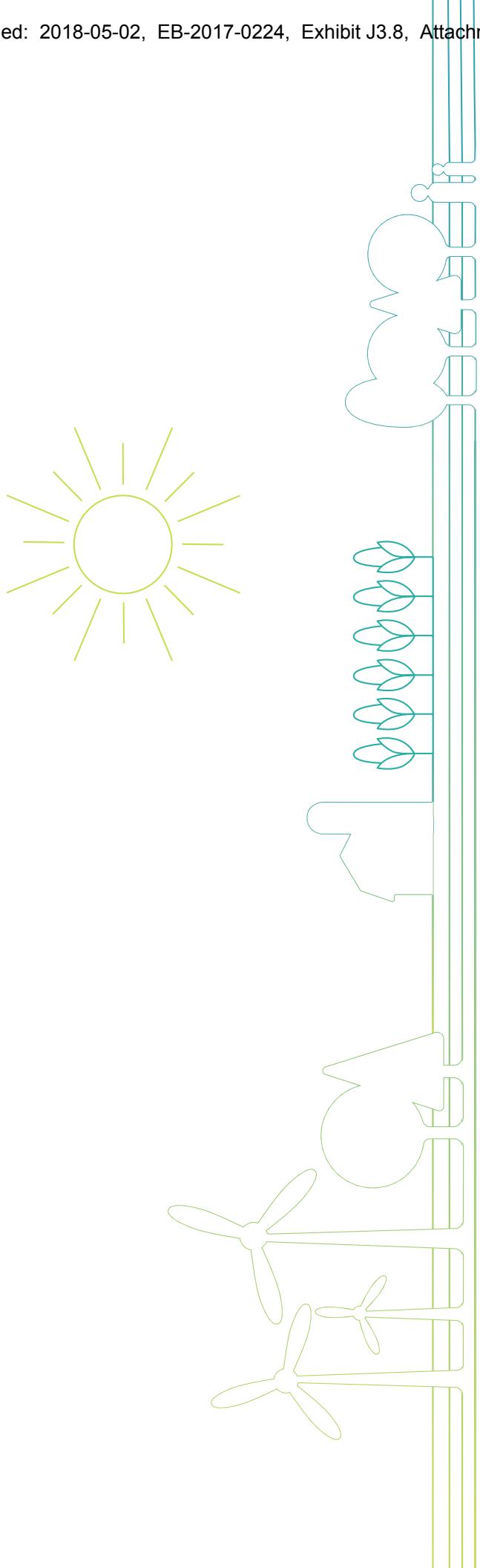
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Action	Intended GGRA Funding	Est. GHG Reduction In 2020*	Est. Cost Per Tonne	Timetable: Action Start
Develop Guidance For Municipal Consideration Of Climate Change: Work with municipalities to support the implementation of climate change policies. The province will develop and provide guidance materials on how to consider climate change in municipal programs and policies and on best practices for developing greenhouse gas emissions inventories and targets.	—			2017/18
Compliance, Or Planned Compliance, With Provincial Planning Direction To Access Infrastructure Or Climate Change Funding, Where Appropriate: Improve implementation of provincial planning direction, including the Provincial Policy Statement and the Growth Plan, require municipalities to demonstrate compliance or planned compliance with policies such as intensification and density targets along transit corridors in order to access funding for infrastructure or actions in this plan.	—			2017/18
Support municipal and other stakeholder climate action				
Climate Change Partnerships: Partner with community organizations, institutions and the private sector to find new and innovative ideas to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to offer Ontarians more opportunities to adopt low-carbon everyday behaviours. This action recognizes the capabilities that partners such as schools, non-profits and businesses offer in designing and delivering low-carbon initiatives.	\$7,000,000			2017/18
Reduce emissions and energy costs across government				
OPS Carbon Challenge: Challenge OPS employees to develop ideas on how to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from government.	\$250,000 to \$1,000,000			2017

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Action	Intended GGRA Funding	Est. GHG Reduction In 2020*	Est. Cost Per Tonne	Timetable: Action Start
OPS Climate Change Information: Create an OPS Climate Change Information Centre, a centralized location for all public service greenhouse gas tools, guidelines and other resources. Develop tools, including greenhouse gas emissions lifecycle analysis tools for infrastructure planning and construction.	\$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000			2017/18
Climate Change Training: Provide regular training for all OPS employees on matters related to their work and climate change.	\$250,000 to \$1,000,000			2017
Understand and enhance carbon storage in natural systems				Ongoing
Wetlands Conservation: Finalize a Wetlands Conservation Strategy for Ontario that will help identify opportunities for greenhouse gas emissions reductions through wetlands conservation.	\$500,000 to \$1,000,000			
Totals	\$5,964,750,000 to \$8,301,500,000	9,832,000 Tonnes		

* Greenhouse gas pollution reductions from these initiatives would continue to provide emissions reductions after 2020. Much of the investment in infrastructure and innovation, and regulatory measures will continue to bring about GHG reductions past 2020. It is estimated that the impact of this action plan will be in the order of 20 MT in 2030. Subsequent action plans and associated investments and regulatory actions have the potential to achieve further reductions by 2030 and beyond.



