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**Subject:** Letter from Mayors and Councillors to Federal Party Leaders

## Good morning,

I'm reaching out to you because I believe you are involved on the Environmental Advisory Committee in your municipality, or may know those who are.

Below is an email I sent out this morning on behalf of our climate group, 50by30Niagara, to every mayor and councillor in the Niagara Region. It has to do with a letter that was sent to the top five federal party leaders by over 120 mayors and councillors from across Canada. In essence these councillors and mayors want the federal parties to commit to taking action on climate change, both to reduce emissions as well as deal with adaptation.

So far no mayor or councillor from the Niagara Region has signed on to this letter, and we at 50by30Niagara believe this needs to change.

I also feel that this is something that an EAC could take up - would you encourage your local council to sign on to this letter? Feel free to let me know how we can help you out with this.

If you have not yet been added to the 50by30Niagara email list and would like to be, please reply to this email. Emails go out approximately every 2 weeks or so.

Here's the letter i sent out:

## Good day,

I'm writing to you on behalf of 50by30Niagara, a climate action group here in Niagara that would like to see every municipality reduce its climate emissions 50% by 2030, on the way to 0 emissions by 2050. We have been around for 3 years now, and have an email group of over 750 recipients, and an instagram following over 450.

I'm wondering if you saw the recent article regarding a letter that was sent to every party leader from over 120 mayors and councillors across Canada?

These mayors and councillors want "the next federal government to build a national electric grid that includes the North, move ahead with a high-speed rail network, build two million non-market "green homes," make homes and buildings more energy efficient and fund a "national resilience, response and recovery strategy." You can <u>read the article</u> here.

We would love it if you as an individual councillor or mayor would add your names to this letter. Even better would be if your municipal council would sign the letter in an official capacity. All you have to do is go to this link and fill in the form.

Personally, I don't feel we need to fully agree with the specific details of every aspect of these proposals; the ever increasing rate of heat-waves, droughts, floods, and wildfires that are devastating our communities and way of life need intervention, and our local municipalities need the support of the federal government to reduce emissions and address the effects of climate change.

Please add your name by going to this link; if you sign the letter please let me know.

## https://elbowsupforclimate.ca/

If there's anything else I can do for you please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thanks for all you do for our community.

All the best, Herb Sawatzky 50by30Niagara

