

CARBON-EMISSION REDUCTION A MUST

When it comes to reducing our dependence on fossil fuels, the tired old excuse mentioned by Lloyd Atkins (Cynical Eyes, Letter to the Editor Sept. 14) for not taking action because China uses coal, is a tedious distraction.

In fact China leads the world in production and installation of solar panels and wind turbines. According to Forbes, "China could achieve an 80 per cent carbon-free electricity grid by 2035."

There is a myth that coal is

much worse for the environment than methane ("natural" gas). This is not true when all the extraction and transportation leakages are taken into account. Methane has 86 times more potency than carbon dioxide and is no better for the environment than coal. Both need to be eliminated.

In 2021 China emitted eight metric tons of carbon dioxide per person as compared to Canada at 14.3 metric tons per person of this polluting

gas. It would require 5.1 Earths to support a world full of Canadians, as opposed to 2.4 Earths for China.

We must reduce our carbon emissions in Canada to avoid the worst effects of climate disruption. Canadians would do better to stop buying the toys and useless gadgets for which China is ramping up its energy production.

Using "what-about-ism" only diverts attention and delays critical action.

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