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The Governments of Canada and Ontario announce funding to help people in Ontario save energy and money in their homes and businesses

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Canada and Ontario are working together to take action on climate change and find clean solutions to help homeowners and families save money, reduce energy waste, create jobs and support healthy communities.

Today, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Catherine McKenna, and the Premier of Ontario, Kathleen Wynne, announced a federal investment of up to \$100 million to help the people of Ontario make energy efficient retrofits to their homes – including apartments, townhouses and low-income housing – and businesses.

This funding will support the province's GreenON Rebates program, which helps cover the cost of eco-friendly retrofits across the province. This investment is supported by the Government of Canada's Low Carbon Economy Leadership Fund.

GreenON Rebates will assist property owners make energy efficient changes like installing better insulation, high-efficiency ventilation systems and heat pumps, and other devices to save energy and reduce costs.

As part of its Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP), Ontario is investing up to \$1.7 billion over the coming years into GreenON to support a wide range of programs, including rebates and programs to help families, business and farmers make environmentally friendly changes. The CCAP is a five-year action plan that is making life more affordable

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for people across the province and making Ontario a leader in the global fight against climate change. Revenues from Ontario's carbon market, which puts a cap on the carbon pollution businesses can emit, are funding this action plan.

The Government of Canada's Low-Carbon Economy Leadership Fund provides \$1.4 billion to provinces and territories that have adopted the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change (PCF), to deliver on commitments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Today's announcement is part of the almost \$420 million Ontario is receiving through the Leadership Fund.

Quotes

"The environment and the economy go together. That's why the Government of Canada is working with Ontario to put practical climate solutions into action – and creating good, middle class jobs and economic opportunities in the process. Investing in energy efficiency pays for itself by saving money, reducing carbon pollution and making our homes and businesses more comfortable and affordable."

— Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change

"Households across Ontario and Canada are already coping with the effects of climate change. We must act now to lower our emissions and decrease our carbon footprint. This support from the Government of Canada will boost the Green Ontario Fund and help homeowners pay for energy efficient technologies that will help us meet our global obligation to reduce emissions and combat climate change."

— Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario

"Climate change is a global threat that requires a united effort from all levels of government. The Low-Carbon Economy Leadership Fund is a great example of how the provincial and the federal governments can work together to help people and businesses fight climate change, save money and transition to a cleaner, low-carbon economy."

— Chris Ballard, Ontario Minister of Environment and Climate Change

Quick facts

- The Government of Canada's Low Carbon Economy Leadership Fund will make homes and buildings more efficient, comfortable and affordable to run, help companies across Canada innovate and access technologies and help the forest and agriculture sectors to enhance stored carbon in forests and soils.
- In January, Ontario became part of the second-largest carbon market in the world, which forms the backbone of Ontario's strategy to cut greenhouse gas pollution to 15 per cent below 1990 levels by 2020, 37 per cent by 2030 and 80 per cent by 2050.
- Ontario's carbon market has generated approximately \$2.4 billion in revenue to improve schools, hospitals, transit and other projects like new bike lanes that are building a greener, more energy efficient province.
- Ontario has committed up to \$1.7 billion over three years to support a wide range of programs under the Green Ontario Fund (GreenON).
- Through GreenON, property owners are currently eligible for rebates up to \$7,200 in savings on new insulation; \$5,000 in savings on replacement windows; \$5,800 in savings on some air source heat pumps; and \$20,000 in savings on installation of some certified ground source heat pumps.

Related products

- [The Low Carbon Economy Leadership Fund: what it means for Ontario](#)

Associated links

- [Low Carbon Economy Leadership Fund](#)
- [The Low Carbon Economy Fund](#)
- [Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change](#)
- [Minister's Climate Change Action Plan Progress Report 2017 \(Ontario\)](#)
- [Ontario's five-year Climate Change Action Plan](#)
- [Green Ontario Fund](#)

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RESPONSE

Please see the Attachment to this Undertaking. It has already been sent to Union Gas and will be updated and shared periodically as appropriate to help ensure there is no duplication in initiatives undertaken.

2018 LCIF

Customer Abatement Initiatives

[April 2018]

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Customer Abatement Initiative: Smart Metering Controls

STAGE: 1 – CONCEPTUALIZE

DESCRIPTION OF WORK UNDER CONSIDERATION (STAFF.23):

Pilots to demonstrate the integration of hybrid heating (dual-fuel) appliance control that leverages new meter functionality to minimize carbon emissions.

BACKGROUND/EVOLUTION OF INITIATIVE:

Enbridge's involvement with government testing labs, electrical utilities, government planning agencies and the Company's participation in Ontario's cap and trade regulatory environment have provided the insight that electrification of building space heating can have unintended consequences. Electrification of space heating makes energy affordability a challenge for homeowners, and it can have higher GHG emissions than direct use of natural gas at certain times (when taking into account source emissions). This has resulted in NRCan and other agencies such as the Advanced Energy Centre, identifying the need for hybrid heating (dual fuel appliances that integrate both electric heat pumps and direct natural gas). To further maximize the GHG savings, and homeowner affordability, next-generation controls technology is needed for hybrid heating.

RATIONALE/OBJECTIVE (EXHIBIT C, TAB 5, SCHEDULE 2, PAGES 23-24):

Hybrid heating systems hold the potential to reduce GHG emissions from home heating while preserving affordability and energy resiliency. To further increase the benefits, Enbridge has identified an opportunity to integrate smart metering platforms with the dispatch control of hybrid heating systems. The control would switch between electricity and gas input energy supplies in such a manner as to maximize GHG reductions while minimizing the utility bill impact.

