

# **January Newsletter**

#### **Catherine's Comments**

As we bring in the New Year, I reflect on the power of small actions that collectively lead to significant change. Like many, I used to make New Year's resolutions, not always succeeding at keeping them, but the intent was to inspire shifts in my life. Today, I encourage you to embrace a similar philosophy in the context of our collective efforts in building a sustainable community.

That brings me to our collective call to action. We're urging you to take one small, impactful step to support climate action. Remember there is no 'l' in team, and your involvement is crucial. This specific action involves writing a personal letter to Todd Smith, Minister of Energy about <u>his announcement</u> to overrule the Ontario Energy Board's decision about natural gas and new homes. [please read more about this topic below]

We believe in the power of personal narratives, as they carry a weight that generic petitions and form letters simply cannot match.

To guide you, we've provided a <u>sample letter</u> that you can personalise (see below). By taking this step, you'll not only feel a sense of (quick!) accomplishment but contribute to the collective impact within our community. Together, we can make 2024 a pivotal year in our ongoing journey towards a better, healthier, and more sustainable environment.

[Catherine Daw is the Chair of the Board & a founding member of CCAT]

## Minister to overrule Ontario Energy Board's natural gas decision, says it would raise cost of new homes

Todd Smith says OEB decision spikes price for natural gas-heated new homes

The Canadian Press · Posted: Dec 22, 2023 1:33 PM EST | Last Updated: December 22, 2023



Ontario's energy minister Todd Smith says he will introduce legislation to reverse an Ontario Energy Board decision that would see increased costs for buyers of new homes heated with natural gas. (Frank Gunn/The Canadian Press)

Every small action we take is a step towards a more conscious and sustainable future.

## **Take Action Now**

Minister to overrule Ontario Energy Board

Statement from Environmental Defence

Your voice matters, a single personal letter can be more influential than thousands of generic ones. Let Todd Smith and our MPP, Brian Saunderson, know that you support the OEB.

Letter Template (make a copy to edit)

## What's Happening This Month

**Event Calendar** 





January 18th

#### January 23rd

### **Volunteer Orientation**

**Climate Cafe** 

A safe space to share your feelings about the climate and ecological crisis. Climate anxiety is growing and we offer this program because it is so important to be able to share whatever you may be feeling without judgement. Are you passionate about taking action on climate change and promoting sustainable practices? We need enthusiastic volunteers to join us in our work towards a more sustainable and resilient community. This event is only for interested volunteers.

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