

### Council Memorandum

<b>Date:</b>	November 4, 2025
<b>To:</b>	Committee of the Whole
<b>From:</b>	Councillor Warren
<b>Re:</b>	Support Resolution Urging the Federal Government to Keep Climate Change as a Foremost National Priority

### Recommendation

**That** the Memorandum from Councillor Warren, **regarding Support Resolution Urging the Federal Government to Keep Climate Change as a Foremost National Priority**, be received;

**That** the resolution from the Municipality of Bluewater, be supported, calling on the Federal Government to maintain climate change as a top national priority, reflected in legislation, national planning, funding and public policy through the following measures:

- Prioritizing investments in the clean energy transition in the upcoming Federal Budget;
- Continuing to support municipalities in their efforts to mitigate and adapt to climate change, including through sustainable infrastructure funding, disaster preparedness support, and clean energy investments since municipalities have the ability to influence change in ~50% of emissions within Canada;
- Accelerating the transition to a low-carbon economy, ensuring that it is just, inclusive, and economically beneficial for all regions and communities;
- Engaging in transparent, science-based policymaking that reflects the urgency of the climate crisis and the lived experiences of Canadians;
- Collaborating with Indigenous communities and respect Indigenous knowledge and leadership in addressing climate;

- Continuing to report annually on national progress in reducing emissions and implementing adaptation strategies;

**That** a copy of this recommendation be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the Premier of Ontario, the local Member of Parliament Jamie Schmale, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and

**That** this recommendation be forwarded to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

## Rationale

The impacts of climate change—such as rising temperatures, extreme weather events, flooding, droughts, wildfires, and sea-level rise—are already affecting communities across Canada

Climate change poses a serious threat to public health, infrastructure, local economies, biodiversity, and future generations;

Municipalities are on the front lines of climate change, often bearing the burden of disaster response, infrastructure adaptation, and long-term community resilience. Despite local action, meaningful progress on climate change requires bold and coordinated leadership at the federal level, including policies, legislation, funding, and international cooperation. Canada has made national and international climate commitments, including under the Paris Agreement, and must continue to strengthen its role in mitigating greenhouse gas emissions and supporting adaptation.

