

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

My name is Jim Elliott, Chairperson for the Regina Chapter of the Council of Canadians.

We are here today in full support of this motion and encourage strongly that you support this motion and vote in favour of it.

We also feel that this motion is not inconsistent with the intent of the motion supporting the move to 100% renewable by 2050 mentioned numerous times in the past few months and even at the recent Executive Committee meeting on October 20th.

In the early stages of work to reduce our carbon footprint in Canada, Regina was the third city in Canada behind Montreal and Vancouver acting on this file. We could be that leader again.

- Many other chapters of the Council of Canadians are working to get other cities and communities to pledge in the same manner and take actions.
- Many residents of this community have been expressing this recognition in the most recent months leading up to the COP26 meeting being held in Glasgow next month.
- Many other large organizations are behind you and others to make these important changes and to provide a more liveable future for you, your families and your community.
- More recently, the province of Quebec is considering working with the countries of Costa Rica, Denmark and others to move decisively and pushing their citizens and other citizens in Canada along that important path to being 100% renewable by 2050.

We, like others, will be supportive in joining you and the citizens of Regina in recognizing the global climate emergency and do whatever we can to help everyone take action today.

Thank you for the time to express our views on this matter and would be willing to answer any questions that may be put to us.

Jim Elliott, Chairperson
Regina, Chapter, Council of Canadians

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Councillors Shanon Zachidniak, Bob Hawkins and Andrew Stevens gave written notice that at the October 27, 2021 meeting of City Council they intend to make the following recommendation that the City of Regina:

1. Declare support for the Cities Race to Zero as part of the United Nation's Race to Zero campaign by joining hundreds of other cities in fighting climate change through the Cities Race to Zero campaign; and
2. Pledges to the following commitments that publicly endorse the following principles:
 - We recognise the global climate emergency.
 - We are committed to keeping global heating below the 1.5°Celsius goal of the Paris Agreement.
 - We are committed to putting inclusive climate action at the center of all urban decision-making, to create thriving and equitable communities for everyone.
 - We invite our partners – political leaders, CEOs, trade unions, investors, and civil society – to join us in recognising the global climate emergency and help us deliver on science-based action to overcome it.