THE CANADIAN ENERGY **EFFICIENCY SCORECARD** 

## **PRINCE EDWARD**

# **ISLAND**

## DON'T STOP NOW

Routinely, efficiencyPEI has shown that it is a nationleading organization. It fostered energy efficiency programs that perform exceptionally well in generating savings, and that focus on lowering energy bills for lowincome households in PEI.

The province needs to be an energy efficiency leader if it is going to meet its ambitious climate target, the most robust in the country: net-zero emissions by 2040. Its latest efficiency policies are not consistent with that goal, however.

Prince Edward Island ranks fourth in the 2022 Scorecard, having earned 39 points out of 100. The province is moving up the ranks and surpassed Ontario this year.

While the province's 2016/2017 Energy Strategy called for annual savings equal to two per cent of sales in both electric and non-electric energy sources, the latest plan will only save 0.7 per cent of electricity sales. This is lower than what efficiencyPEI achieved last year.

The province's net-zero framework aims to make all new residential construction net-zero energy ready by 2030, establish PEI as a leading jurisdiction in the field for commercial operations, and to see 100 per cent non-fossil fuel heating in new residential homes and commercial buildings by 2025 and 2030 respectively. However, the government still needs to implement these measures through regulation.

## **STRENGTHS**

Program savings: PEI was second in the country for electricity program savings and third for fossil fuel savings in this year's Scorecard. Its programs are ahead of most other provinces in prioritizing fuel switching to clean electricity and helping low-income households.

Transportation: PEI scored third, behind BC. and Québec, in transportation energy efficiency policy in this year's Scorecard. This is the result of recent incentives for new and used vehicles as well as e-bikes. Another factor is the large number of electric vehicle charging stations on both a per road kilometer and per capita basis.

## AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

Target higher savings: To reach net zero, PEI should not give up on previous goals to reach annual savings equal to two per cent of electric and non-electric fuel sales. Reaching this higher level of savings requires continued program leadership as well as enabling policies from the government, such as requiring energy performance labels for homes being sold, and mandatory energy use reporting from large buildings.





