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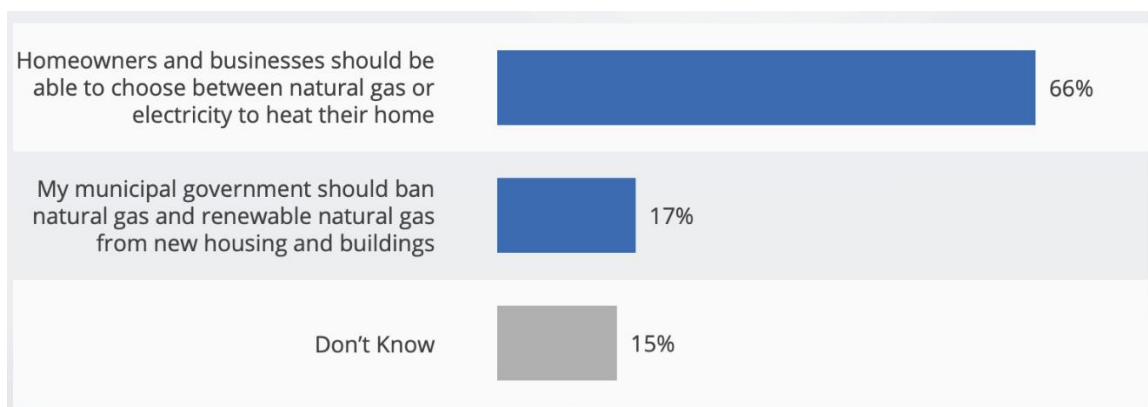
BC Coalition for Affordable Energy Poll shows 2-in-3 Metro Vancouver residents want Home Heating choice, not a renewable natural gas ban and natural gas ban

The BC Coalition for Affordable and Dependable Energy (BC CADE) released polling results today that shows that two-thirds (66%) of Metro Vancouver residents want the ability to choose between electricity and natural gas/renewable natural gas for home heating and businesses, instead of their municipal government effectively banning natural gas and renewable natural gas from new construction.

Bill Tieleman, Director of BC CADE, says the polling shows that Metro Vancouver municipalities should not be implementing the Zero Carbon Step Code regulations well ahead of a provincial 2030 deadline at a time when BC faces an electricity shortage and drought.

Pollara Strategic Insights interviewed 1,123 Metro Vancouver residents (18+), via an online survey of randomly-selected sample, between May 29 – June 5, 2024. As a guideline, the margin-of-error for a probability sample of this size is plus or minus 2.9%, 19 times out of 20. Results are weighted to reflect Stats Canada profile for age, gender, and region.

Q When it comes to energy choices, do you think homeowners and businesses in Metro Vancouver should be able to choose whether they use electricity, or natural gas/renewable natural gas for home heating - or should the municipal government take action to ban natural gas and renewable natural gas from new housing?



Metro Vancouver (n=1123)

“Metro Vancouver residents and businesses are very clear – they want choice when it comes to home heating. They don’t want municipal governments to ban natural gas and renewable natural gas from new housing and buildings,” said Tieleman.

The City of Vancouver voted on Tuesday evening to restore natural gas and renewable natural gas as a choice, a decision strongly supported by BC CADE.

“Vancouver Council is reflecting the views of Vancouver residents when it restored home heating choice. A majority of Vancouver residents, and in fact, residents throughout Metro Vancouver want the decision in their hands, not government, when it comes to electricity or gas,” added Tieleman. See detailed breakdown of results below.

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n=1123	Total	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55-64	65+
Homeowners and businesses should be able to choose between natural gas or electricity to heat their home	66%	68%	66%	58%	64%	72%	79%
My municipal government should ban natural gas and renewable natural gas from new housing and buildings	17%	18%	15%	23%	15%	15%	13%
Don't Know	16%	14%	18%	19%	21%	13%	8%

n=1123	Total	North Shore	NE Suburbs	S. of Fraser	City of Van
Homeowners and businesses should be able to choose between natural gas or electricity to heat their home	66%	72%	74%	69%	53%
My municipal government should ban natural gas and renewable natural gas from new housing and buildings	17%	12%	15%	14%	26%
Don't Know	16%	16%	11%	17%	22%