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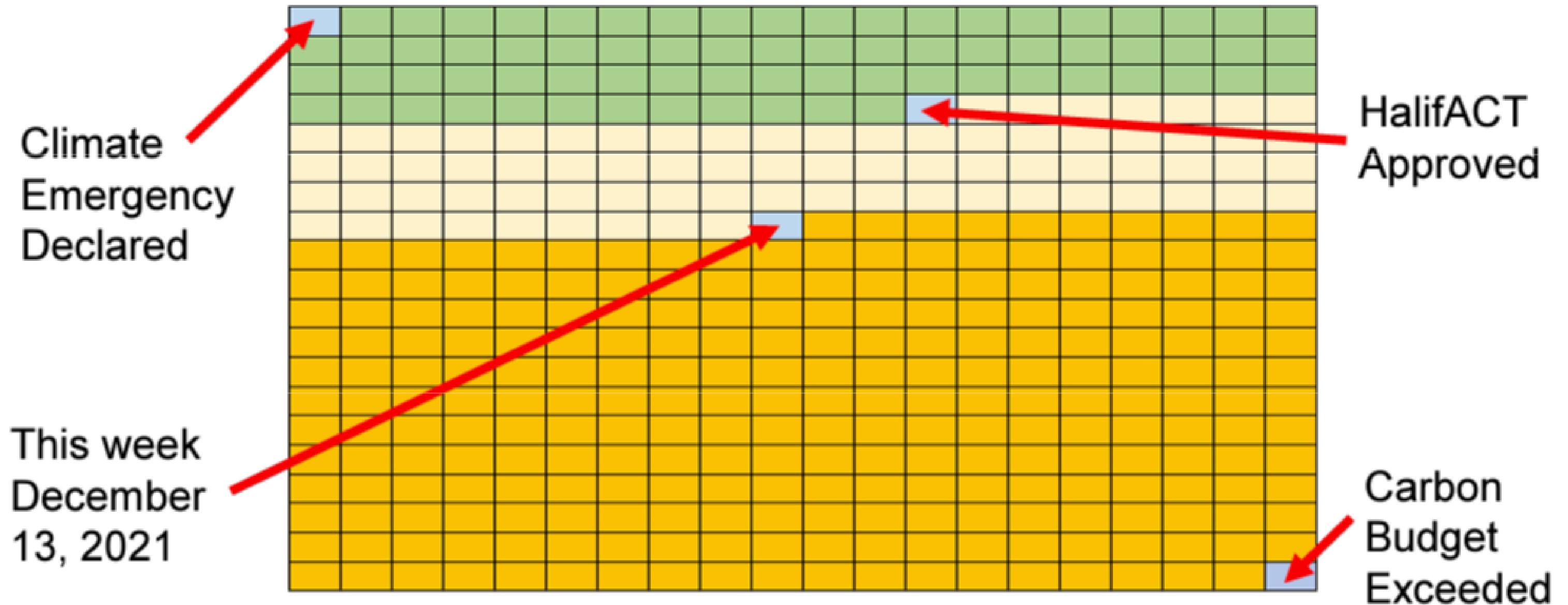
**4 MARKERS THAT A  
GOVERNMENT HAS SHIFTED INTO  
EMERGENCY MODE.**

And how these markers would look with a government in **climate** emergency mode

# Carbon Budget

***This is urgent***

- 150 weeks since Regional Council declared a Climate Emergency
- 264 weeks until we surpass our Carbon Budget in BAU scenario



# SPEND WHAT IT TAKES TO WIN



**During the COVID-19 pandemic, our governments committed to spending what it takes to ensure the safety of our citizens.**

**For the climate emergency, we need to:**

- Spend 2% of our GDP on climate mitigation actions and infrastructure**
- Spend 2% of our GDP on social infrastructure to ensure no one is left behind.**

**That would be about \$80 billion annually (based on 2019 GDP).**

# CREATE NEW INSTITUTIONS TO GET THE JOB DONE

## **DURING WW2, CANADA:**

- **Created 28 new crown corporations to produce enough equipment for the war**
- **Increased manufacturing of aircraft by 25 fold in ONLY 2 years!**
- **Increased shipbuilders from 2,000 to 30,000 by the end of the war.**

**But in response to the climate crisis, we've seen nothing of this sort.**



# SHIFT FROM VOLUNTARY POLICIES TO MANDATORY MEASURES



**When it comes to the climate emergency, actions taken to date have been almost entirely voluntary...**

**We INCENTIVIZE.**

**We OFFER REBATES.**

**We SEND PRICE SIGNALS.**

**We NEED to REQUIRE CHANGE.**

We need clear, near-term dates with requirements (e.g., mandate that all new buildings will not be permitted to use natural gas or other fossil fuels for heating as of 2023).



# TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT THE SEVERITY OF THE CRISIS AND THE MEASURES NECESSARY TO COMBAT IT



**The leaders we remember best from WW2 were outstanding communicators that were forthright about the gravity of the crisis, yet still managed to impart hope. Our governments have modelled similar emergency communication throughout the pandemic:**

- **We receive daily press briefings.**
- **We hear regularly from public health officials.**

**The media has taken seriously its duty to provide the necessary information .**

**Can we communicate about the climate emergency the same way?**

An illustration of three stylized human figures from the chest down, holding a large white sign. The figure on the left is wearing a light blue short-sleeved shirt. The middle figure is wearing a maroon short-sleeved shirt. The figure on the right is wearing a light blue vest over a yellow short-sleeved shirt. The background is dark blue. The sign is white with black text.

