



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LINCOLN

NOTICE OF MOTION

INTRODUCTION DATE: March 29, 2021

SUBJECT: Climate Change Adaptation Plan and Crisis

CONSIDERATION DATE: April 19, 2021

REQUESTED BY: Councillor J.D. Pachereva

SECONDED BY: Councillor Greg Reimer

WHEREAS climate change is already having an impact on global economies, communities, and the built and natural environments; and

WHEREAS climate change remains the most significant global threat to the quality of life and security – for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS the most recent report by the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has indicated that within 10 years, to keep the global average temperature increase to 1.5 degree C and maintain a climate compatible with human civilization, there must be a reduction in carbon emissions of about 45% from 2010 levels, reaching net zero carbon emissions by 2050; and,

WHEREAS bold and collective action at global, national and community levels is required to effect change, build resilience, mitigate future threats and ensure a prosperous future for generations to come; and

WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln understands that climate action and a low carbon transition also represents an opportunity for economic stimulation and job development opportunities in a new low carbon economy; and

WHEREAS on July 22, 2019 Council of the Town of Lincoln passed a resolution supporting the development of a Corporate Climate Adaptation Plan; and

WHEREAS on March 29, 2021 Council adopted the Corporate Climate Change Adaptation Plan;



THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Lincoln immediately declare a Climate Crisis and for the purposes of recognizing the urgent need to take action to mitigate the effects of climate change and to deepen the Town’s commitment to protecting its economy, ecosystems, and community from climate change; and

1. **THAT** the Town of Lincoln, officially declare a climate crisis for the purposes of joining a national and international movement consisting of a growing list of 509 municipalities in Canada and 1918 municipalities in 34 countries; and
2. **THAT** our CAO and staff be directed to work with other Local Area Municipalities and across Ontario to make our climate change initiatives permanent; and
3. **THAT** Council acknowledges that the climate change crisis poses a real serious threat and comprehensive changes and investments will be required to adapt to the impacts of climate change, mitigate climate risk, and prepare for our climate future.

**it being noted that the above-noted Declaration is not intended to invoke the Town of Lincoln’s Emergency Response Plan or to interfere with the responsibilities and power delegated to the Mayor to declare or to terminate a local emergency under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, 1990;*

**it being further noted that a climate emergency or crisis is distinct from the kinds of emergencies contemplated under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, 1990, as it is a global emergency with impacts extending beyond Lincoln.*

The following towns and regions throughout Ontario including the Government of Canada are a sample of the hundreds of municipalities that have declared a Climate Crisis/Emergency:

Ajax Town Council - 16-Sep-2019	Mississauga City Council - 19-Jun-2019
Amherstburg Town Council - 11-Dec-2019	Muskoka District Council ., - 19-Oct-2020
Barrie City Council - 07-Oct-2019	Newmarket Town Council - 13-Jan-2020
Brampton City Council - 05-Jun-2019	Niagara-on-the-Lake Council - 24-Feb-2020
Brant County Council - 26-Nov-2019	Oakville Town Council - 24-Jun-2019
Brantford City Council - 12-Nov-2019	Ottawa City Council - 24-Apr-2019
Burlington City Council - 23-Apr-2019	Peel Regional Council - 24-Oct-2019
Caledon Town Council - 28-Jan-2020	Peterborough City Council - 23-Sep-2019
Central Elgin Municipal Council - 28-Oct-2019	Pickering City Council - 16-Dec-2019



Cobourg Town Council - 25-Nov-2019	Prince Edward County Council - 28-May-2019
Chatham-Kent Municipal Council - 15-Jul-2019	St. Catharines City Council - 29-Apr-2019
Clarington Council - 03-Mar-2020	Sarnia City Council - 17-Jun-2019
Durham Regional Council - 29-Jan-2020	St. Thomas City Council - 10-Feb-2020
Essex Town Council ,, - 16-Feb-2021	Stratford City Council - 10-Feb-2020
Gananoque Town Council ,, - 02-Jul-2019	Tecumseh Town Council - 10-Dec-2019
Goderich Town Council - 13-Jan-2020	Thunder Bay City Council - 13-Jan-2020
Greater Sudbury City Council - 28-May-2019	Treaty #3 Grand Council - 03-Oct-2019
Halton Regional Council - 11-Sep-2019	Toronto City Council - 02-Oct-2019
Halton Hills Town Council - 06-May-2019	Vaughan City Council - 04-Jun-2019
Hamilton City Council - 27-Mar-2019	Waterloo Regional Council - 09-Oct-2019
Kenora City Council - 17-Sep-2019	Wellesley Town Council - 08-Oct-2019
Township of King Council - 08-Jul-2019	West Nipissing Council - 23-Apr-2019
Kitchener City Council - 24-Jun-2019	Whitby Town Council - 24-Jun-2019
City of Kingston - 05-Mar-2019	Wilmot Town Council - 23-Sep-2019
London City Council - 23-Apr-2019	Windsor City Council - 18-Nov-2019
Meaford Municipal Council - 18-Nov-2019	Woolwich Town Council - 24-Sep-2019
Milton Town Council - 22-Jul-2019	