The challenge is the HVAC industry today has limited ability to enable cloud-based / remote control of the homes appliances, and the industry has instead relied on smart thermostats that can be cloud-based. The smart thermostat industry however is not prioritized on developing the ability to optimize different appliances to manage competing priorities of GHG reductions and energy affordability. Today's smart meter options include the ability to remotely gather and aggregate consumption data for improved customer management of their energy needs, but the smart gas meter also has a push-type communication/control capability (e.g. appliance switching and control). The expectation is that this same functionality (push-type communication/controls) could be leveraged to dispatch heating systems between electricity and natural gas input energy supplies. This initiative focuses on the development and testing of these control platforms.

SCREENING CONSIDERATIONS/COMMENTS:

Technological Maturity/Timely Advancement of Technology	Early in TRL (Technology Readiness Level) – Requires investigation/development.
Support /Align with government targets/objectives – Potential to lower carbon emissions	Successful implementation is well-aligned with Outlook C and Outlook D in the Ontario Planning Outlook (IESO) and also the Fuels Technical Report (MOE). Potential to reduce carbon emissions.
Cost Effectiveness/ Cost to Customer and other initiatives	Current smart thermostat capabilities do not have intelligent dispatch which is needed to ensure homeowners have control capability to reduce their carbon footprint while preserving energy affordability.

Safety	No known issues at current time.
Market Size	Residential and Small Commercial space heating markets. In Ontario, the residential gas utility customer base is in excess of 3 million meters, and the potential exists to see hybrid-heating market penetration over the next 10-15 years.
Local Content	Conduct pilot in Ontario homes.
Resource Availability	Supported by 2 FTEs requested to administer LCIF Initiatives (Exhibit C, Tab 5, Schedule 1).

TARGETED / APPLICABLE SECTORS: Residential/Small Commercial

2018 BUDGET ESTIMATE:

- LCIF allocated amount \$100,000
 - Technical consulting, research and due diligence \$50,000
 - Equipment, communication platforms, installation \$50,000
 - Number of pilot homes will vary depending on development costs

ADDITIONAL WORKPLAN INPUTS:

- Conduct pilot deployment to advance the due diligence, technical learning and identification of full operation needs before larger-scale deployments.
- Where possible, pilot will be deployed with other complementary activities (e.g. net-zero pilots) to help improve the data collection and the understanding of how different systems are integrated both physically and from a controls perspective.

POSSIBLE GOVERNMENT FUNDING:

- Could expand number/scale of pilots.
 - GreenON Challenge Fund: Potential to submit expression of interest ("EOI")

UNION GAS 2018 LCIF INITIATIVE (EXHIBIT B.STAFF.21):

- N/A

Customer Abatement Initiative: RNG Gasification

STAGE: 1 – CONCEPTUALIZE

DESCRIPTION OF WORK UNDER CONSIDERATION (STAFF.23):

Research Projects to investigate biomass conversion to RNG through gasification.

BACKGROUND/EVOLUTION OF INITIATIVE:

Both the province's Climate Change Action Plan and 2017 Long Term Energy Plan ("LTER") reference RNG as an important part of the province's energy future. The LTER expresses the provincial government's desire to leverage existing infrastructure, including gas appliances currently used by consumers, while at the same time reducing GHG emissions. The RNG market in Ontario is nascent, and could be enhanced through the active participation of the province's natural gas distribution utilities. This is particularly important given the expectation that a "clean fuel standard" will be imposed / required by either of both the Provincial and Federal Governments. A "clean fuel standard" will impose a renewable content requirement on all fossil fuels, including natural gas. Enbridge's planned RFP and contracting for RNG will provide important information that will inform future expectations, policy and regulation as the "clean fuel standard" is developed and implemented. It will also encourage the development of RNG supply needed to satisfy any "clean fuel standard". EGD has gained greater awareness of potential RNG technologies through sources such as the Canadian Gas Association and is aligned with other CGA members on the importance of helping to move technical advancement in this area along.

RATIONALE / OBJECTIVE (EXHIBIT C, TAB 5, SCHEDULE 2, PAGE 24):

As noted with respect to the Company's RNG Procurement Plan it is expected that the early adoption of renewable content in Ontario's natural gas system can be met with biogas originating from organic waste (e.g. forestry industry residue). Over the medium-term, increasing the supplies of renewable content will require the commercialization of promising technologies. Solutions can include biomass conversion to RNG through gasification. It can also include harvesting carbon dioxide, from industrial processes, to upgrade into RNG by incorporating green hydrogen with a catalyst. In effect, this becomes a means of recycling carbon dioxide back into a renewable fuel to displace volumes of conventional natural gas. This becomes a way of achieving deep de-carbonization within natural gas pipeline systems.

