

Good evening Mayor Fougere and City councilors,

My name is Jared Clarke and it is an honour to be here today to share my support for the motion before you, to make Regina 100% Renewable by 2050. I was born and raised here in the queen city, attended Ethel Milliken School, Sheldon-Williams Collegiate and even the University of Regina twice. I worked as the Park Naturalist at Wascana Centre for 8 summers. For the last four years I have taught grade 6/7 at Lakeview School. My parents live here, my two sisters and their families live here. Regina is a very special place to me.

A year ago, I had the opportunity to travel to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and participate in the Climate Reality Leadership Training Corps for a 3 days convention. I learned from 7 world class scientist about climate change and the impacts it will and is having on us. I came back to Saskatchewan excited to talk about climate change and push for bold climate action. And that is what I have done. In the last year, I have presented on the climate crisis here in Regina at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum, at the Queensbury Convention Centre, at Sheldon-Williams Collegiate, and at Luther College. I have presented in Fort Qu'Appelle, Edenwold, Indian Head, Balgonie, White City, and I've presented at TCU place in Saskatoon. I've spoken to over 2000 people now. And you know what I hear over and over again. It's that people are scared of what climate change is doing to the earth today and what it means for our future. They can see it and they can feel it.

You know who else is scared because of climate change? Kids. Kids like my students in grade 6 and 7. Because kids have this amazing ability to cut through the political mumbo jumbo and just look at the evidence. With their own eyes they can see the 40% loss of arctic sea ice since the 1970's. With their own eyes they can see the streets of Miami flooding today during high tides because of rising sea levels. They can see with their own eyes the driest 15 month period on record in Regina in 130 years that took place last year. They can see with their own eyes that half, yes half of the Great Barrier Reef has died in the last two years from coral bleaching. They can smell the acrid smoke that blankets Saskatchewan with increasing frequency each summer due to forest fires in the north. They know it is happening. They know it is real.

But you know I don't teach them about climate change, because I want them to be scared. I teach them about the reality we are facing, but I teach them that there is hope. As we have every solution today that we need to solve the climate crisis. In fact two weeks I was able to take my class to the Cowessess First Nation Renewable Energy Facility on the edge of Regina. On the edge of Regina we have the future of clean renewable energy production with a wind-solar-battery facility, the first of its kind in Canada, lead by Cowesses First Nation. You know what the kids saw with their own eyes that day. Hope. They saw that we have the technology to fight the climate crisis.

We're here today about something bigger than a simple motion before you. This is truly a historic moment for the city of Regina. I stand here on behalf of my students, of my own children, for all of Regina citizens, and ask you to be leaders today. We need you to give hope

to our children, to the next generation. Don't send them the message that their future isn't worth the fight and that will be the message you send if this motion does not pass today. Today we need you to lead us into a future where the city does its part to fight the climate crisis. As you know the IPCC report that came out 3 weeks ago has given us 12 years to enact deep cuts to global emissions. Because if we don't, I'm afraid of what our children's future looks like. So I urge you to be bold and fearless today and pass this motion to make Regina 100% renewable. Thank you.