Cambridge City Council
Tuesday, November 19, 2019

MOTION FORM

Moved by: Councillor Liggett
Seconded by: Councillor

Notice of Motion re: Climate Emergency Declaration

WHEREAS the Canadian government has committed to limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees as per the COP21 Paris Agreement; and

WHEREAS research indicates that Canada’s temperature is rising more than double the rate of the rest of the world; and

WHEREAS municipalities are significant contributors to climate change, consuming more than two thirds of the world’s energy and accounting for more than 70% of its carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS the City of Cambridge is committed to climate action and understand our role as a global citizen and the need to be prepared for the effects of climate change and will consider the impact of this when considering examining the strategic planning for the City as well as future budgets; and

WHEREAS the City of Cambridge has committed to community climate action by joining partners within the Region of Waterloo in a 80% greenhouse gas emission reduction target from 2010 levels by 2050; and

WHEREAS the City of Cambridge has committed to community climate action by establishing a Climate Change Adaptation Committee with the goal of developing a comprehensive strategy that addresses challenges that climate change presents for infrastructure and long term planning and commits to continuing to pursue raising community resilience, practices and infrastructure to withstand current and future climate-related risks;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Cambridge declare a climate
emergency, with the directive to provide continued support towards corporate climate
action at the City, and work towards improved targets where possible.

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Chair