



## Report on Activities

An Overture to the OGA Annual General Meeting

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- 1. Program Development in Ontario
- 2. Quality Assurance Measures
- 3. Utility Discussions
- 4. Federal Climate Change Dialogue
- 5. Where do we go from here?





### **GreenON and the Low Carbon Technologies Incentive Program**

- Introduction of the Climate Change Solutions Deployment Corporation in Jan 2017
- Tasked with investing the proceeds of Cap and Trade (\$billions)
- Branded and formally launched in August, 2017 as Green Ontario Fund, or GreenON
- Launch of Low Carbon Technologies Incentive Program in December
- Focus on residential retrofit and custom homes
- Multiple measures, more to come
- Geothermal incentives at a higher level than any previous program!



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### **Training and Quality Assurance Measures**

- OGA Technical Training and Certification Committee
- Discussions with Ontario College of Trades
- Discussions with MOECC re Environmental Regulations
- Retained services of Egg Geothermal Guideline Document for IESO/GreenON
- \* HRAI secured training for Installers and Designers via contract with IGSHPA
- Training for Building Officials (funded by IESO)
- Proposal for Program-Funded Inspections as an extension of training (TBD)





### **OGA Discussions with Enbridge**

- A consequence of OGA's intervention in the OEB Natural Gas Expansion Proceeding (EB 2016-0004)
- Enbridge and Union Gas denied the opportunity to subsidize NG system expansion, but independent rate classes for new communities permitted
- OGA testimony exposed the utility to the business case for geothermal loops as a utility offering
- Enbridge-OGA Memorandum of Understanding has resulted in pilots and a model for geothermal deployment in residential new construction





### **Federal Discussions on Climate Change Action**

- Everything flows from the Paris Climate Agreement signed late in 2015, obliging Canada to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, with set targets
- Federal and Provincial Governments in Canada are committed (and compelled) to act in some fashion
- These actions will have radical consequences for the HVACR industry
- A major focus on energy efficiency & fuel switching



Under the Pan-Canadian
Framework on Clean
Growth and Climate
Change, building-related
measures are expected
to deliver significant
GHG reductions

#### PAN-CANADIAN FRAMEWORK



# on Clean Growth and Climate Change

Canada's Plan to Address Climate Change and Grow the Economy





### **GHG** reductions through (among other things):

- Net-zero energy ready building codes by 2030 (Lots of work on this)
- Model retrofit code by 2022 (Discussions have started)
- Labelling/rating requirements as early as 2019
- Federal buildings retrofits
- Performance standards set to the highest level economically and technically feasible for heating equipment and other key technologies
- Unlocking private sector investment through financing tools





### Market Transformation for Space Heating Technologies in Canada

Stakeholder workshop with federal-provincial-territorial governments

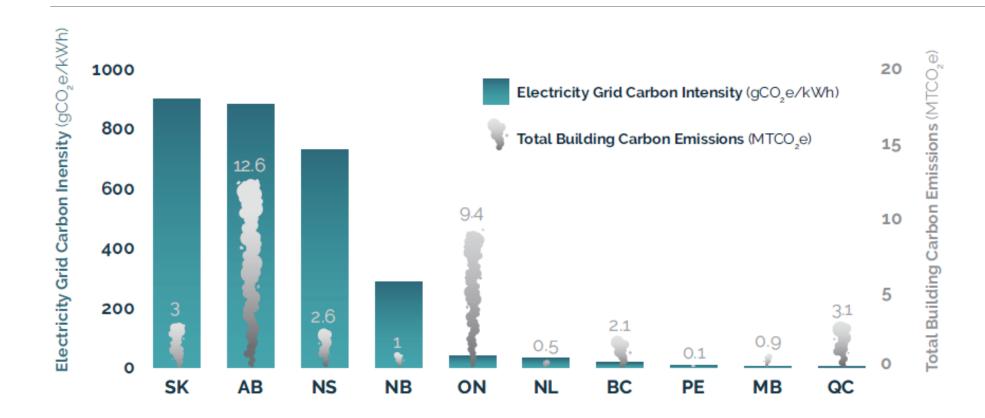
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Federal government consultations have begun and, as expected, the focus is on energy efficiency, and much of the discussion will be on the heating and cooling of buildings













### **Recent and Upcoming Consultations/Representations**

- Generation Energy Conference (Nov 2017) and follow-up...
- Market Transformation for Space Heating Technologies (ongoing)
- Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development (Feb 13<sup>th</sup>)
- \* Roundtable on Financing: Establishing a Retrofit Economy in Canada (Feb 26<sup>th</sup>)
- Senate Standing Committee on Energy, The Environment and Natural Resources (HRAI, Mar 29<sup>th</sup>)
- And much more to come...





### Where does the geothermal industry go from here?

- Need to build capacity within the industry in Ontario through training
- Roll out of quality assurance measures
- Expansion of program into residential new construction and commercial buildings (through different measures)
- Ongoing exploration, experimentation and deployment of new financing models (including LIC, infrastructure investment)
- Need to unite provincial organizations through one voice in Ottawa now is the time!





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