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Re Race to Zero

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Dear Mayor Guthrie and Councillors,

Yorklands Green Hub (YGH) is an organization with more than 300 members dedicated to building a more resilient and sustainable community. YGH supports the United Nations' Race to Zero campaign and urge all members of Guelph City Council to join the hundreds of other cities, including Brampton, Toronto and Hamilton, in fighting climate change by passing the resolution in support of the Race to Zero and committing the city to tangible steps that will achieve carbon neutrality before 2050.

Global warming is a global phenomenon. You may ask: How can the City of Guelph be expected to solve a world-wide issue? The answer is simple, we cannot fight climate change alone, but to quote David Suzuki, "In a world of more than seven billion people, each of us is a drop in the bucket. But with enough drops, we can fill any bucket."

This is the City's opportunity to lead by example and inspire everyone in Guelph to take steps towards building a more sustainable and resilient community. Partner with Guelph businesses, community benefit groups and volunteer organizations to make our City a leader in growing the Green Economy and adopting sustainable best practices. Encourage the people of Guelph to reduce their personal carbon footprint by adopting more sustainable housing and transportation solutions.

The time for bold, decisive action is now. There are many actions that can be taken immediately, so that we can meet some targets in 2030 and 2040 giving us hope of building a community that is resilient enough to weather the severe climate crisis that is on the horizon. We need to build 4-year targets into the City's Official Plan.

Please vote a resounding "Yes" for the Race to Zero resolution. You owe it to our children!

Respectfully yours,

Norah Chaloner, Chair
Yorklands Green Hub