

City Council

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**City of Toronto Support for the Provincial Green Energy Legislation -
Councillor Ainslie, seconded by Councillor Stintz**

•This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair. Council has added this Motion to the agenda for debate.

Recommendations

Councillor Ainslie, seconded by Councillor Stintz, recommends:

1. That the City of Toronto establish a working group of interested Councillors, citizens and industry stakeholders to provide recommendations, through the Executive Committee to City Council and the Province of Ontario, on protocols for the approval of renewable energy projects.
2. That the City Manager report to the Executive Committee on a terms of reference for this working group.

Summary

The City of Toronto has built a reputation as a leader in environmental initiatives and a proponent of sustainable energy and development. Toronto Hydro has been a leader in implementing energy efficient programs that have had great benefit for the City's businesses and residents. The City of Toronto and Toronto Hydro have expertise that could benefit the Province as the standards for the Green Energy legislation are being developed.

The proposed new legislation seeks to streamline aspects of approvals at the Provincial level that may currently reside at the municipal level. The municipality has an interest to ensure the Provincial protocols adequately reflect municipal concerns.

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