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**MPP FLYNN CALLS AIR QUALITY REPORT A POSITIVE STEP TO  
CLEANER AIR IN OAKVILLE**

*Task Force Brings Forward More Than 30 Actions to Reduce Emissions*

OAKVILLE – MPP Kevin Flynn welcomed the release of the comprehensive action plan developed by Dr. David Balsillie and the Air Quality Task Force stating that the report is a positive step to cleaning up the Oakville-Clarkson Airshed.

“I would like to thank Dr. Balsillie and members of the Task Force for their solutions-oriented report that aims our community and the provincial government in the right direction towards cleaner air,” said Flynn who went on to say that the report clearly illustrates that action must be taken immediately to clean-up Oakville’s air and that maintaining the status quo is just not good enough.

Dr. Balsillie and the Task Force brought forward more than 30 action-oriented recommendations with a clear implementation plan that includes a fully engaged community partnership that focuses on reducing emissions from transportation, industry and residential sources.

The Task Force was launched last September by the Ministry of the Environment to develop and report on a detailed action plan to improve air quality through the reduction of emissions from all sources in the southwest GTA.

One of the recommendations suggested that no new emission sources should be added to the area which Flynn noted would include the proposed TransCanada power plant stating that “the addition of a new industrial emitter is a giant step backwards and the task force made it clear we cannot wait any longer to take action.”

“I remain committed to ensuring that the TransCanada power plant is not built on the proposed Ford property site and as we go forward, I will be engaging every citizen, industry, small-business and community organization in an effort to reduce energy consumption and overall emissions,” said Flynn. “I have every faith in our community that we will take a powerful first step by committing to emission reductions which will set an example for the rest of the province on how to clean-up our air.”

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