



## **STRATFORD CITY COUNCIL ADDENDUM**

Adoption of Addendum to the Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Committee Agenda:

Motion by

**THAT the Addendum to the Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Committee agenda dated October 10, 2023, be added to the agenda as printed to include the following:**

### **5.0 Report of the Climate Change Programs Manager:**

#### **5.1 Corporate Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP) 2023 (ITS23-026)**

Following publishing of the agenda, the following persons requested to speak to item 5.1:

- Ian Morton, Chair and Sharon Collingwood, Vice-Chair of the Energy and Environment Advisory Committee – requesting that Council supports the Corporate Energy and Emissions Plan;
- Jocelyn Williams and Nathan Bean, Eco-Club of Stratford District Secondary School – to encourage Council to vote in favour of the Corporate Energy and Emissions Plan; and
- Lesley Walker-Fitzpatrick, in support of the Corporate Energy and Emissions Plan.

Motion by

**THAT the following persons be heard:**

- **Ian Morton and Sharon Collingwood, on behalf of the Energy and Environment Advisory Committee;**
- **Jocelyn Williams and Nathan Bean on behalf of the Eco-Club of Stratford District Secondary School; and**
- **Lesley Walker-Fitzpatrick.**

Attachments – Correspondence received.

Following publishing of the agenda, the following persons submitted correspondence on this matter:

- Louise McColl;

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- Cheryl and Paul Simpson;
- Sheila Clarke;
- Richard Green;
- Elliana Morrison;
- Natalie Ditty;
- Peter Maranger, President, Rotary Club of Stratford;
- Marylu Moyer;
- Sharon Collingwood;
- Isabel Gillespie;
- Denis Murphy;
- Jane Marie Mitchell;
- Denise Ditty;
- Doug Thompson; and
- Lesley Walker-Fitzpatrick.

Motion by

**THAT the correspondence from the following persons be received for information:**

- **Louise McColl;**
- **Cheryl and Paul Simpson;**
- **Sheila Clarke;**
- **Richard Green;**
- **Elliana Morrison;**
- **Natalie Ditty;**
- **Peter Maranger on behalf of the Rotary Club of Stratford;**
- **Marylu Moyer;**
- **Sharon Collingwood;**
- **Isabel Gillespie;**
- **Denis Murphy;**
- **Jane Marie Mitchell;**
- **Denise Ditty;**
- **Doug Thompson; and**
- **Lesley Walker-Fitzpatrick.**

To: Tatiana Dafoe  
From: Louise McColl  
Re: Climate Energy and Emissions Plan

Dear Ms. Dafoe;

I understand that council will be voting on the proposed CEEP, and I want to encourage a vote in favour of that plan. The past year alone has made it crystal clear that we MUST act to reduce carbon emissions or we are all doomed. We may not have had our homes burned by wildfires or flooded out, but we have breathed the smoky air and can no longer be in denial about the seriousness of the climate emergency (which the previous council recognized). This is the biggest issue facing council in our lifetimes and it needs to vote to move forward with CEEP.

Sincerely,  
Louise McColl

To: Tatiana Dafoe  
From: Cheryl and Paul Simpson  
Re: Community Climate Action Plan

Dear Ms. Dafoe,

We're so glad that the Council is moving forward in its quest to discover how to reach Stratford's Climate Change goals.

Our new Climate Change Manager, Ms. Ghalib, has done a very thorough job on researching how best to make this happen. No doubt it will be a challenge, financially and otherwise, but let's get started now in order to make our City the leader it can and should be. We can do it!

Sincerely,  
Cheryl and Paul Simpson

To: Tatiana Dafoe  
From: Sheila Clarke  
Re: Copy of letter to councillors re: CEEP

Dear Councillor,

I am pleased to note that portions of Stratford's Climate Plan are reaching a vote in Council. I fully support the Corporate Energy and Emissions Plan. Stratford was a leader for our community and for our youth with the Council declaration of a Climate Emergency.

For those same youth we need to consider tomorrow and do everything we can:

- in building standards for new builds
- in retro-fitting buildings
- in transitioning to an electric fleet in Stratford
- in pursuing low energy impact in every way that we can.

I am proud to be a resident of a city that accepts the serious challenge of reducing carbon emissions.

With respect, Sheila Clarke

To: Tatiana Dafoe  
From: Richard Green  
Re: Copy of my letter to Stratford Council

I am writing to congratulate you on the City's leadership in climate mitigation, as seen in the Corporate Energy and Emissions Plan to be approved on Tuesday. I have read the plan; it is a solid analysis, and the framework it provides should guide us well over the coming years.

