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# Paradigm Shifting in Ontario Canada: Community Power

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Challenge what is. Imagine what could be.

# Coal Phaseout: Key First Step



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Lakeview Generating Station Mississauga, Ontario June 12, 2006.



# Ontario's Green Energy Act and Feed-in Tariff Program

1. FITs are financed from rate-base not the treasury  
(stimulus does not compete with social priorities)
2. Long-Term premiums for wind, solar, biomass, micro-hydro (20 years)
3. Premiums are designed for specific technologies
4. Community power and First Nations Projects get an added premium
5. Community power fund to help projects reach commercial stage



# Key Lessons

1. Crucial to explain to the public the costs to each family's electricity bill and highlight benefits (new jobs, protection of children's health, better power, cleaner air, safer community)
2. Do not underestimate your adversaries or take for granted your allies
3. Inspire your politicians
4. Invest a lot on local capacity building and cultivating strong and numerous allies (trades, unions, teachers, preachers, community groups)

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