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Dear Mr. Perusse,

Following up on our phone conversation a few days ago, below you'll find our formal request to make a presentation to the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee at its meeting on May 2, 2019. Thank you for informing us of the procedure. We look forward to hearing from you after the Agenda Review Committee meets on April 23rd.

Who we are: The Ad Hoc Committee for a Climate Change Centre,* which consists of four residents of HRM, requests the opportunity to make a presentation to the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee at its May 2, 2019 meeting. Two of us, Meghan McMorris and Ruth Gamberg, will be making the presentation.

Our presentation: We propose the establishment of a **Climate Change Centre in the Halifax Central Library**. The library is a widely used and highly esteemed community hub. A Climate Change Centre such as we have in mind would provide a very broad range of resources, activities and events geared to people of all ages and all walks of life. It would feature positive initiatives worldwide that are proving to be successful. At the same time, the main focus would be on local matters. The Centre would have a permanent physical presence and a full-time staff member. We think that this proposal is in fitting with the municipal climate change emergency unanimously declared by Regional Council and would assist Council in fulfilling its mandate.

Desired outcome: We would like the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee, and then Regional Council, to approve this proposal and work to establish a permanent Climate Change Centre in the Halifax Central Library.

Thank you for your attention.

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Meghan McMorris: Consultant, own business—Sustaining Everyone’s Extraordinary (S.E.E.)—which focuses on projects that integrate UN Sustainable Development Goals into community development and climate action, 2016- present; Community Energy Coordinator, Energy Action Team, Ecology Action Centre, 2018-present; Representative for Ecology Action Centre, Halifax Climate Plan, present.