



## **HALTON REGION**

### **NOTICE OF MOTION**

DATE: September 11, 2019

ITEM: Declaration of Climate Change Emergency

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TO BE CONSIDERED: Council Meeting – September 11, 2019

MOVED BY: Councillor J. Fogal  
SECONDED BY: Councillor C. Best

WHEREAS the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has determined the need for a significant and structural reduction in carbon emissions in the next 11 years to avoid further economic, ecological, and societal losses due to the climate change crisis; and

WHEREAS Canada is, according to the Government of Canada's April 2019 Changing Climate Report, experiencing warming at twice the rate of the rest of the world attributed to human activity, with Northern Canada heating up at almost three times the global average and with extreme weather patterns expected for Southern Ontario; and

WHEREAS infrastructure failures linked to the climate change crisis could cost Canada \$300 billion over the next decade unless we change the way we build and move people, goods, and services; and

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has a Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) program that consists of a five-step Milestone Framework that guides municipalities to take action against climate change by reducing emissions in their municipality; and

WHEREAS Regional Council through the Strategic Business Plan 2019-2022, has committed to protecting and enhancing the natural environment across Halton and reducing our corporate carbon footprint to mitigate the impacts of climate change; and

WHEREAS Halton Region recognizes that the Local Municipalities and many local community groups and organizations are already taking collective action on climate change and that there is an opportunity to work together, to address this important issue.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Halton Region declare a climate emergency for the purposes of deepening our commitment to protecting and improving resiliency of the economy, environment and community from climate change and that staff be directed to bring a report to Regional Council in the Spring of 2020 that includes the following:

- a) the identification of proposed short and long-term climate change goals for the organization, including but not limited to:
  - reduction in greenhouse gas emissions related to Regional operations
  - development of an Energy Management Strategy
  - investigation of strategies for energy conservation, greening operations and renewable energy technologies
  - strategies to increase the waste diversion rate
  - development of a strategy for greening Fleet operations
- b) outline how Halton Region will work towards achieving the remaining 4 milestones of FCM's PCP program
- c) outline opportunities for a regional approach to manage growth and development to address climate considerations through an update to the Region's Official Plan;
- d) development of corporate sustainability and climate change policies and a climate lens to be applied to the Regional infrastructure and operations
- e) the identification of performance metrics to track progress and timelines for achieving key deliverables/major milestones, and a strategy to report back on progress
- f) partner with our local municipalities and community organizations working to engage and inform residents for community action on climate change.

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, the federal and provincial Ministers of the Environment and Climate Change, Halton MP's and MPP's, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Local Municipalities for their information.