SCREENING CONSIDERATIONS/COMMENTS:

Technological Maturity/Timely Advancement of Technology	Early in TRL (Technology Readiness Level) – Requires acceleration/support. Biomass gasification to RNG is not yet fully commercialized.
Support /Align with government targets/objectives – Potential to lower carbon emissions	RNG is non-emitting, and would allow the province to reduce building emissions significantly, without having to build new transmission or distribution, at a fraction of the cost of electrification. Consistent with the Province's 2017 Long Term Energy Plan, page 114.
Cost Effectiveness/ Cost to Customer and other initiatives	With respect to customer owned assets, RNG enables the reduction of customer GHG emissions without the customer having to replace or upgrade their heating or water heating equipment thereby conferring an economic benefit upon them as a result of the avoidance or deferment of the cost of replacing or upgrading gas consuming appliances.

Safety	No known issues at current time.
Market Size	Residential, Commercial and Industrial customers.
Local Content	Projects may take place in Ontario.
Resource Availability	Supported by 2 FTEs requested to administer LCIF Initiatives (Exhibit C, Tab 5, Schedule 1).

TARGETED / APPLICABLE SECTORS:

Residential/Commercial/Industrial

2018 BUDGET ESTIMATE:

- LCIF allocated amount \$200,000
- Approximately 2-4 projects (depending on number of participants).

ADDITIONAL WORKPLAN INPUTS:

- Leverage Canadian Gas Association to proactively look for RNG gasification opportunities and bring them forward through the Natural Gas Innovation Fund where multiple utility funding can be accessed and EGD can work directly with applicants to ensure relevancy/applicability of the technology in order to become a carbon abatement opportunity.
- Investigate opportunities for technology advancement through other associations such as the Gas Technology Institute and Energy Solutions Centre.

POSSIBLE GOVERNMENT FUNDING:

- TBD

UNION GAS 2018 LCIF INITIATIVE (EXHIBIT B.STAFF.21):

- Biomass Conversion (Thermochemical) to RNG: Understand technologies and feedstocks converting biomass to RNG, through the completion of a Technology Scan. Planned work: Technology scan and feedstock studies (\$110,000)
- Assessment: Complimentary Initiative, engage as appropriate.

Customer Abatement Initiative: Carbon Capture

STAGE: 1 – CONCEPTUALIZE

DESCRIPTION OF WORK UNDER CONSIDERATION (STAFF.23):

Pilots in Ontario demonstrating potential for 2 carbon capture technologies. Market scan of existing technologies/limitations, development/leveraging of strategic partnerships as well as financial support for vendors to develop new technologies that can achieve up to 100% carbon capture.

BACKGROUND/EVOLUTION OF INITIATIVE:

Enbridge recognizes the potential for Carbon Capture solutions to be an important part of a low carbon future and raised this as a priority for technological advancement through the Canadian Gas Association. Through discussions with other member utilities, participation in NRCAN Space Heating R&D Roadmap Workshop as well as other associations such as the Gas Technology Institute and Energy Solutions Centre, Enbridge found that carbon capture solutions at the building level are at prototype or early commercialization stage, with few solutions currently available. Enbridge became aware of potential technologies that focus on Carbon Capture and Utilization through the Canadian Gas Association and sees benefit in focusing on those technologies where by-products can help to increase the feasibility of developing cost effective carbon capture solutions.

RATIONALE / OBJECTIVE (EXHIBIT C, TAB 5, SCHEDULE 2, PAGE 24):

In support of achieving lower carbon emissions, Enbridge will actively pursue/support technology development around carbon capture in all sectors of the economy. The initiative would include a market scan of existing technologies/limitations, development/leveraging of strategic partnerships as well as financial support for vendors to develop new technologies that can achieve up to 100% carbon capture.

SCREENING CONSIDERATIONS/COMMENTS:

Technological Maturity/Timely Advancement of Technology	Commercial building / Residential options early in TRL (Technology Readiness Level) – Requires investigation/development.
Support /Align with government targets/objectives – Potential to lower carbon emissions	Potential to result in carbon emission reductions while leveraging existing system.
Cost Effectiveness/ Cost to Customer and other initiatives	Technology development could help reduce costs and the aspect of utilizing the by-products could help make carbon capture technologies cost effective.
Safety	No known issues at current time.
Market Size	Potential for Residential, Commercial and Industrial markets.
Local Content	Pilot in Ontario homes/small commercial facility.
Resource Availability	Supported by 2 FTEs requested to administer LCIF Initiatives (Exhibit C, Tab 5, Schedule 1).

TARGETED / APPLICABLE SECTORS:

Residential/Commercial/Industrial

2018 BUDGET ESTIMATE:

- LCIF allocated amount \$250,000
- Target 2 Carbon Capture research / pilot projects (dependent on number of participating parties).
 - Technology 1 – Algae by product which can be utilized in the Nutraceutical market – estimated allocation \$100,000.
 - Technology 2 – Pearl Ash by product which can be utilized in glass, detergent and cosmetics manufacturing – estimated allocation \$150,000.

ADDITIONAL WORKPLAN INPUTS:

- Leverage associations such as Canadian Gas Association and Gas Technology Institute to further investigate potential carbon capture technologies
- Work with NRCAN and Canadian Laboratories to identify potential opportunities/synergies (e.g. carbon capture solution to a residential sized micro generation unit).
- Work with manufacturers to understand barriers and help to overcome obstacles in order to advance technologies.