Council's first duty is to care for the welfare of its constituents, and this first step sets us on the right path, curbing our emissions, and preparing for a hotter and uncertain future. The plan is pragmatic in its approach to energy efficiency and will save taxpayer dollars over the long run.

Richard Firth Green

Academy Professor, The Ohio State University

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To: Tatiana Dafoe  
From: Elliana Morrison  
Re: Corporate Energy & Emissions Plan

Dear City of Stratford Mayor and Counsellors,

I am writing to express my support for the Corporate Energy & Emissions Plan that Sadaf Ghalib will be presenting on Tuesday the 11th.

This plan to decarbonize the city's infrastructure is a really important plan for us to move forward to meet our carbon mandate by 2030.

Please support this plan when voting on Tuesday night.

Sincerely  
Elliana Morrison

To: Tatiana Dafoe  
From: Natalie Ditty  
Re: Corporate Energy & Emissions Plan

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Sincerely,  
Natalie Ditty

To: Tatiana Dafoe  
From: Peter Maranger  
Re: Corporate Energy & Emissions Plan

Dear Tatiana, please note that I have used the City of Stratford email City Councillor portal and sent this to all councillors, but would appreciate you forwarding this to all city council as well.

As President of the Rotary Club of Stratford, I am reaching out to express our club's unwavering support for the adoption of the Community Action Climate Plan targeting net-zero emissions by 2050.

To say that we are at a crucial juncture in our history would be an understatement. Our city Climate Coordinator has put forward a meticulously researched and comprehensive plan that not only offers us a roadmap to a sustainable future but also ensures our eligibility for vital grants. Failing to adopt this plan not only risks these potential grants but, more gravely, deepens our plunge into climate challenges.

The old saying goes, "If not you, who? If not now, when?" This sentiment has never held truer significance than in the context of our current climate emergency. We, as a club and as concerned citizens, recognize the urgency of this matter. We are committed to supporting and advocating for this plan's passage through City Council.

While it might be necessary for the city to explore immediate financial mechanisms such as green municipal bonds, it's crucial for every individual, every household, and every institution, including our club, to contribute actively to this cause. Whether it's adopting hybrid vehicles, installing solar panels, or integrating heat pumps, every step counts.

Your guidance and support are invaluable in this mission. I was dismayed to learn about the possible resistance to Sadaf Ghalib's proposal for the Corporate Energy & Emissions Plan. Not moving forward with this plan is not just a missed opportunity but a grave setback.

I urge you, Tatiana, to use your influential position to champion this cause. If there's a need for a delegation to demonstrate our commitment and concern, count on our Rotary Club Environment Committee. We stand ready to rally behind this initiative, provide testimonies, or contribute in any way necessary.

In conclusion, I reference our luncheon Rotary meeting from yesterday at the Legion. When our club proposed using a green bin for our food waste, the immediate response was positive but contingent on my direct involvement. It highlighted two things – firstly, that every little action matters, and secondly, we need the collective will and determination to make it happen.

I hope that the City Council, with your esteemed guidance, recognizes the gravity of the situation and acts in the best interest of Stratford and our planet.

With utmost respect and anticipation,

Yours in Rotary, Peter  
Peter Maranger

To: Tatiana Dafoe  
From: Marylu Moyer  
Re: Corporate Energy & Emissions Plan

Dear Councillors,

I am pleased that portions of Stratford's Climate Plan are reaching a vote in Council. I believe that climate change action is needed. I fully support the Corporate Energy and Emissions Plan. I believe it is important that we pursue a low energy impact every way we can.

Thank you,  
Marylu Moyer

To: Tatiana Dafoe  
From: Sharon Collingwood  
Re: Corporate Energy and Emissions Plan

Hello Tatiana,

Here is my letter to councillors on the Corporate Energy and Emissions Plan, to be discussed Tuesday night.

