

# **PH Resource List for “From Environmental Commissioner to Toronto City Councillor: Perspectives on the Climate Emergency with Dianne Saxe”, July 27, 2023**

## **A. Background on Dianne Saxe**

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