



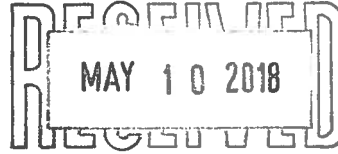
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May 8, 2018

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Re: Environment, Energy and Climate Resources for Municipalities

As you know better than most, much of the work that affects Ontario's energy, environment and climate is performed by municipal governments, and provincial action/inaction on these topics have huge impacts on municipal governments, assets and budgets.

I have the privilege of serving as Environmental Commissioner of Ontario (ECO), an independent officer of the Ontario Legislature. Under Ontario's Environmental Bill of Rights, my staff and I provide the Legislature with independent, non-partisan research and advice on energy, environment and climate issues in Ontario. In the course of this work, we examine many issues that are directly relevant to municipal governments.

Last year, for example, we reported, among other topics, on energy use and opportunities in Ontario's municipal water and wastewater systems,¹ and on waste, recycling and the circular economy,² as well as opportunities to use recycled aggregate in municipal construction.³ In 2018, we have reported on Ontario's climate and electricity policies, in reports entitled "Ontario's Climate Act: From Plan to Progress" and "Making Connections: Straight Talk about Electricity in Ontario" respectively.

Ontario's Climate Act: From Plan to Progress outlines Ontario's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in 2015, identifies challenges to further reducing GHGs, and reviews programs developed to implement the Climate Change Mitigation and Low-carbon Economy Act, and the Climate Change Action Plan. Central to the government's plans is Ontario's cap and trade program. The report comments on the first year of cap and trade, and how the resulting funds are being spent. Our evaluation of how the province tracks its own GHG emissions provides useful guidance for GHG tracking in your own organization, and we also look at climate-smart public procurement.

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¹ Every Drop Counts: Reducing the Energy and Climate Footprint of Ontario's Water Use

² Beyond the Blue Box: Ontario's Fresh Start on Waste Diversion and the Circular Economy

