**Ford’s Bogus climate plan DR’s Script for EC Presentation Feb 8, 2022**

**Slide 1: title slide**

The other day you received a large package of material from the Ontario Project working group.

On behalf of the OP and the ed cte, Bob Wood and I are going to highlight some of that material. Our task is to provide some background on Fords Bogus Climate Plan and to introduce some of the climate crimes.

The work of the OP is meant to help inform the election campaign.

Today we are going to ask for your support in principle so we can start using the material more politically and more publicly.

Support in principle means that you support the general framework and the analysis that the OP has developed. It also means that the drafts are open to comment and revision. And some of that input may well be suggesting additional crimes.

The climate crimes are a work in progress.

The OP is going to continue as a subcte of the Ontario election team and you are welcome to join us.

**Slide 2: Part 2: focus on Ford’s climate crimes:
Ten reasons to dump Ford**

Today’s presentation is in two parts. In the second part Bob will introduce the climate crimes. We have grouped the material into Ten climate reasons to dump Ford.

**Slide 3 Part one:
Ford’s bogus climate plan**

**Slide 4: Part 1:** **Ford’s Bogus Climate Plan**

In the first part on **Ford’s Bogus Climate Plan** I’ll provide some supplementary material to what you received.

**Slide 5: Setting the stage**

And I’ll start with some quick facts and trends.

**Slide 6: GHG Emissions in Canada**

Two provinces in Canada are responsible for 60% of greenhouse gas emissions.

Ontario is in second place. Which means that what **we** do here has an outsized effect on Canada’s ability to achieve its climate goals.

**Slide 7: Sector Emissions**

On a sector-by-sector basis here’s what we know.

* Emissions from the transport sector, contributed 35% of the total.
* The second largest source is industry at 30%.
* The third largest source is buildings which produce about 22% of emissions.

Together those three sectors account for 87% of Ontario’s emissions.

The corollary is this. Any chance of keeping temperatures below climate tipping points requires dramatic reductions by those three sectors.

**Slide 8: Behind each of these sectors’ emissions is the burning of fossil fuels**

And that means we have to stop burning fossil fuels in those sectors because to state the obvious

* Cars and trucks run on gasoline.
* The main source of heat in residential buildings is natural gas.
* And industry runs, in large part, on fossil fuels.

**Slide 9: Most of the energy used in Ontario IS FOSSIL FUELS**

Most of the energy used in Ontario is derived from oil and gas.

Three quarters of our energy is from fossil fuels.

The situation is a bit worse

**Slide 10: Most of the energy used in Ontario IS FOSSIL FUELS**

Electricity accounts for only 16% of our energy use. But electricity isn’t all clean.

Some of our electricity comes from burning gas and that share is slated to grow significantly.

**Slide 11: Gas is the new Coal**

Ontario made a seismic shift when coal powered gas plants were shuttered.

But now Ford is making another major shift to gas fired electricity---that’s one of the climate crimes.

Ontario has 12 gas fired powered stations.

In May of 2020 provincially owned Ontario Power Generation spent $2.8 billion to buy three natural gas plants.

 As nuclear plants are refurbished and offline, the government plans to expand the share of electricity produced from fossil fuels.

The OCAA has estimated gas could provide 20% of electricity production by 2030. Gas is the new coal.

**Slide 12: Electricity is supposed to reduce GHG emissions. In Ontario gas fired electricity will increase emissions**

Greenhouse gas emissions from Ontario's electricity sector will increase. This chart is from the Independent Electricity System Operator and the yellow line is the tell tale.

**Slide 13: Canada’s Big emitters:**

Earlier I said that the second largest sources of Ontario’s emissions come from industry.

* We know that 1700 Big emitters are responsible for 40% of all GHG pollution in the country.
* And we know who they are and where they are.

Although hard to see individual sites the map does suggest the concentrations. Ontario figures prominently.

**Slide 14: Historical GHG emission trends**

Prior to the election of Doug Ford, Ontario was making good progress on reducing GHG emissions. You can see the trend downward, much of it a result of shutting down coal plants.

**Slide 15: Historical trend in GHG Emissions**

Ford was elected in 2018. There is only data for his first couple of years. Instead of consolidating the gains that had been made he did an about face on climate action and he has bent the emission curve upwards.

**Slide 16: The economic framing of the climate plan**

To understand Ford’s total disregard of the climate emergency it helps to focus a bit on the economic model behind his plan. Here is the economic framing of the climate plan expressed in three quotes

**slide 17: *The first: “Terrible, terrible wind turbines.”***

The first quote is from the Premier. “If we had the chance to get rid of all the windmills we would. Terrible, terrible wind turbines”

**Slide 18: The second**

The second quote is from Ford’s third environment Minister.

*This idea that the government can regulate and legislate its way to net zero or to combat climate change is an absolute fallacy,”*

**Slide 19: The Third**

For the third quote we go to the finance minister in his November 2021 Finance statement.

We are ready to build bigger. We are ready to build faster than ever before.

**Slide 20: the trinity of influences behind the Ford climate plan**

The triad of influences behind the Ford climate plan are

* First Ford’s personal animosity to renewable energy which translates into support of fossil fuels.
* Second is a pro business ideology that maintains the fiction that the market solves everything. And the role of government is to incentivize business, cut public spending and provide opportunities for investors.
* And finally, a commitment to a Growth at all costs economic model.

