

June 10, 2019
Attn. City of Burlington, Clerks Department
Re: Report Number: CW-21-19 & Report Number: CW-07-19

I am requesting this letter be provided to the City of Burlington Committee on the Whole before the meeting on Monday June 10th at 1pm. This letter is in support of Report's CW-07-19 and CW-21-19.

The Halton Environmental Network (HEN) and our programs propel local efforts for the mitigation and adaptation of climate change. HEN is also the backbone agency of the Halton Climate Collective (HCC), a collective body comprised of leaders from: Conservation Halton, City of Burlington, Town of Oakville, Town of Halton Hills, Town of Milton, Halton District School Board, Halton Catholic School Board and the University of Waterloo. The HCC works together to ensure collective climate action.

HEN supports report CW-21-19 and CW-07-19 and feels confident that the work imbedded within the report would result in mitigation and adaptation efforts for climate change. To ensure we meet federal and global targets for ghg mitigation, we must work together and have a response plan, set targets, and achieve goals, both these reports and outcomes highlighted would be a positive first step.

Report number CW-07-19 Subject: Take Action Burlington – An update on our local environment is a good example of engagement highlighting consumable and tangible actions for our community. Within report CW-07-19 we fully support the upcoming initiatives/plans/and projects of 2019, especially the Climate Action Plan, and alignment with the declaration of the climate emergency. Moving forward with the efforts of the HCC, we hope to have future alignment for new and progressive opportunities that may arise.

Report number CW-21-19 is a good example of a climate report and is imbedded with potential opportunities for the City of Burlington. We fully support the two components of the climate lens highlighting the greenhouse gas mitigation assessment and measurement of anticipated ghg emissions of projects and/or services being proposed. Highlighting climate change resiliency will ensure the City of Burlington will be prepared for the effects of climate change and be prepared to adapt to disruptive climate challenges such as wind events, rain events, flooding and intense storms. We support the collaborative efforts highlighted within the report and the quick wins discussed.

HEN and the HCC team look forward to continue to work with the City to drive climate action and sustainability. Thank you for your continuing efforts and work to ensure climate resiliency and mitigation efforts are realized for the City of Burlington.

With regards,

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