³ Good Choices, Bad Choices

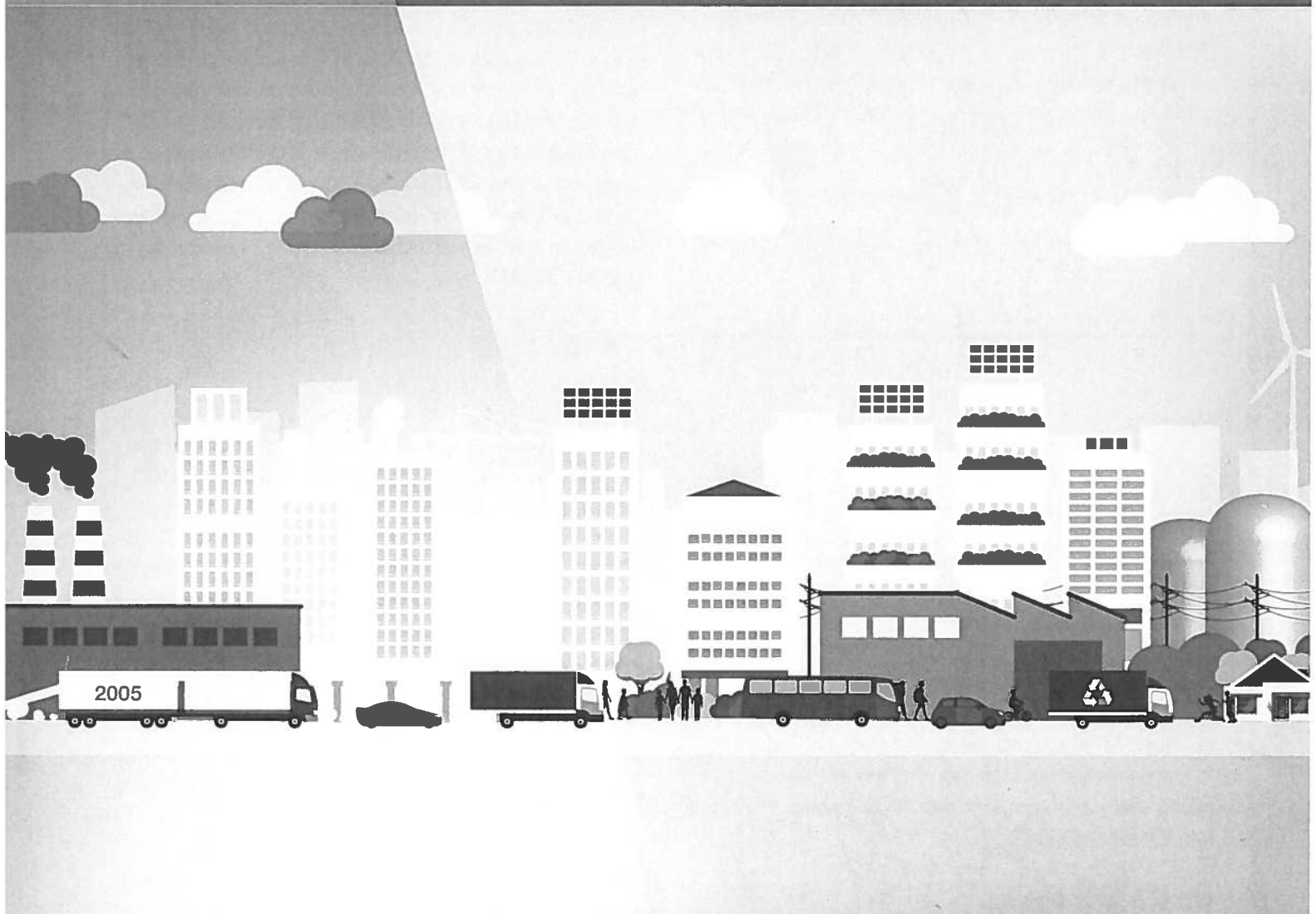
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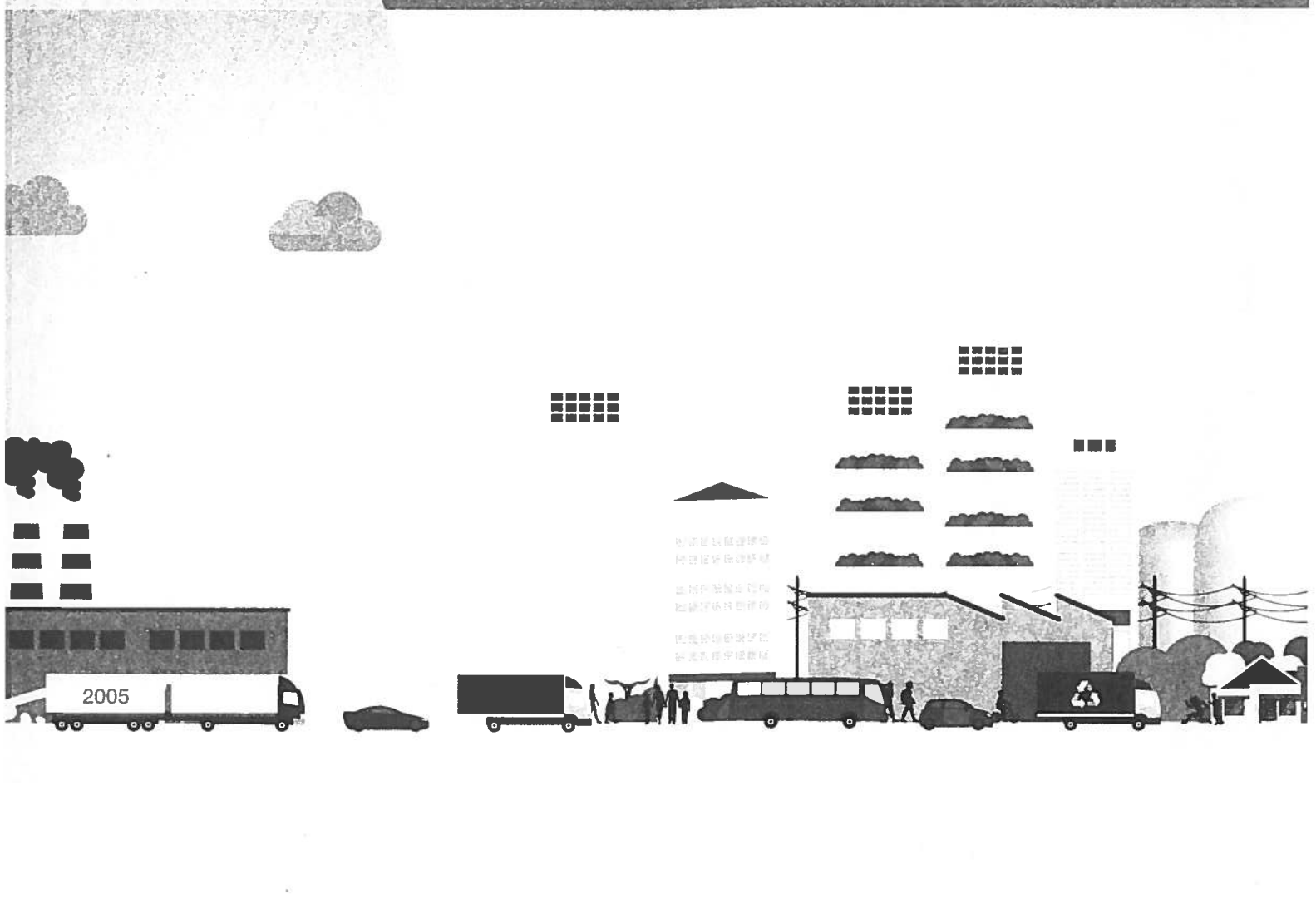
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