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I hope this letter finds you well.

I'm writing to ask for your help for a cause I think we both believe in – building climate resiliency in our communities. The Neighbourhood Climate Resiliency Project will work directly with communities and support their efforts to adapt to the impacts of climate change. And we need your help to make it a reality.

We're all experiencing the increasing weather extremes, but for those who are vulnerable and living in the inner-city, it's becoming especially bad. Whether it is an elder living in a too-hot apartment or someone who cannot afford their energy bill in times of severe cold, there is a need for humane and culturally appropriate strategies to meet these challenges. To help build climate resiliency, Manitoba Eco-Network is undertaking the Neighbourhood Climate Resiliency Project. The project will work with community groups over the next year to develop custom mitigation and adaptation solutions and then help them implement those plans.

This \$60,000 project will focus on planning at the neighbourhood level, and is the first program of its kind. It will involve an expert facilitation team, climate researchers and a lot of community consultation. We would love to speak with you about the project and hope you will consider a contribution.

I will follow up with you in the next week or so. In the meantime, I invite you to check out the attached background document to learn more. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 204.947.6511 or executivedirector@mbeconetwork.org.

Thank you again for caring about the environment and our community.

All the best,

Glen Koroluk
Executive Director



Neighbourhood Climate Resiliency

Providing people with the tools they need to be climate resilient at the local level

We are seeing more deadly heatwaves, extreme winter cold and snowfalls, and spring flooding. Yet, many Manitoba communities, including Winnipeg, do not have climate resiliency plans.

Manitobans are well aware of what is needed to survive our winters, but our summers are becoming increasingly hotter with the number of days with temperatures over 30 degrees increasing. Extreme weather means more Manitoba communities are also dealing with both more fires and floods.



Those most likely to suffer in extreme heat, cold or floods are also the most vulnerable – seniors, low-income families and other marginalized groups. We need affordable, feasible ways to ensure people are equipped to stay safe in the face of these weather extremes.

All of us across Manitoba are increasingly experiencing the impact of climate change on our homes, our health and our communities. The effects of climate change impact every region in Manitoba, from northern First Nations to farm communities in the south, to Winnipeg's core neighbourhoods.

Like other Manitoba communities, people in Winnipeg's inner-city neighbourhoods want to take action to ensure they and their neighbours can cope with climate impacts, today and in the future.

But they can't do it alone.

In 2020, community-level research conducted by the Manitoba Eco-Network with the Province of Manitoba, the City of Winnipeg, Eco-Canada, and the Winnipeg Foundation revealed that citizens and community groups have consistent ideas about addressing climate resiliency but need detailed plans specific to their community's needs and knowledge.

Building on that foundation of knowledge, Manitoba Eco-Network is starting the Neighbourhood Climate Resiliency Project to help community-based organizations undertake neighbourhood-level resiliency planning in Winnipeg's inner-city areas.

Imagine trying to live in 30C+ heat without air conditioning or easy access to safe cold water? Imagine trying to live in -30C without heat.

This project is here to ensure plans are in place to address these issues.

To ensure community climate resiliency initiatives can succeed, the planning process must be led by community – those who live in neighbourhoods, community leaders and Knowledge Keepers as well as on-the-ground community organizations and local leaders.

Creating action plans to build up the community's resiliency is long overdue.

This Project will start with community-based, Winnipeg inner-city organizations to identify achievable, effective, neighbourhood-level climate resiliency projects.

We ask for your support for this \$60,000 project to help our neighbours now, while developing a blueprint for all neighbourhoods to become climate resilient.

Together we can shape a stronger environmental future and healthier, safer communities for all.

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