**Our climate mobilization must include  
TWO more markers...**

These markers were not adequately reflected in the Second World War or Canada's pandemic response but they are necessary to a successful climate change mobilization.



## **LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND**

**Emergency mobilizations require social cohesion, but inequality undermines such collaboration.**

**The COVID-19 pandemic has further lifted the veil on the inequities in our society. We must tackle climate change and inequities at the same time.**

**WE NEED A JUST TRANSITION.**

**No one can be left behind in the grand decarbonization transition before us.**

# RESPECT INDIGENOUS LEADERSHIP, RIGHTS AND TREATIES



**The path forward has to be one of true cooperation and partnership, and one that honours and respects Indigenous title and rights.**

**We MUST listen to Indigenous communities about the climate crisis.**

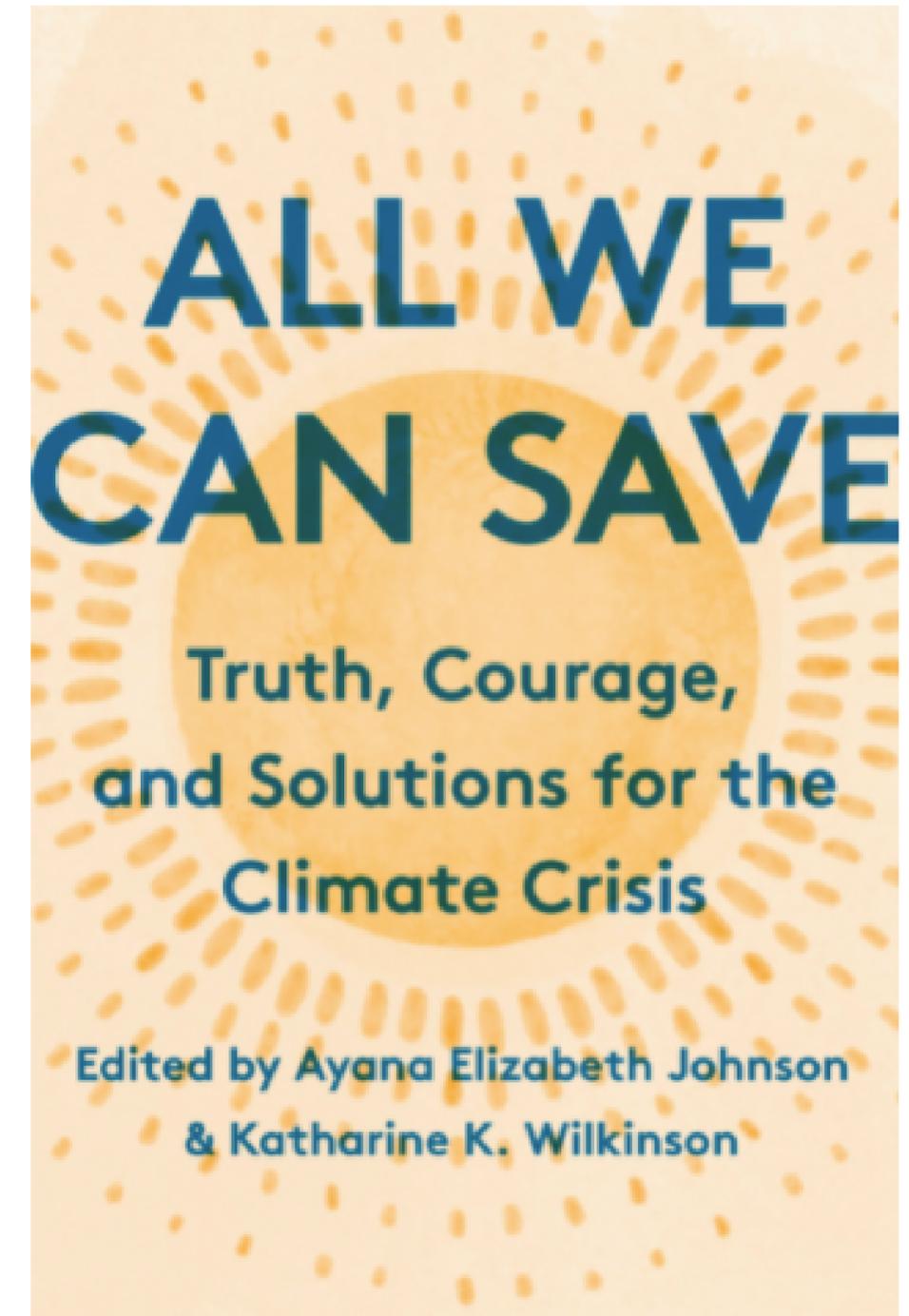
**We need to right the injustices of the past and fundamentally break the colonial practices that have marked our politics and economic development for centuries.**

# How does climate impact women?

- Project Drawdown's #1 climate solution is empowering women

*“If you’re going to be a feminist on a hot planet, you have to be a climate feminist.”*

- “we find ourselves confronting a system that has been very focused on hierarchy, control, exploitation and, frankly, decision making that has largely sat with a relatively narrow set of folks. And, certainly, women have not been at the table anywhere near equally in shaping the status quo that we find ourselves in. And the same is true for people of colour. The same is true for Indigenous peoples.”



## **What Halifax and the Women's Advisory Committee might do:**

Motion that the Council fully fund and  
implement Halifax Climate Plan  
(spend what it takes)

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