POSSIBLE GOVERNMENT FUNDING:

- Could expand number of pilots/additional carbon capture solutions
 - GreenON Challenge Fund: Potential to submit EOI

UNION GAS 2018 LCIF INITIATIVE (EXHIBIT B.STAFF.21):

- Residential Scale Carbon Capture: Pilot project demonstrating GHG reduction, energy recovery and savings and overall performance of system. Planned work: Commercial pilot project initiation and execution (\$51,000)
- Assessment: Complimentary Initiative, engage as appropriate.

Customer Abatement Initiative: Hydrogen Blending (P2G)

STAGE: 2 – FORMULATE

DESCRIPTION OF WORK UNDER CONSIDERATION (STAFF.23):

Technical due diligence and planning, specific to Enbridge's gas distribution system, to establish the initial guidance and capabilities for blending hydrogen into the natural gas pipeline network as a means of diversifying how Ontario can meet provincial and federal renewable content requirements. This work is required as a prerequisite before proceeding with an actual field trial of hydrogen blending in a segment of Enbridge's pipeline network.

BACKGROUND/EVOLUTION OF INITIATIVE:

The implementation of cap and trade in Ontario and the pending federal Clean Fuel Standards (CFS) will require increasing quantities of renewable fuel to comply with these GHG reduction programs. The early market supplies of renewable fuel will be sourced from biomass; but, these supplies are limited. To meet the GHG reductions, additional supplies of renewable content will be required. These additional supplies will be derived from next-generation RNG technologies which will also have hydrogen as part of their output gas. Also, opportunities like Power to Gas energy storage can be used as a supply of renewable content if the natural gas system can accommodate increased flexibility for different gas compositions. MOECC has identified hydrogen as a source of renewable content for natural gas systems. Power to Gas supplies of hydrogen are expected to be the first market opportunity that will require increased flexibility for different gas compositions in the natural gas system; and the development of hydrogen blending capabilities from power to gas plants will be used to establish the operational, safety and integrity priorities that will also be needed for larger market adoption of the next-generation RNG technologies.

RATIONALE/OBJECTIVE (EXHIBIT C, TAB 5, SCHEDULE 2, PAGE 18-19):

It is expected that by 2019 or 2020 hydrogen blending could contribute to the Company's renewable content requirements as part of future Cap and Trade Compliance Plans. In 2018, Enbridge will further evaluate the opportunity to blend hydrogen into its existing gas infrastructure. This will include research into what has been accomplished in other jurisdictions (primarily Europe) and working with North American companies (through the Canadian Gas Association and American Gas Association) to develop test protocols that will lead to the development of industry standards. Enbridge will also research and develop hydrogen pipeline standards for transportation of pure hydrogen to blending sites within the Company's existing gas network. The additional staffing resources requested will co-ordinate this work and continue the research into hydrogen gas blending and other opportunities for hydrogen within the low carbon economy. LCIF money will be expended on working with consultant research around the remaining steps required for advancing the introduction of hydrogen into the energy market.

SCREENING CONSIDERATIONS/COMMENTS:

Technological Maturity/Timely Advancement of Technology	Early in TRL (Technology Readiness Level) – Hydrogen blending with natural gas is not a common operating practice for North American natural gas utilities.
Support /Align with government targets/objectives – Potential to lower carbon emissions	Consistent with the Province's 2017 Long Term Energy Plan, page 114. Hydrogen has been identified as an eligible supply for renewable content, it is non-emitting - allows the province to reduce building emissions.
Cost Effectiveness/ Cost to Customer and other initiatives	Enables higher renewable pipeline fuel penetration and offers customers cost-competitive options and diversity when evaluated against other renewable energy options for future consumer energy needs. With respect to customer owned assets, hydrogen blending will also

	enable the reduction of customer GHG emissions without the customer having to replace/upgrade their heating or water heating equipment.
Safety	This work is intended to better define/initiate technical due diligence that supports ongoing safety/integrity for the natural gas system and customer owned equipment.
Market Size	Residential/Commercial/Industrial - research will determine optimal blending levels given the current characteristics of the gas infrastructure and identify potential improvements.
Local Content	TBD.
Resource Availability	Supported by 2 FTEs requested to administer LCIF Initiatives (Exhibit C, Tab 5, Schedule 1).

TARGETED / APPLICABLE SECTORS:

- Residential/Commercial/Industrial

2018 BUDGET ESTIMATE:

- LCIF allocated amount \$500,000
 - Developing the initial safety, integrity and operability work plans for establishing the capability for EGD to accommodate an as yet-to-be-determined level of hydrogen in gas composition that is delivered to customers/subset of customers. Since this work is network specific, it cannot leverage cost-sharing from other utilities.
 - 20% Acquire prior research from other Jurisdictions (e.g. Europe, etc.)
 - 50% Consulting (Initial Risk Assessment Work)
 - 30% Consulting - Preliminary network-specific technical evaluations (focus on pipeline material safety, integrity and end-use equipment)

ADDITIONAL WORKPLAN INPUTS:

- Leverage Canadian Gas Association task force on hydrogen blending
- Review other jurisdictions/projects, from Europe and Gas Technology Institute in the USA
- Enbridge participation in Europe HyReady consortium

POSSIBLE GOVERNMENT FUNDING:

- Funding could be used to expand the work scope to accomplish a higher degree of engineering and technical capability.
 - NRCan Clean Growth Fund: application submitted, under evaluation.

