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Sent via email:  
Local Area Municipalities

**Re: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution regarding Climate Change Adaptation Plan and Crisis**

Please be advised that Council for the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Special Council Meeting held on April 19, 2021 passed the following motion:

Moved by: Councillor J.D. Pachereva; Seconded by: Councillor Greg Reimer;

WHEREAS climate change is already having an impact on global economies, communities, and the built and natural environments; and

WHEREAS climate change remains the most significant global threat to the quality of life and security – for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS the most recent report by the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has indicated that within 10 years, to keep the global average temperature increase to 1.5 degree C and maintain a climate compatible with human civilization, there must be a reduction in carbon emissions of about 45% from 2010 levels, reaching net zero carbon emissions by 2050; and

WHEREAS bold and collective action at global, national and community levels is required to effect change, build resilience, mitigate future threats and ensure a prosperous future for generations to come; and

WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln understands that climate action and a low carbon transition also represents an opportunity for economic stimulation and job development opportunities in a new low carbon economy; and

WHEREAS on July 22, 2019 Council of the Town of Lincoln passed a resolution supporting the development of a Corporate Climate Adaptation Plan; and

WHEREAS on March 29, 2021 Council adopted the Corporate Climate Change Adaptation Plan.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Lincoln immediately declare a Climate Crisis and for the purposes of recognizing the urgent need to take action to mitigate the effects of climate change and to deepen the Town's commitment to protecting its economy, ecosystems, and community from climate change; and

1. THAT the Town of Lincoln, officially declare a climate crisis for the purposes of joining a national and international movement consisting of a growing list of 509 municipalities in Canada and 1918 municipalities in 34 countries; and
2. THAT our CAO and staff be directed to work with other Local Area Municipalities and across Ontario to make our climate change initiatives permanent; and
3. THAT Council acknowledges that the climate change crisis poses a real serious threat and comprehensive changes and investments will be required to adapt to the impacts of climate change, mitigate climate risk, and prepare for our climate future.

**CARRIED**

Regards,

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cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
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