



CITY OF ORILLIA **COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE (CIP)**

TO: Mayor and Members of Council
FROM: Environment and Infrastructure Services Department
DATE: September 1, 2021
SUBJECT: Climate Change Action Plan – Project Update #4

As part of the 2021 Budget Process, Council approved the Climate Change Action Plan capital project, funded in the amount of \$120,000. The broader public engagement period for this project has kicked off, and a promotional update has been provided below for Members of Council. This update has also been shared within the community.



Hello! We would like to inform you that the City of Orillia has officially launched a public survey to assist in the development of the Community Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP), Orillia's Climate Future. The plan will identify how Orillia can reduce its greenhouse gas emissions locally to reduce the impacts of climate change globally. It will also guide the future growth of Orillia towards a sustainable path for future generations. Municipalities around Canada and the world are creating action plans to help tackle the ambitious challenge of climate change by making our homes, offices, and green spaces more sustainable.

Those who live, work, learn or play in Orillia are invited to share their feedback through the survey on the community's priorities and vision statements about Orillia's approach to climate change. The survey should take less than 10 minutes to complete. These vision statements influenced by the community will act as guiding principles for climate action, and they touch on topics such as economic vibrance, social equity, waste, transportation, energy and green spaces.

Tell us your vision for Orillia's Climate Future – complete the survey available on the project webpage here: [orillia.ca/climatefuture](https://www.orillia.ca/climatefuture)

Additionally, the City will be hosting a *Virtual Open House for Orillia's Climate Future on September 16th at 6:00 -7:30pm.*

link to register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/orillias-climate-future-virtual-open-house-tickets-169005621363>

The open house will be a public forum to learn more about the plan, explain the sources of Orillia's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and will provide an

opportunity for the public to share their ideas on climate actions that the City and community members can undertake to reduce our carbon footprints.

The public survey will be open until 4:00 p.m. on September 20, 2021. Staff will continue to circulate updates on this project to Members of Council by CIP.

Please call Renee Recoskie (705-325-2395) or Andrew Schell (705-325-7551) should you have any questions.