**Slide 21: Economic background to the climate plan**

This is the model

* Fossil first
* growth first
* business first

**Slide 22: no title**

With more time we could explore the consequences of this. For now, let me point to the lists on the screen and note that almost all of them are amongst the Ford climate crimes.

**Slide 23: no title**

And many of them have implications for Indigenous Peoples rights, sovereignty and climate leadership.

**Slide 24: Ford’s Climate Plan**

**Slide 25: Ford’s climate plan was announced in 2019**

Ford’s climate plan was announced in 2019 and is part of the overall environment plan.

**Slide 26: Trashed the Previous government’s climate plan**

Before he announced the ‘Made in Ontario” plan Ford first trashed the climate programs that were in place.

His actions ranged from

**The spiteful.** He removed the words ‘climate change’ from the environment ministry

**The petty**--- he ripped out the charging stations from GO stations.

**The vengeful** –he scrapped the cap-and-trade program

**The wasteful** -$230 million to tear up green energy contracts,

**The ludicrous**- scrapped the tree planting program

**The alarming** –he reduced Ontario’s emission targets.

**Slide 27: Ford’s “made in Ontario” plan**

Ford’s ‘made in Ontario plan’ introduced a revised climate target. To reduce Ontario GHG emissions by 30% by 2030.

**Slide 28: Ford dilemma was how to have a climate plan without climate action**

Ford’s dilemma was how to have a **climate plan** without **climate action.** He had already boxed himself in. He had already decided

* That green, renewable energy was **not** part of the equation
* To fight the federal carbon pricing system in the courts and through an expensive PR campaign
* To cut subsidies for initiatives such as zero emission vehicles

**Slide 29: Ford’s plan: eight prong ‘non-action’ program**

What he was left with was a mashup of this and that and a whole lot of wishful thinking and deceitful accounting. He called it an eight-prong program.

That short list is the entirety of the Ford climate plan.

**Slide 30: Ford’s plan to reduce emissions by 30% by 2030 over 2005**

And that eight-prong program is supposed to reduce Ontario’s emissions by 30%. But it can’t and it won’t.

**Slide 31: Ford plan to reduce emissions by 17.6**

According to the plan a 30% target, means reducing emissions by 17.6 MT---a totally inadequate number. The govt has estimated the emission reduction potential from each of the eight prongs.

The Ontario Auditor general has spent considerable effort assessing the plan and its various components.

As a result, we know:

* The low carbon vehicles numbers were based on projections from the subsidy program that Ford had already cancelled.
* The emission performance standards were exaggerated about three-fold.
* The clean fuel estimates were double counted and would be nowhere near the target.
* Future innovation numbers which included SMRs and dirty hydrogen were not achievable by 2030, if at all.

**Slide 32: Ontario Auditor says the plan is not supported by evidence**

The auditor’s reports concluded that basically, none of it was true. And instead of eliminating 17.6 MT of GHG the committed policies in place would eliminate only 3.4 MT. For comparisons that is the yellow box on the slide.

**Slide 33: A bigger problem**

The evidence in the Auditor’s reports is clear: The Ford government will not reach its 2030 targets.

But for us there is a bigger problem. And that is the huge gap between what Ford is doing and what actually needs to get done.

 Ford’s 30% reduction target is completely out of date and out of step with what is needed.

**Slide 34: Scoping the size of the problem**

If Ford was to match the federal emission reduction target, he would have to achieve a 40-45% reduction.

At 45% -a target that is still too low—the required reduction is 50MT not 17.6 MT

Ford has ‘committed policies’ to reduce emissions by 3.4 MT when we need to reduce them by 50MT, at the very least.

**That news is really worrying.**

**Slide 35: Ontario can’t afford Ford**

Also worrying is Ford’s effort to shift the cost of his wrong choices onto Ontario families. It is difficult to quantify the cost of Fords climate recklessness. But it is clear that we can’t afford Ford.

On this slide are just some of the costs he has forced Ontario families to absorb ---through our energy bills and our taxes. These numbers are huge. One billion is a lot of money. If you counted one loonie every second of every day. It would take 32 years to reach one billion.

**Slide 36: What needs to be done**

* Ontario’s emission reduction target has to be increased significantly
* Phase out oil and gas
* rapidly shift to renewables with an emphasis on wind and solar
* Target the three major sources of emissions-transportation, industry and buildings- with
* new climate rules,
	+ **hard caps on industry and**
	+ **programs of support for families**

**Slide 37: SCAN! Platform: Five Climate transitions**

In our platform document SCAN! developed a program of transformation to prevent climate breakdown. We argued that the first priority was to dramatically reduce emissions. And we recognized that in doing so we needed five climate transitions.

1. A transition in our relationship with Indigenous Peoples
2. An energy transition
3. An economic transition
4. A social and climate justice transition
5. A transition in our relationship with the natural world

**Slide 38: An even bigger problem**

 Ford’s climate plan is a cruel joke. It is not intended to do anything about the climate emergency because Ford is basically a climate denier. There are two issues here. One is the obvious inadequacy of the climate plan. The other is the realization that Ford’s policies and programs, his legislation and actions are deepening climate crisis. And that brings us to part 2.