

## COUNCIL REPORT

M&C No.	2019-143
Report Date	June 07, 2019
Meeting Date	June 17, 2019
Service Area	Finance and Administrative Services

His Worship Mayor Don Darling and Members of Common Council

***SUBJECT: City of Saint John Climate Change Adaptation Plan Presentation***

***OPEN OR CLOSED SESSION***

This matter is to be discussed in open session of Common Council.

***AUTHORIZATION***

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***RECOMMENDATION***

It is recommended that Common Council receive and file this report.

***EXECUTIVE SUMMARY***

The purpose of this report is to have Atlantic Coastal Action Program (ACAP) provide Council an update of the City of Saint John Climate Change Adaptation Plan.

***PREVIOUS RESOLUTION***

In May 6, 2019, Common Council (M&C 2019-107) approved the City of Saint John Climate Change Action Plan.

***REPORT***

In collaboration with the City of Saint John, and through support from New Brunswick's Climate Change Secretariat, ACAP Saint John will be developing a Climate Change Adaptation Plan for the City. ACAP has recently initiated the second year of this project. The first year of this project saw the development of a steering committee consisting of stakeholders and city staff, identification of risks and vulnerabilities, and community engagement. The adaptation plan will incorporate Climate Change adaptation strategies for Stormwater management while identifying, assessing and mapping risks and vulnerabilities in the City, and developing adaptation methods to increase resiliency throughout Saint John. The project will provide a robust understanding of climate change related issues for

adapting our region and direct both the City of Saint John and ACAP Saint John in on-the-ground adaptation actions and capital investments.

Project findings will be included in revised editions of the Municipal Plan and will influence the future growth and development of City neighborhoods and neighborhood dialogue. In-person discussions and community sessions hosted by both ACAP and the City of Saint John will be the primary means of community engagement and consultation, while ACAP will continue to engage citizens with best practices for Stormwater management and community place making projects through its well-established social media networks and local media outlets.

### ***STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT***

The plan is part of the City of Saint John Climate change Action Plan and will clearly align with Plan SJ and Asset Management Policy

### ***SERVICE AND FINANCIAL OUTCOMES***

The cost to develop the Climate Change Adaptation Plan will be fully covered by the Province of New Brunswick Environmental Trust Fund. The total cost to develop the plan is estimated to be \$100,000 over two years.

### ***INPUT FROM OTHER SERVICE AREAS AND STAKEHOLDERS***

Staffs from Saint John Water, Transportation & Environmental, Finance and Administrative, EMO and Growth and Community Development Services are part of the steering committee and have been involved from the start in the development of the plan.

### ***ATTACHMENTS***

PowerPoint Presentation