

TORONTO CITY COUNCIL ENVIRO REPORT CARD 2010-2014

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Shortly after the 2010 municipal election, TEA released a report noting that a majority of elected Councillors had committed to building a greener city. We were right but not in the way we expected to be. Councillors showed their commitment by protecting important green programs and services from being cut and had to put building a greener city on hold.

We had hoped the 2010-14 term of City Council would lead to significant advancement of 6 priority green actions TEA had outlined as crucial to building a greener city. Sadly, we've seen little - if any - advancement in these actions. This is because much of the last 4 years has been spent by a slim majority of Councillors defending existing environmental policies and services from being cut or eliminated by the Mayor and his supporters; programs such as Community Environment Days, TTC service and tree canopy maintenance. Only in rare instances was Council proactive. For example, taking the next steps to grow the Greenbelt into Toronto; calling for an environmental assessment of Line 9.

This report card does not evaluate individual Council members on their collective inaction in meeting the 2010 priorities because it is almost impossible to objectively grade individual Council members on this. Rather, it evaluates Council members on how they voted on key environmental issues.

The results are interesting:

- Average Grade: C+
- The Mayor failed and had the worst score.
- 17 Councillors got A+
- 16 Councillors got F
- 9 Councillors got between A and D

In the end, the 2010-14 Council term can be best described as a battle between those who wanted to preserve green programs and those who wanted to dismantle them. Thankfully, the destroyers lost; we are no worse off today than we were leading up to the 2010 election.

But Torontonians deserve more than this - we should have seen signs of building a greener city. Because of these last 4 years of inaction, the next Council has lost precious time to deal with the mounting environmental problems facing Toronto.

A Quick Note on How We Came Up with the Grades

We reviewed City Council meetings starting in January 2011 and identified 31 key votes on issues that had an important impact on the environment. We then looked at sitting Council members voting records and gave them one point every time they voted for the environment. We then added up each Council member's points and divided the total by the number of votes they were present for. This gave us a percentage which we then converted into a letter grade.

For a full list of votes used, links to the City Council voting records and how Councillors voted, please go to www.torontoenvironment/vote2014.

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Paul Ainslie

Ward 43 Scarborough East

F

Very disappointing. Aside from efforts to shut down the incinerator, you haven't done your homework to support the environment!



Josh Colle

Ward 15 Eglinton-Lawrence

B+

Good job. But improvements could be made across the board.



Maria Augimeri

Ward 9 York Centre

A+

Excellent job. Keep up the good work!



Gary Crawford

Ward 36 Southwest

D

Just passed. Residents expect you to do your homework and support the environment!



Ana Bailão

Ward 18 Davenport

A

Great job. Room to improve on transit.



Vincent Crisanti

Ward 1 Etobicoke North

F

Very disappointing. Residents expect you to do your homework and support the environment!



Michelle Berardinetti

Ward 35 Scarborough Southwest

C+

Satisfactory. Lots of room for improvement.



Janet Davis

Ward 31 Beaches-East York

A+

A perfect score! Extremely well done!



Shelley Carroll

Ward 33 Don Valley East

A+

Excellent job. Keep up the good work!



Glenn De Baeremaeker

Ward 38 Scarborough Centre

A+

Excellent job. Keep up the good work!



Raymond Cho

Ward 42 Scarborough-Rouge River

A+

Excellent job. Keep up the good work!



Mike Del Grande

Ward 39 Scarborough-Agincourt

F

Very disappointing. A sad way to end your career on Council.

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Frank Di Giorgio

Ward 12 York South-Weston

F

Very disappointing, especially your support for cutting \$7 million from the tree planting budget.



Mary Fragedakis

Ward 29 Toronto-Danforth

A+

A perfect score! Extremely well done!



Sarah Doucette

Ward 13 Parkdale-High Park

A+

A perfect score! Extremely well done!



Mark Grimes

Ward 6 Etobicoke-Lakeshore

F

Very disappointing, especially your support for cutting \$7 million from the tree planting budget.



John Filion

Ward 23 Willowdale

A+

Excellent job. Keep up the good work!



Norm Kelly

Ward 40 Scarborough-Agincourt

F

Very disappointing, especially your vote against the request for an environmental assessment of Enbridge Line 9.



Paula Fletcher

Ward 30 Toronto-Danforth

A+

A perfect score! Extremely well done!



Mike Layton

Ward 19 Trinity-Spadina

A+

A perfect score! Extremely well done!



Doug Ford

Ward 2 Etobicoke North

F

Very disappointing. A sad way to end your career on Council.



Chin Lee

Ward 41 Scarborough-Rouge River

C-

Satisfactory. Lots of room for improvement.



Rob Ford

Mayor

F

Tied for the worst environmental voting record on Council. Sadly, a lost cause.



Peter Leon

Ward 3 Etobicoke Centre

A+

A late start but perfect score from the 6 votes you participated in.

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Gloria Lindsay Luby

Ward 4 Etobicoke Centre

C- *Satisfactory. Lots of room for improvement.*



Denzil Minnan-Wong

Ward 34 Don Valley East

F *Very disappointing. Residents expect you to do your homework and support the environment!*



Giorgio Mammoliti

Ward 7 York West

F *Very disappointing, especially your vote against studying the health impacts of Billy Bishop Airport expansion.*



Ron Moeser

Ward 44 Scarborough East

F *Very disappointing. Residents expect you to do your homework and support the environment!*



Josh Matlow

Ward 22 St. Paul's

A *Great job. Room to improve on support for cycling.*



Frances Nunziata

Ward 11 York South-Weston

F *Very disappointing. Residents expect you to do your homework and support the environment!*



Pam McConnell

Ward 28 Toronto Centre-Rosedale

A+ *A perfect score! Extremely well done!*



Cesar Palacio

Ward 17 Davenport

F *Very disappointing. Residents expect you to do your homework and support the environment!*



Mary-Margaret McMahon

Ward 32 Beaches-East York

A+ *A perfect score! Extremely well done!*



John Parker

Ward 26 Don Valley West

F *Very disappointing. Residents expect you to do your homework and support the environment!*



Joe Mihevc

Ward 21 St. Paul's

A+ *A perfect score! Extremely well done!*



James Pasternak

Ward 10 York Centre

D+ *Just passed. Residents expect you to do your homework and show more support for the environment!*

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Gord Perks

Ward 14 Parkdale-High Park

A+

A perfect score! Extremely well done!



Kristyn Wong-Tam

Ward 27 Toronto Centre-Rosedale

A+

A perfect score! Extremely well done!



Anthony Perruzza

Ward 8 York West

A+

Excellent job. Keep up the good work!



Jaye Robinson

Ward 25 Don Valley West

B

Good work. But improvements could be made across the board.



David Shiner

Ward 24 Willowdale

F

Very disappointing. Residents expect you to do your homework and support the environment!



Karen Stintz

Ward 16 Eglinton-Lawrence

F

Very disappointing. Residents expect you to do your homework and support the environment!



Michael Thompson

Ward 37 Scarborough Centre

F

Very disappointing. Residents expect you to do your homework and support the environment!