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Subject: [EXTERNAL] London's Climate Emergency Action Plan (CEAP)

Dear Councillor Fyfe-Millar,

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

City 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 percent reduction in GHG emissions by 2030, 65 percent reduction by 2035, 75 percent 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

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 smaller 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)

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 City Council when making climate-related decisions.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,

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