

CABINET AGREED THAT:

1. The Ministry of the Environment & Climate Change (MOECC) consult on proposed regulations under the Environmental Protection Act aimed at reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the use of natural gas in Ontario, that will include the following:
 - A. Requiring that persons who make natural gas available for use in Ontario to supplement traditional forms of natural gas with a minimum renewable content of ten percent comprised of renewable natural gas or other gases made from renewable sources.
 - B. Providing for the phasing in of the requirements between 2022 and 2037, with different phase in periods for different classes of regulated entities, to allow for the development and maturation of the renewable gas market.
 - C. Excluding natural gas used to generate electricity.
 - D. Allowing for the exchange of excess amounts of renewable content delivered by regulated entities with other regulated entities who may not achieve the minimum renewable content requirements and the awarding of credit for content delivered prior to implementation of requirements.
2. MOECC to post a regulatory proposal on the Environmental and Regulatory Registries for consultation in November 2017, and to report to LRC in January 2018 with the proposed regulation.
3. MOECC engage the federal government on the development of the Federal Clean Fuel Standard to support alignment with Ontario's legislated GHG reduction targets and report back to Cabinet with options to achieve GHG reductions if the Federal Clean Fuel Standard is not realized.
4. MOECC explore options to support RNG deployment and innovation, and report back to Treasury Board/Management Board of Cabinet (TB/MBC) in spring 2018.
5. MOECC ensure completion of the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change's evaluation of the initiative prior to reporting back to (TB/MBC) with program design and funding requirements.
6. MOECC work with the Premier's Office and Cabinet Office on an integrated communications strategy.

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