

# Ontario Clean Air Alliance

## *October 2007 Provincial Election Questionnaire*

**Question:** Do you believe that the Minister of Energy should issue a directive to the Ontario Power Authority, pursuant to Section 25.30 of the *Electricity Act*, telling it to cancel its plans for the East Toronto Transmission Line; and develop an alternative strategy consisting of energy conservation and small-scale local generation to meet the electricity needs of downtown Toronto?

**Answer: (Please circle one)**

- a) Yes
- b) No ✓
- c) Undecided

**Additional Comments:** It would be inappropriate for the Minister to issue such a directive until such time as the OPA has completed its Integrated Power System Plan (IPSP) for the province (expected soon). Although an interim OPA plan suggested Toronto would likely require a 3<sup>rd</sup> transmission line, the definitive plan has not been issued. Energy Minister Dwight Duncan has been clear in saying there are other options, including greater conservation and efficiency, and distributed generation, which could mitigate the need for a 3<sup>rd</sup> transmission line.

We have three years before a decision on a 3<sup>rd</sup> transmission line must be made. This buys time to develop other options. Small-scale local generation, coupled with strengthened conservation programs are infinitely preferable to a 3<sup>rd</sup> transmission line. I live in Toronto-Danforth between Pape and Jones Avenues. My two young nieces are growing up a couple of blocks away. As MPP for Toronto-Danforth I will do everything in my power to ensure that a high voltage transmission line does not run through our neighborhood, or any residential area. I will ensure that the voice of Toronto-Danforth residents is heard loud and clear by decision-makers.

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