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Good morning,

I would like to bring forward the following comment regarding the proposed Climate Change Advisory Committee Terms of Reference:

- Voting Members: Given the impacts health care has on the environment and the impacts climate change has on the health of Hamiltonians, I would like to suggest reserving at least 1 seat for a member from the healthcare sector, similarly to how seats are reserved for members from the agricultural/food sector and industry/business sector.
  - The Lancet Commission on Climate Change has identified climate change as both the greatest global health threat and opportunity of the 21st century. Health care is both part of the threat as it is responsible for almost 5% of all of Canada's emissions and also the opportunity as providing quality healthcare is very often low carbon care.
  - Hamiltonians are being inequitably impacted by climate change in terms of their health and it is instrumental that a voting member of this committee be representing the health of our citizens and the sustainability of our health care system.

Kindly,  
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