UNION GAS 2018 LCIF INITIATIVE (EXHIBIT B.STAFF.21):

- Completion of P2G technology roadmap Planned work: Monitoring of Enbridge's Power to Gas pilot project and a pre-feasibility assessment and studies of potential demonstration concepts (\$100,000)
- Assessment: Complimentary Initiative, engage as appropriate.

Customer Abatement Initiative: Net-Zero Homes/Micro-Generation

STAGE: 2 - FORMULATE

DESCRIPTION OF WORK UNDER CONSIDERATION (STAFF.23):

Implementation of Net Zero Energy Emissions pilot project for residential homes to build on earlier 2017 technology integration assessments and planning. The pilot will be implemented in partnership with electric LDC(s) and Municipalities. The objective is testing, optimization and monitoring of variations in the hybrid heating solutions, as well as distributed power generation platforms like solar PV and micro Combined Heat and Power ("mCHP").

BACKGROUND/EVOLUTION OF INITIATIVE:

Net Zero, and Net-Zero Ready (NZR) home construction is experiencing increased interest from the builder community, and an industry stakeholder process for building code changes is contemplating what role net-zero should have in future building codes. Furthermore, municipalities are developing municipal energy plans and these plans are trying to assess how different net-zero strategies help solve or hinder community energy plans that are seeking to strike the appropriate balance between housing growth, energy infrastructure demands and emission reductions. Municipalities are recognizing that different elements of net-zero will deliver different benefits, so a need exists to understand and identify what specific net-zero priorities can deliver the best solutions (\$/Tonne of GHG reduction, reduced energy infrastructure demands, increased energy resiliency, etc.) for a given development and ultimately the province at large.

RATIONALE/OBJECTIVE (EXHIBIT C, TAB 5, SCHEDULE 2, PAGE 19-20):

Net Zero homes are designed and constructed to reduce household energy to a minimum; in the extreme producing more energy than they consume, reducing overall GHG emissions and relieving pressure on the electricity and gas systems. An important factor to considering determining components within NZR homes is the ability to reach the desired decrease in long-term energy consumption that aligns with government targets without negatively impacting cost, comfort or customer choice. Enbridge would leverage funds from the LCIF to greatly expand on NZR home pilot that was launched in 2017 with an LDC and Municipality. The pilot involves testing variations of hybrid heating concepts and other embedded power generation platforms in an effort to validate achievable GHG reductions. The 2018 expansion pilot project would entail piloting 10 homes to test additional variations of components to help achieve Net Zero readiness. This expanded pilot would help reduce timelines towards commercialization of NZR homes as testing and validation of savings would be greatly accelerated.

SCREENING CONSIDERATIONS/COMMENTS:

Technological Maturity/Timely Advancement of Technology	NZR construction practices and net-zero technologies are commercially available today; but their integration in the home and integration with each other (gas and electricity) can be cost-challenging, and not necessarily well understood. This work will specifically seek to better define the opportunities to reduce cost and increase performance when improving system integration.
Support /Align with government targets/objectives – Potential to lower carbon emissions	Municipalities are developing community energy planning documents (funded in some cases by MOECC), and building code changes are trying to assess the future role of net-zero.
Cost Effectiveness/ Cost to Customer and other initiatives	The output from this work will inform future government direction and funding programs to help ensure cost effectiveness. This work has significant budget aligned with monitoring and verification on the pilot homes to define the best targeted areas. This will ensure future incentive programs have maximum cost effectiveness and impact.

Safety	No known issues at current time.
Market Size	Over 40,000 new customer additions occur each year, and the lessons from this work can help influence the building and HVAC solutions that are deployed. While this pilot focuses on net-zero, individual elements within net-zero pilot could be adopted for the larger new-construction market. Lessons learned could also be applied to the retrofit market involving 3.6 million existing natural gas customers in Ontario.
Local Content	Pilots in homes within Ontario.
Resource Availability	Supported by 2 FTEs requested to administer LCIF Initiatives (Exhibit C, Tab 5, Schedule 1).

TARGETED / APPLICABLE SECTORS:

Residential/Small Commercial

2018 BUDGET ESTIMATE:

- LCIF allocated amount \$449,000
 - Anticipated number of homes in pilot: 7-10
 - Estimated budget breakdown is 35% equipment, 10% building efficiency improvements, 15% installation, 10% first-of-kind system integration engineering and 30% in monitoring verification and reporting.

ADDITIONAL WORKPLAN INPUTS:

- Work with MaRS (Advanced Energy Centre) on development of Future of Home Heating Report
- Collaborate with peer electric utilities on net-zero energy emissions pilot proposals
- Engage with municipalities for the development of community energy plans and development-specific energy strategies.

POSSIBLE GOVERNMENT FUNDING:

- Could expand number of pilots, and/or scope
 - NRCan Smart Grid Fund: submitted, under evaluation
 - GreenON Challenge Fund: Potential to submit EOI

UNION GAS 2018 LCIF INITIATIVE (EXHIBIT B.STAFF.21):

- Micro Generation (Stage 2): Pilot projects demonstrating hybrid heating efficiencies, GHG savings, system resilience, integration with net zero homes and customer cost savings. Planned work: Pilot Project Initiation and phased execution (9 sites) M&V (\$535,000)
- Assessment: Complimentary Initiative, engage as appropriate.
- Micro Generation: (Stage 1): Pilot projects demonstrating hybrid heating efficiencies, GHG savings, system resilience, and customer cost savings. Planned work: Pre-screening and Assessment of new technologies (\$192,000)
- Assessment: Complimentary Initiative, engage as appropriate.

