

Climate Change Declaration

WHEREAS, it is well established that climate warming is causing significant disruptions to the world's climatic systems, increasing the frequency of extreme weather events and posing other significant risks such as drought, forest fires, floods and rising sea levels, and that these disruptions in our climate pose threats to our natural environment, our health, our jobs and economy, and,

WHEREAS, Local governments are essential to the successful implementation of the urgent measures required to limit the global climate impact, and,

WHEREAS, Local governments around the world are taking new actions to avoid the worst impacts of climate breakdown and calling on senior levels of government for a more urgent response, and,

WHEREAS, the City of Saint John's Asset Management Policy requires Climate Change to be considered in all capital investment decisions

WHEREAS, the City of Saint John has been taking action on sustainability and has as a Corporate Plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint John is also a participant in the Community Greenhouse Gas Action Plan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;

That Common Council of the City of Saint John endorse the Climate Change Action Plan as presented to Council on May 6, 2019.

That Council call upon our Federal and Provincial governments to support the City of Saint John in its efforts to deal with Climate Change and to do what is necessary and required now to create a safe and liveable future for our generation and those who follow.

That the City Manager provides regular updates to Common Council on the City's Climate Change Action Plan including new initiatives, challenges and successes.