Thanks,

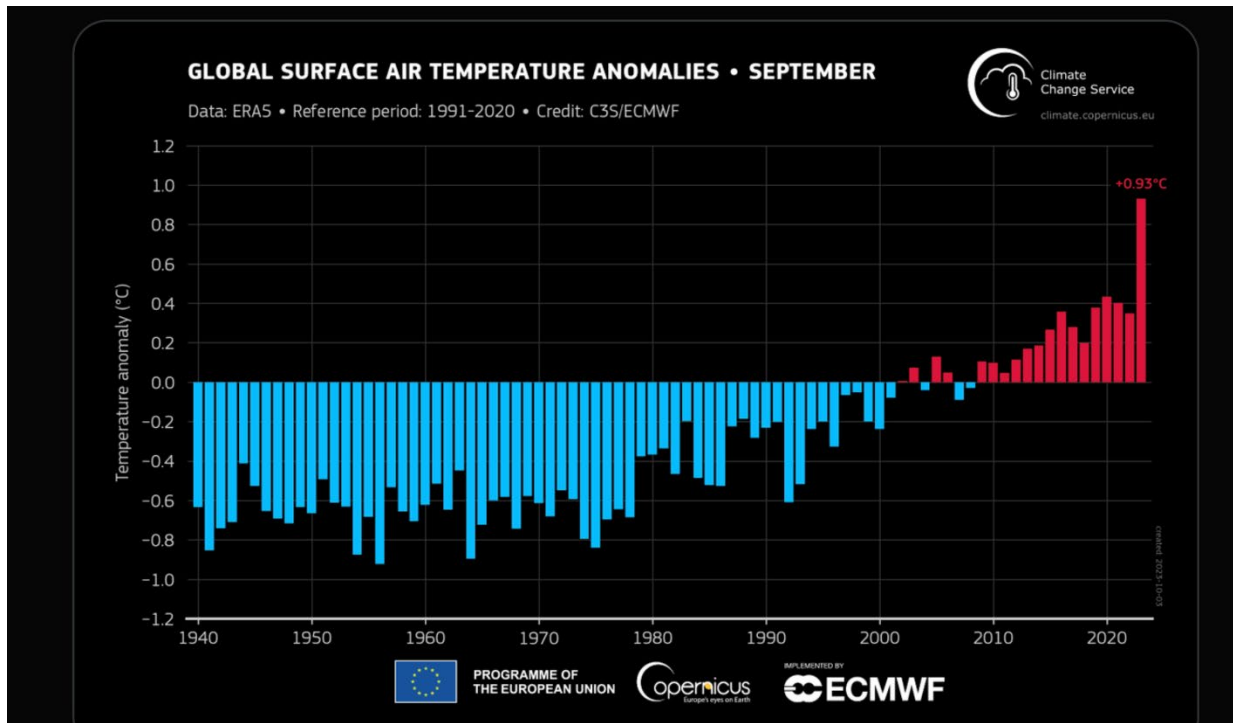
Sharon

Dear Councillor

In 2020 Stratford City Council declared a Climate Emergency, and began the process of setting out a series of goals to be met in order to arrive at net-zero emissions by 2050. The accompanying graph demonstrates why this declaration was so necessary. I am very glad to see that Council has followed through with these goals, outlining concrete actions to be taken in the Corporate Energy and Emissions Plan.

I heartily support this Plan. It is wide-ranging and adaptable, and uses multiple strategies to deal with the problems we will face in a warming climate. Upgrading of infrastructure is a necessity; we have the technology to face this challenge, and we must use it to deal quickly and effectively to meet our environmental responsibilities.

Thank you for your support of this excellent plan.



To: Tatiana Dafoe  
From: Isabel Gillespie  
Re: Decarbonization

Dear City of Stratford Mayor and Counsellors,

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Please support this plan when voting on Tuesday night.

Sincerely Isabel Gillespie

To: Tatiana Dafoe  
From: Denis Murphy  
Re: Denis Murphy letter re: CEEP

Hello Tatiana, we're in Algonquin and my partner's phone isn't accessing data, so below is a copy of the letter he sent to Council re: the Corporate Energy and Emissions Plan.

Corporate Energy and Emissions Plan vote:

Your vote must consider the balance of immediate gratification and our future desire to live in a sustainable world.

As a child I accepted a balanced world. Today the climate situation has worsened seriously. Now 70 years later I can choose for today's gratification or for a healthy world for the next generations.

Be aware that our situation in Stratford and area is unique- we are very fortunate but every decision that we make has an effect on the global world around us.

Please support Stratford's climate initiative by voting for the Corporate Energy and Emissions Plan.

Denis Murphy

To: Tatiana Dafoe

From: Jane Marie Mitchell

Re: Letter for October 10, 2023 Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Committee  
Standing Committee Meeting

Hi Tatiana

Please include this with the information for the Climate Action Plan at the meeting.

Good Day:

I would like to congratulate those who worked on the very comprehensive Annual Corporate Energy and Emissions Plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts about this well thought out and easy to follow, detailed strategy to decrease our corporate emissions.

