

MPP Arnott calls Liberal plan to phase out natural gas “foolish”

The Liberal Government’s leaked plan to phase out natural gas as a source of home heating is very foolish and would only make life more expensive for Ontario families, says Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott.

“The idea of phasing out natural gas as a home heating source is one of the most foolish suggestions I’ve heard in a long time,” Mr. Arnott said. “And that says

something, coming from a Liberal Government that has initiated a long list of bad ideas since 2003.”

Last month, the Government’s 57 page Climate Change Action Plan, labelled “Cabinet Confidential,” was leaked to the Globe and Mail. The document revealed that the Liberals were proposing to phase out natural gas as a source of home heating. Under the proposed plan, beginning



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in 2030, all new homes would be heated using electricity or geothermal

systems. According to the Globe story, this would be expanded to all buildings before 2050.

“Have they forgotten that we have winter every year? That it’s cold out in the winter and people need to heat their homes?” Mr. Arnott asked. “Home heating is not a luxury item that people can choose to do away with. You can’t just take away one of the cheapest and most reliable sources of heat that millions of Ontario families depend on.”

Approximately 76 per cent of Ontarians rely upon natural gas to

heat their homes. It has been estimated that the phasing out natural gas would cost Ontario families roughly \$3,000 more each year just to heat their homes.

“It appears that the Liberals want Ontario home owners to get off natural gas. Instead they want people to convert to electricity to heat their homes,” pointed out Mr. Arnott. “However, their mismanagement has caused Ontario’s hydro rates to skyrocket. Now the cost of electricity is unaffordable for many of our families.”

Ontario PC Leader Pat-

rick Brown challenged the Government on the issue in Question Period on June 1, specifically asking Premier Kathleen Wynne to confirm the accuracy of the leaked document. The Premier pointedly avoided answering the question.

“Whether it’s the Liberals’ planned phasing out of natural gas home heating, hydro bills that keep going up, or their Cap and Trade plan, life keeps getting more and more expensive for people across the province,” Mr. Arnott concluded. “They need to wake up and start listening.”

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Town of Milton and Town of Halton Hills

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WALKING TOURS

TELL US WHAT YOU VALUE ABOUT THE CHARACTER OF YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

The Town of Halton Hills initiated the Mature Neighbourhoods Character Study to examine whether the Town’s Zoning By-law is effective in maintaining the character of our mature neighbourhoods, in response to increased pressure for large scale home rebuilds that are sometimes referred to as “monster homes”.

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