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Climate Action and Awareness Fund Team  
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To Whom It May Concern:

**Re: Our Energy Guelph's Application to the Climate Action and Awareness Fund**

I'm pleased to offer my support for Our Energy Guelph's application to Environment and Climate Change Canada's Climate Action and Awareness Fund.

Sustaining our future by protecting the environment is a key priority in the City's Strategic Plan, "[Guelph. Future Ready.](#)," and for our local community. That is why the City of Guelph is committed to creating a net zero carbon community by 2050. As a local government, we are doing our part by ensuring all city facilities and operations rely on 100% renewable energy by this timeframe, but we cannot meet our community's climate action goals alone. Community-based climate action that encourages local businesses and residents to reduce their GHG emissions and adopt green technologies and processes is absolutely essential if Guelph is to be a net zero carbon community and contribute to the federal government's vision of having a prosperous net-zero emissions future by 2050.

Our Energy Guelph is a key partner to the City when it comes to catalyzing local climate action. Its mandate is to implement the pathway to a net zero carbon future for Guelph. Support from the Government of Canada through the Climate Action and Awareness Fund for Our Energy Guelph's "Channeling SMEs to Scale-Up Community Action on Climate

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Change Mitigation” project is exactly the type of federal support needed to advance local community-based change. Funding will empower Our Energy Guelph to pilot engagement with local small businesses and their employees on how to reduce their carbon footprint. If successfully implemented, this pilot would then function as a model to facilitate future community-based climate action in our community and beyond.

Reaching Canada’s net zero emissions by 2050 will require that all orders of government work together in partnership with our local communities and local climate action leaders. I strongly support Our Energy Guelph’s application to the Climate Action and Awareness Fund.

If you have any questions about this letter of support, I can be reached at [mayor@guelph.ca](mailto:mayor@guelph.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cam Guthrie", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Cam Guthrie  
Mayor

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