The plan to include an intermediate 60% goal for 2040 makes sense to keep on track to net-zero emissions for 2050. The concentration on buildings as it is the largest emitter is wise. The fact that there are older buildings like City Hall and the

William Allman Arena and newer buildings like Dufferin Arena and the Rotary/Agriplex Center will perhaps mean different strategies will be deployed, but all with the view of using all advancing technology to decrease emissions as much as possible over time. When building new or altering buildings, aiming for standards like BOMA, BEST, LEED and Passive House are great guides even without the certification. The move towards alternatives to natural gas, like heat pumps and electricity, are indeed necessary as we proceed towards the targets. Perhaps, incentives can be given to the new subdivision housing to exclude the reliance on natural gas now to save homeowners from having to pay to change their energy supply within a decade or so after purchasing their homes. Are there any plans or the ability to share with the builders and industries, some of the things the corporation is doing to help them to prioritize making similar changes as we need to share these actions to help others to help decrease emissions.

The move towards electric vehicles can't come soon enough and will save the taxpayers money in the long run on the operation of the fleet as well as many of the other goals identified within the Plan.

Is it possible to source any new developments for screening the wastewater for plastic microbeads to save them getting into the river system and then affecting the food chain? We will need to protect the food chain from this environmental effect for saving our food sources and other problems the microbeads create.

The dedicated work done on this plan is well detailed and thought out and we all look forward to seeing the outcomes of decreased emissions in Stratford to do our part to decrease the effects of climate change on Earth. I for one am very thankful for the

great work done by all the departments involved in this effort to reduce our GHG Emissions.

Thank you.  
Jane Marie Mitchell

To: Tatiana Dafoe

From: Denise Ditty

Re: Support for the adoption of the Corporate Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP) 2023

Dear Members of the Stratford City Council,

I am writing to show my support for the adoption of the Corporate Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP) 2023 presented by the city's Climate Change Program Manager, Sadaf Ghalib.

In 2020, the city of Stratford declared a climate emergency - a bold and encouraging step towards ensuring Stratford is a leader in the fight against the climate crisis. I urge this council to continue making bold, encouraging, and decisive decisions. The adoption of this plan will set the stage for change now and in the future. Every step that is taken, whether it is in retrofitting buildings, transitioning to a zero-emission fleet, or pursuing low impact energy sources, not only gives us hope but also demonstrates to our youth that we are committed to acting on the declaration of the climate emergency.

We need to act now, this is no longer a problem for the future. As Antonio Guterres said in his September, 2021 speech to the UN General Assembly,

"Don't wait for others to make the first move. Do your part. Around the world, we see civil society — led by young people — fully mobilized to tackle the climate crisis... Governments must also summon the full force of their fiscal policymaking powers to make the shift to green economies."

Sincerely,  
Denise Ditty

To: Tatiana Dafoe

From: Doug Thompson

Re: Support for the draft Climate Action plan for net 0 by 2050

I am writing to strongly support the Climate Action Plan put forward by our Climate Coordinator for net 0 in our community by 2050. Council has already committed to that goal so now they need to follow through when they vote soon. The science on climate change is alarming and events this year even more alarming. We cannot sink further into the abyss and 50% of the solution is known to be Community based. The City can also fund upfront costs with Green Municipal Bonds and should consider this as I know many community members who would participate.

PLEASE pass this bill.. The community is behind you.

Best,

Doug Thompson

To: Tatiana Dafoe  
From: Lesley Walker-Fitzpatrick  
Re: Letter to Council

To Mayor Ritsma and Council Members,

I am writing in support of the Corporate Energy and Emissions Plan.

In this era of increasing climate emergencies, it is crucial that actions be taken to reduce the amount of CO2 emissions going into our atmosphere.

According to the science show Nova on P.B.S. 40 billion tons are being released into our atmosphere every year. A delicate balance of gases in the atmosphere allows life to flourish and protects Earth from the void of space.

It is as thin as an apple skin. The level of CO2 increasing dangerously is warming the planet and causing many rapid changes in weather and conditions on the planet. We must consider our grandchildren not just today or next year's budget but the liveability on Earth into the future.

Stratford, as a centre for agriculture, industry, service and the arts is in an important position to be a leader ethically, morally and practically in working to reduce CO2 going into our atmosphere. Please be those ethical leaders the world needs now. Vote to approve.

Sincerely,  
Lesley Walker-Fitzpatrick  
cc Ms. Tatiana Dafoe, City Clerk