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CITY OF OTTAWA – DECLARATION OF CLIMATE EMERGENCY

ACS2019-CCS-ENV-0005

CITY WIDE

That the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management recommend Council:

- 1. Officially declare a climate emergency for the purposes of naming, framing, and deepening our commitment to protecting our economy, our eco systems, and our community from climate change;**
- 2. Establish a Council Sponsors Group comprised of representatives from the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management, Planning Committee, Transportation Committee, Transit Commission, the Ottawa Board of Health and the Councillor Liaison of the Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee;**
- 3. Direct City staff to include the following in the review and update of the AQCCMP:**
 - a) An analysis of how the AQCCMP's long term target to reduce GHG emissions 80% below 2012 levels by 2050 compares to the IPCC's targets for limiting global warming to 1.5 °C**
 - b) Midterm (2030) corporate and community GHG emission reduction targets**

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- c) **Climate Change mitigation and adaptation priorities for next five years (2019-2024) to embed climate change considerations across all elements of City business;**
- 4. Direct City staff to include the following in the Energy Evolution Final Report:**
 - a) **Status update of Energy Evolution Phase 1 actions**
 - b) **New concrete actions and resource implications (staff and financial) to achieve GHG emission reduction targets**
 - c) **Use an equity and inclusion lens in the prioritization of actions**
 - d) **Funding and savings options for the City when implementing emission reductions;**
- 5. Direct City staff to report back, within the 2019 calendar year, on a spending plan for the Hydro Ottawa Dividends Surplus that would help reduce community and corporate GHG emissions beyond the scope of the City's current climate targets while also saving money;**
- 6. Direct City staff to complete a vulnerability assessment and develop a climate resiliency strategy to reduce the impacts of a changing climate;**
- 7. Recognize climate change as a strategic priority in the City's strategic plan and accompanying budget directions for the remaining Term of Council; and**

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- 8. Work with senior levels of government to accelerate ambition and action to meet the urgency of climate change and provide additional resources for municipalities and the public to reduce their GHG emissions and build resiliency to climate impacts.**

Chair Moffatt introduced this item, reminding speakers to adhere to the subject of the Motion, which he said spoke to providing a clear focus and giving direction on matters that the City could achieve in a meaningful way.

The Committee then heard from the following delegations, in support of Councillor Menard's Motion (unless otherwise noted):

- Mr. Robb Barnes, Ecology Ottawa
- Ms Diane Beckett*, Community Associations for Environmental Sustainability
- Dr. Curtis Lavoie*, MD (Emergency Physician, CHEO)
- Mr. Jerry Fiori*, Chair, Ottawa Disability Coalition
- Ms Emilie Taman
- Mr. Guy Annable* (opposed)
- Ms Sam Boswell* and Ms Kari Glynes-Elliott*
- Ms Chloe Rourke
- Ms Mia Beijer, Future Rising Ottawa
- Mr. Andrew Lumsden
- Mr. Bill Eggertson*
- Ms Christine Epplett
- Ms Carolyn Clackdoyle

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The following individuals also provided written comment in support of Councillor Menard's Motion (unless otherwise noted):

- Ms Karen Scott*
- Ms Shirley Dolan* (opposed)
- Mr. James Russell*
- Mr. James O'Grady*

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

All but one of the delegations strongly urged Committee to endorse Councillor Menard's Motion, largely echoing the sentiments laid out in the report.

Each Member of Committee provided comment on the Motion, largely in support of the views as laid out in the report and as espoused by the speakers; that it was time to take bold, immediate action on climate change in a meaningful, responsible and actionable way. The opposing viewpoints raised took issue with the wording of climate 'emergency'; cautioned that this was not only a local problem; that it could raise levels of fear, particularly with the young; and that relying on an unpredictable source of funding such as the Hydro dividend was not prudent.

In closing, Councillor Menard said he believed it was time to act on an evolving climate emergency, and that his Motion, crafted with staff's participation, and giving clear direction, would help achieve tangible results in a concrete and meaningful way.

Discussions having concluded, the report recommendations were put before the Committee and were "CARRIED" as outlined below:

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CARRIED, on a division of six "Yeas" to two "Nays", as follows:

YEAS (6): Councillors R. Brockington, J. Cloutier, K. Egli, C. McKenney,
S. Menard and S. Moffatt

NAYS (2): Councillors G. Darouze and A. Hubley