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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Climate emergency feedback (please add to public agenda)

Dear Councillor Morgan

Thank you for your service on Council, as well as listening to the community's feedback on the City's Climate Emergency Action Plan, which is why I'm emailing you today.

Council declared a Climate Emergency in April 2019, and there has been very limited action to back up this pledge. An emergency implies immediate action to be taken to avert a crisis, and the most recent IPCC report reiterates that we need **immediate and significant action**. **I am very eager to see Council move forward quickly on this climate plan given the time sensitive nature of addressing climate change and mitigating its impact on our community and future generations.**

I really liked the following items which were included in the Plan:

- Updated science based targets of 55 per cent reduction in GHG emissions by 2030, 65 per cent reduction by 2035, 75 per cent by 2040, and net zero by 2050
- The focus on action from the community, including individuals, businesses, organizations, institutions and the various levels of government
- The recognition that the Ontario government needs to phase out fossil fuels from our electricity grid in order for London's targets to be feasible to achieve
- The waste diversion and repurposing plans such as biofuel conversions

I would love to see the following added to the Plan:

- Four year targets aligned to Council terms (ie. targets for 2025, 2029, 2033) to ensure Council is on track to meet the 10 year targets.
- Some immediate projects that can be implemented to demonstrate quick wins
- A funding proposal for the 2023 multi-year budget (which can be requested from staff for 2023)
- Mandate Extended Producer Responsibility for Big Businesses. Taxpayers should not be subsidizing such businesses for a very basic environmental principle (i.e. recycling).
- Do not make home recycling optional. Giving people the option to go green will not work in the long run. Giving people an excuse to opt out will not make stewardship part of the city culture.

I also strongly encourage Council to request that all City Staff use the Climate Emergency Screening Tool on all their reports submitted to Council. As seen with the Wonderland Road and Adelaide St North infrastructure projects this tool can provide valuable insight for council when making climate related decisions.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I hope you keep well.

Sincerely,

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