

CENTRE FOR CIVIC GOVERNANCE

RESILIENT COMMUNITIES: COOL IDEAS FOR LOCALLY-ELECTED LEADERS

“BILL 27: MUNICIPAL POWERS AND RESOURCES FOR CLIMATE CHANGE”

MARCH 27, 2010

1. Regional growth strategies and official community plans

- **Regional and local targets for GHG emissions reduction**
- **Policies and actions for achieving targets**
- **May 31, 2010 (OCP) and May 31, 2011 (RGS) deadlines**

2. Off-street vehicle parking requirements

- **Setting parking requirements in accordance with transportation needs**
- **Use of funds from pay-in-lieu schemes**
- **Use of existing parking reserve funds**

3. Development cost charge waivers, reductions and exemptions

- **Small lot development with low GHG emissions**
- **Development with low environmental impact**
- **Not-for-profit rental housing**
- **For-profit affordable rental housing**
- **Micro-residential units - 29 square metres (312 square feet) or less**

4. Development permit area designations and guidelines

- **Energy conservation**
- **Water conservation**
- **GHG emissions reduction**
- **Permit conditions**
- **Building Code issues**

5. Other local government powers relevant to climate change

- **Climate change audits of existing bylaws (e.g. nuisance bylaws, development servicing standards, OCPs and zoning regulations)**
- **Other useful powers (e.g. landscaping requirements, runoff control requirements)**

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