

**5. Response to Audit of Climate Change Master Plan Report**

**Réaction au Rapport sur la Vérification du Plan directeur sur les changements climatiques**

**Committee Recommendation(s)**

**That City Council approve the Climate Change Master Plan prioritization framework, including the definition of the City's role in climate change community action, as outlined in this report.**

**Recommandation(s) du Comité**

**Que le Conseil municipal approuve la structure-cadre de priorisation du Plan directeur sur les changements climatiques, dont la définition du rôle de la Ville dans l'intervention communautaire de lutte contre les dérèglements du climat, selon les modalités exposées dans ce rapport.**

**Documentation/Documentation**

1. Extract of draft Minutes, Environment and Climate Change Committee, 16 September 2025.

Extrait de l'ébauche du procès-verbal, Comité de l'environnement et du changement climatique, le 16 septembre 2025.

2. Director's Report, Climate Change and Resiliency, Strategic Initiatives Department, dated 5 September 2025 (ACS2025-SI-CCR-0007).

Rapport de la Directrice, Services des changements climatiques et de la résilience, Direction générale des initiatives stratégiques, daté le 5 septembre 2025 (ACS2025-SI-CCR-0007).

Extract of Draft Minutes 19  
Environment and Climate  
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Debbie Stewart, General Manager, Strategic Initiatives (SI) and Nichole Hoover-Bienasz, Director, Climate Change and Resilience, SI, provided a presentation. A copy of the slide presentation is filed with the Office of the City Clerk.

Councillor Lo introduced a motion during the delegations.

**WHEREAS Council approved the Climate Change Master Plan (CCMP) in January 2020, which included setting short-, medium-, and long-term emissions reduction targets and eight priority actions; and**

**WHEREAS the audit of the CCMP includes recommendations to clarify the City's role in community climate action and establish a prioritisation framework, the latter of which requires clear and unambiguous guidance; and**

**WHEREAS an effective CCMP for the City of Ottawa must be grounded within the jurisdiction and practical reality of municipal government; and**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, to maximise the City's investments, the 2027 refresh of the CCMP exclude all issues, items, and language unrelated to and/or outside the jurisdiction and practical realities of municipal government, except in the context of partnerships with the provincial and federal governments and relevant third parties.**

The following members of the public spoke before the Committee and provided comments:

- William van Geest
- Angela Keller-Herzog, Executive Director, CafesOttawa,

[ \* Individuals / groups marked with an asterisk above either provided comments in writing or by e-mail; all submissions and presentations are held on file with the Office of the City Clerk. ]

The following written submissions were received by, and are filed with, the Office of the City Clerk, and distributed to Committee Members:

- Email dated 14 September 2025 from Pamela Jordan

The following also responded to questions:

- Debbie Steward, General Manager, Strategic Initiatives
- Nichole Hoover-Bienasz, Director, Climate Change and Resilience, Strategic Initiatives (SI),

During questions to staff, Councillor Lo agreed to withdraw his motion and work with staff on a motion that would rise to council.

Following discussion and questions of staff, the Committee carried the report as presented.

**Report Recommendation(s)**

**That the Environment and Climate Change Committee recommend that Council approve the Climate Change Master Plan prioritization framework, including the definition of the City's role in climate change community action, as outlined in this report.**