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The Honourable Dalton McGuinty  
 Premier of Ontario  
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Dear Mr. Premier:

Re: Clarkson Airshed Study

The Council of the Corporation of the City of Mississauga at its meeting on October 14, 2009, adopted the enclosed Resolution 0230-2009 regarding concerns over the Clarkson Airshed.

The Provincial Government has recently announced that it is launching a plan to improve air quality, reduce emissions as well as industrial energy consumption following concerns raised by the community. Amongst other things, this plan is to form a new task force that will develop and report back on a detailed action plan by the end of June 2010.

In this regard, the Council of the City of Mississauga requests that the Provincial Government, the Chief Medical Officer of Health and the Minister of the Environment, assure Mississauga residents that this task force will state as one of its goals the improvement of air quality in the Clarkson Airshed Study area. Also, we request assurance that the Province will provide sufficient funds to carry out all the work necessary to complete this comprehensive action plan.

Further, the City of Mississauga requests assurance that the City of Mississauga will be provided with representation on this Provincial task force and that the necessary environmental, health and engineering experts are retained to provide the expertise required by the task force to carry out their plan for improving air quality in the southwest GTA.

REFERRAL TO \_\_\_\_\_  
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 DIRECTION REQUIRED \_\_\_\_\_  
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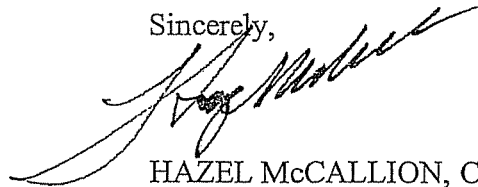


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On behalf of residents, I would also urge you to assure the residents of Mississauga that the Province will implement the recommendations of the Provincial task force and monitor and report to the public any change in air quality in the Clarkson Airshed Study Area. Further, I urge the Ministry of the Environment not to consider for approval any Certificates of Approval for large industrial users in the Clarkson Airshed Study Area which would include the proposed gas fired plant in the Town of Oakville until the recommendations of the Provincial task force have been implemented and it can be verified that pollution in the Clarkson Airshed has decreased to a level where the airshed is no longer a "taxed" airshed.

Your favourable consideration of the enclosed resolution is requested and I look forward to receiving your reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hazel McCallion', written over a horizontal line.

HAZEL McCALLION, C.M.  
MAYOR

cc: The Honourable John Gerretsen, Minister of the Environment  
The Honourable George Smitherman, Minister of Energy and Infrastructure  
Mississauga MPPs  
Chairman Emil Kolb, Regional Municipality of Peel  
Chairman Gary Carr, Regional Municipality of Halton  
Members of Council  
Dr. Arlene King, Chief Medical Officer of Health Ontario  
Dr. David Mowat, Medical Officer of Health, Region of Peel  
Dr. Bob Nosal, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health, Halton Region  
Municipal Services Office, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Central Region  
Mary Ellen Bench, City Solicitor

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

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**Moved by: P. Mullin**

**Seconded by: G. Carlson**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (i) That the MOE will launch a new task force that will develop and report back by the end of June 2010 on a detailed action plan to improve air quality through the reduction of emissions from local industrial, vehicular, and residential sources in the southwest GTA. It will include air quality improvement targets, timelines, strategies and reporting requirements; and
- (ii) The establishment of a Working Group on Cleaner Energy and Industrial Efficiency with cement company Holcim Canada Inc., along with MEI and OPA, to examine cleaner industrial emission.

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

- (i) The City called upon MOE to take into account the principles in its own Statement of Environmental Values if it is asked to consider any approval under the EPA, such as a certificate of approval, for any proposed industrial use in the airshed area;
- (ii) The City called upon the Provincial Government, the Chief Medical Officer of Health and the MOE to assure the residents that the findings in the Clarkson Airshed Study will be taken into account in the review of any approval under the EPA for an industrial user in the airshed area;
- (iii) The City called upon the Provincial Government, the Chief Medical Officer of Health and the MOE to review the Certificates of Approval in the Clarkson Airshed for existing major polluters whenever expansion is considered taking into account the existing regulatory standards, the cumulative effects of their emissions and background pollutant concentrations;
- (iv) The City called upon the Provincial Government and the MOE to consider applying the “polluter pay” principle by attaching to any approval a condition that the industrial user pay the costs of any increase in pollution level in the Clarkson Airshed, including any increase in health care costs attributed to the rise in pollution; and
- (v) The City called upon the Provincial Government and the MOE to ensure that strict monitoring and public reporting requirements be attached to any approval under the EPA such as a certificate of approval.

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

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

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

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