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**Subject:** Agenda June 7th

Dear Mr. Perusse,

I hope that we will have a chance to meet to discuss the work that iMatter Halifax are working on at some point in the coming weeks, in the capacity that would make sense. I wanted to formally send a request for iMatter Halifax to have an opportunity to present to the Environment and Sustainability Committee meeting on June 7th- though I recognize that this is a while out to submit the request. We would like to present an update Climate Report Card grading HRM on climate action, as well as a resolution recommending and asking council to take more aggressive action on climate change.

I am attaching the draft updated report card and resolution, however they are subject to change in the coming months.

Thank you so much for your time and I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Lilian Barraclough

iMatter Halifax

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# Climate Inheritance Resolution

A Resolution expressing the commitment of the Halifax Regional Council to protect the children and grandchildren of this community from the risks of climate destruction.

WHEREAS, 195 countries, including Canada and every country that is a member of the United Nations, reached an agreement in Paris, France on December 12, 2015, that recognizes the risk to our children's and grandchildren's future from climate change;

WHEREAS, the greatest burden resulting from an inadequate response to the climate crisis will be carried by the youngest generation, and all who follow;

WHEREAS, the risks from an inadequate response are potentially devastating, and include economic and environmental disruptions many of which are already being felt such as more severe storms, longer and hotter heat waves, worsening flood and drought cycles, growing invasive species and insect problems, accelerated species extinction rates, rising sea levels, increased wildfires, and a dramatic increase in refugees from climate impacted lands;

WHEREAS, leading climate scientists<sup>1</sup> have indicated that further delay in significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions will rapidly push humanity past the point where disastrous consequences can be avoided;

WHEREAS, numerous governmental and non-governmental bodies across the nation and the world have already adopted climate action plans to immediately and rapidly reduce greenhouse gas emissions while also stopping them entirely within 25 years;

WHEREAS, youth of Halifax have brought this Council a Youth Climate Report Card highlighting the gap between what we are doing today and actions that would be necessary to protect their future;

WHEREAS, Council must working constructively, using ingenuity, innovation, and courageous determination to protect our community's children and grandchildren from the risk of climate destruction.

WHEREAS, youth of Halifax have indicated a willingness to work with this Council on such actions, we, therefore, move that:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council requests a staff report regarding committing the municipality to complete or update a Halifax Climate Action Plan for consideration that significantly reduces Halifax's greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by the year 2040 for corporate and community emissions.

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<sup>1</sup> Hansen J, Kharecha P, Sato M, Masson-Delmotte V, Ackerman F, Beerling DJ, et al. (2013) Assessing "Dangerous Climate Change": Required Reduction of Carbon Emissions to Protect Young People, Future Generations and Nature. PLoS ONE 8(12): e81648. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0081648

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the HRM Council ensure that there be adequate measures taken to support marginalized communities in adapting to climate change. People who are oppressed because of their race, culture, gender, sexual orientation, disabilities, social class, age, etc. are going to feel the burdens of climate change more than other people because they are already burdened by other factors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Halifax Regional Council commits to start the Halifax Climate Action Plan detailing the steps necessary to achieve the net zero by 2040 creation modification process within 90 days, and to complete it as soon as possible

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ with a quorum present.

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_