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Good day,

We are writing today to ask that the City of Winnipeg make three important changes to the city's approach to Climate Action and Winnipeg's new development plan, Our Winnipeg 2045. These changes will set the city up for success in your effort to implement Winnipeg's Climate Action Plan;

- The Office of Sustainability (OOS) should report to the highest level possible within the city to ensure that climate action is a central component in all decisions going forward. We suggest they report to Michael Jack, the City's Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).
- To be successful in meeting its climate targets, and to reflect the importance of climate action and other matters of environmental stewardship, the Office of Sustainability needs substantially more personnel and budget resources.
- Include a Community Advisory Council coordinator position within the Office of Sustainability.

The City of Winnipeg must play a larger role in climate action, but these efforts require additional support. Winnipeg's Climate Action Plan needs more people designated to work on it, and this work should be accounted for more prominently through the CAO.

To reflect the vision, mandate and policy directives of Our Winnipeg 2045, moving the Office of Sustainability to have a more prominent and larger coordinating role with the CAO's office and other governance bodies within the City of Winnipeg helps to ensure that sustainability and climate action is a central component in all decisions going forward. Currently the Office of Sustainability is nestled within Water and Waste limiting its visibility and input.

The establishment of a Community Advisory Council (CAC) will support transparency, accountability, innovation and help to increase climate and environmental action in both Winnipeg and Manitoba - an increase that is desperately needed. A well-resourced CAC and OOS will improve public reporting of activities and will ensure there is community engagement and potential community acceptance of the plans and policies to be implemented - key factors in successful adoption and action. A coordinator will be required to the success of this Council - this should be a new position as the OOS is already understaffed compared to other similar sized cities.

A key part of *Winnipeg Climate Action Plan: Planning for Climate Change - Acting for People* is the establishment of a Community Advisory Committee. This is listed as one of the key components of implementation as is ensuring that there is adequate staff and resources.

We have limited time to decarbonize the entirety of Winnipeg's operations by 2050 to align with the IPCC's goals of limiting warming to 1.5C. There are numerous benefits associated with retrofitting Winnipeg's buildings and transitioning them off natural gas including increased occupant comfort, improved air quality, and creating local green jobs. Likewise, there is a demand and many benefits associated with an increase in active and public transportation. The City of Winnipeg remains one of the few cities in Canada without a city-wide compost program. The list of possible and wanted actions goes on. Winnipeg currently has the talent and knowledge to make these shifts, but incentives and regulatory tools are needed to ensure the transition happens.

We believe these changes that we are requesting will help move Winnipeg towards becoming the climate leader that we all aspire to. Now is the time to allocate the budget necessary to take meaningful action.

Thank you,

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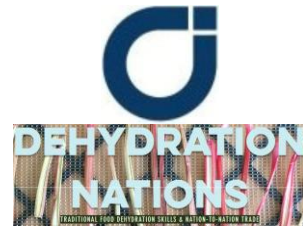
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