Customer Abatement Initiative: Expanded NGV Program

STAGE: 2 - FORMULATE

DESCRIPTION OF WORK UNDER CONSIDERATION (STAFF.23):

Demonstration projects with small fleets. Focus on developing the large transport truck market within Ontario.

BACKGROUND/EVOLUTION OF INITIATIVE:

The NGV marketplace in Ontario has been changing over the past ten to 15 years. Once focused on a public fueling infrastructure for the fueling of light duty vehicles, it is now directed at the medium and heavy duty marketplace. This change has in part been brought about by the availability of high horsepower natural gas engines from suppliers such as Cummins-Westport. This has pushed the use of natural gas into niche markets such as garbage trucks where it is attractive to use natural gas due to lower emissions and lower fuel costs. However, there remains a reluctance of some operators to fully commit their fleet to natural gas. Rather, they prefer to start with a small fleet percentage (e.g. 10 vehicles or less), before making the commitment to expand into their fleet. This puts great pressure on supplying an economically viable fueling station. A way to address this barrier is to work with a supplier to design and implement a small scale lower cost fueling station for use on small sized heavy duty vehicle fleets.

RATIONALE/OBJECTIVE (EXHIBIT C, TAB 5, SCHEDULE 2, PAGES 22-23):

In partnership with the Government, the Company plans to increase the use of natural gas for vehicles used in activities such as waste collection, trucking and transit. It should be noted that while this initiative will see total natural gas throughput volumes, and therefore the Company's Cap and Trade obligation, increase, GHG emissions in the province will decrease significantly as natural gas displaces diesel, which is a more carbon intensive fuel and provides future CO₂ offset potential. The province has committed up to \$270 million in their CCAP to "increase the use of low-carbon trucks and buses", which includes but is not limited to those powered by natural gas. Enbridge plans to focus on developing the large transport truck market within Ontario. Projects could include specialized research and development to further develop market receptiveness to natural gas vehicles and specialized small demonstration projects with small fleets.

SCREENING CONSIDERATIONS/COMMENTS:

Technological Maturity/Timely Advancement of Technology	The technology to be utilized is mature. The way in which the technology is physically configured and utilized is where the technology advancement will take place.
Support /Align with government targets/objectives – Potential to lower carbon emissions	Natural gas has roughly 20% fewer GHG emissions compared to diesel fuel and if renewable natural gas is utilized the vehicles become carbon neutral. Natural gas is also a lower cost vehicle fuel. Heavy duty trucking consumes a significant portion of Ontario transportation fuel use. There are significant emission and fuel cost savings benefits by expanding this marketplace.
Cost Effectiveness/ Cost to Customer and other initiatives	Natural gas is up to 40% less expensive than diesel or gasoline - would reduce operator fuel costs improving competitiveness.
Safety	No known issues at current time (all systems would be required to meet the TSSA and Electrical Safety Authority requirements).
Market Size	Potential for Heavy Duty Trucking Market.

Local Content	The equipment is generally supplied by U.S. manufacturers. The system design and packaging of the equipment will be undertaken in Ontario.
Resource Availability	Supported by 2 FTEs requested to administer LCIF Initiatives (Exhibit C, Tab 5, Schedule 1).

TARGETED / APPLICABLE SECTORS:

- Commercial

2018 BUDGET ESTIMATE:

- LCIF allocated amount \$300,000
 - Feasibility Study and Business Case: \$60,000
 - Evaluation of technology providers and equipment selection: \$40,000
 - Field evaluation of prototype unit: \$200,000

ADDITIONAL WORKPLAN INPUTS:

- Work with a supplier on the design and feasibility of fueling systems.
- Install a first generation system at a customer's facility for fueling of their vehicles.

POSSIBLE GOVERNMENT FUNDING:

- TBD

UNION GAS 2018 LCIF INITIATIVE (EXHIBIT B.STAFF.21):

- N/A

Customer Abatement Initiative: Natural Gas Air-Source Heat Pumps

STAGE: 2 - FORMULATE

DESCRIPTION OF WORK UNDER CONSIDERATION (STAFF.23):

Conduct field tests to quantify actual savings and provide performance data vs. energy efficient furnaces as well as electric heat pumps. Aim to develop competitively priced natural gas heat pumps specifically for the residential market.

BACKGROUND/EVOLUTION OF INITIATIVE:

This Initiative is an evolution from Enbridge's experience with two pilot projects in 2017 and discussions with associations such as the Gas Technology Institute. Heat pumps have existed in the North American and European markets for some time, however, low natural gas prices, high unit prices, unknown performance in northern regions, lack of competition, distribution channels and insufficient ROI models based on local conditions are barriers to this market in Ontario. Technology advancement and acceleration in this area is important to help reduce GHG emissions while keeping customer choice, affordability and comfort in mind.

