

April 24, 2015

His Worship Mayor Watson and Members of Council,

All levels of government have a role to play in the fight against climate change, especially cities. More than 75 percent of Canada's greenhouse gas emissions are associated with activities that occur in cities and municipal governments have direct or indirect control over more than half of those emissions.

We strongly support the City of Ottawa's new climate change plan – and the ultimate goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions – and we want the plan to be implemented, funded, and improved.

We are calling on the City of Ottawa to show leadership in developing and implementing policies and programs that support healthier places to live, work, and play by:


- Increasing the availability of affordable, healthy, and low carbon transportation for individuals, organizations, and businesses;
- Helping individuals, organizations, and businesses reduce their energy use, save money on their utility bills, and transition towards 100 percent clean energy; and,
- Protecting people from severe weather and impacts of climate change.

In turn, our organizations commit to:

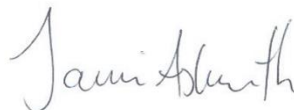
- Work with the City of Ottawa in support of the new climate change plan;
- Develop programs and initiatives that support the fight against climate change in the City of Ottawa; and
- Provide support to individuals, organizations, and businesses who want to take action and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

We look forward to working with the City towards making our city a leader in the area of climate change action and welcome the opportunity to help make a difference.

Best Regards,



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