RATIONALE/OBJECTIVE (EXHIBIT C, TAB 5, SCHEDULE 2, PAGES 21-22):

Enbridge will expand its work with vendors and/or other interested parties in the pursuit of developing natural gas heat pumps which will result in lower emissions while providing a cost effective alternative to electric heat pumps for customers. Enbridge will also support the integrated approach which includes electric heat pumps in the Net Zero program. The focus for 2018 will be to conduct field tests to quantify actual savings and provide performance data vs. energy efficient furnaces as well as electric heat pumps. The initiative will also encourage and support other manufacturers to invest in new product development. The aim of that research is to develop competitively priced natural gas heat pumps specifically for the residential market. Field tests of prototypes will be required to ensure real life performance and address any barriers at the pre-commercialization stage.

SCREENING CONSIDERATIONS/COMMENTS:

Technological Maturity/Timely Advancement of Technology	Residential sized Natural Gas Heat Pumps are Early in TRL (Technology Readiness Level) – Requires acceleration/support.
Support /Align with government targets/objectives – Potential to lower carbon emissions	Lowers carbon footprint of natural gas space and water heating.
Cost Effectiveness/ Cost to Customer and other initiatives	Commercially available natural gas and cold climate electric products have a payback over traditional equipment that exceeds market acceptance. However, the operating costs for a natural gas heat pump are lower than electric and do not create a burden on the electric grid.
Safety	No known issues at current time.
Market Size	Potential for residential, small commercial and small multi-family.
Local Content	Pilots in Ontario homes and buildings.
Resource Availability	Supported by 2 FTEs requested to administer LCIF Initiatives (Exhibit C, Tab 5, Schedule 1).

TARGETED / APPLICABLE SECTORS:

Residential/Commercial

2018 BUDGET ESTIMATE:

- LCIF allocated amount \$150,000
 - Manufacturer Research \$25,000
 - Approximately 2-3 Field Tests \$125,000 (residential and small commercial pilots (including equipment, installation and monitoring)

ADDITIONAL WORKPLAN INPUTS:

- Work with manufacturers with products in Ontario to develop sufficient ROI models, target early adopters. Local field tests and costs will help inform manufacturer models.
- Support development of potentially lower unit costs currently in prototype stage.
- Lead research initiative with other North American utilities targeted at manufacturers to better understand what utilities can do to address market barriers identified by manufacturers.
- Engage with other interested parties to leverage funding and increase feasibility of additional pilots.
- Advancement of 3 tonne unit for North America (currently exists in Europe).

POSSIBLE GOVERNMENT FUNDING:

- Could expand number/scale of pilots.
 - GreenON Challenge Fund: Potential to submit EOI

UNION GAS 2018 LCIF INITIATIVE (EXHIBIT B.STAFF.21):

- N/A

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To provide the breakdown of gas savings by end use for 2018, using the draft 2016 and '17 DSM results for commercial and industrial DSM programs, comparable to Undertaking J2.7

RESPONSE

The table on the following page provides Enbridge's 2018 DSM natural gas savings forecast for the commercial and industrial sectors broken down based on the MACC end use categories from Table 1, page 11 of MACC report¹. The percentage breakdown of savings in Column 2 is based on Enbridge's 2016 unaudited results.

The 2018 forecast DSM savings of 60 million m³ for the commercial and industrial sectors is taken from the Interrogatory Response provided to GEC #7 found at Exhibit I.EGDI.GEC.7 with the savings volumes for Rate 1 residential customers removed.² This number is used together with the percentage breakdown in Column 2 to create the 2018 volume forecast per end use category in Column 3.

As identified as a potential issue in the Oral Hearing, the approach Enbridge uses to categorize results as part of its DSM management process does not line up well with the end use categories in the MACC. As such, the company has attempted to assign results to the categories of the MACC on a best efforts basis. As an example, the company has no category that matches "Commercial Systems". If a customer were to make system improvements to their space heating system, this would be captured under the Category "Space Heating".

¹ Marginal Abatement Cost Curve of Natural Gas Utilities' Cap and Trade Activities (EB-2016-0359)

² EB-2017-0224, ExhibitI,1.EGDI.GEC.7, page 1 of 1

MACC End Use Category	End-use breakdown from Enbridge's 2016 unaudited results (%)	Enbridge's 2018 Forecast DSM Savings (million m³)
Industrial Gas Turbine	0	0
Industrial Steam Turbine	0	0
Industrial HVAC	13.8	8.3
Industrial Direct Heating	20.5	12.3
Industrial Steam Hot Water System	6.7	4
Commercial Food Service	2	1.2
Commercial Systems	0	0
Commercial Service Water Heating	4.1	2.5
Commercial Space Heating	52.9	31.7
Commercial Other	0	0
Grand Total	100%	60

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To confirm how Enbridge proposes to allocate the GGEIDA cost; if it's not consistent with how the company allocates administrator costs otherwise, to advise why; and if there are any rate impact differences between the two approaches, to advise what they are

RESPONSE

As filed in Board Staff Interrogatory #31 filed at I.4.EGDI.STAFF.31, Enbridge confirms that it will propose to recover the GGEIDA balance from all customers, using the customer count allocator. Consistent with the existing cost allocation methodology approved by the Board in EB-2012-0459, Enbridge proposes to recover Cap and Trade administrative costs in the same manner as the Company's existing administrative costs.