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Greetings Mayor Horwath,

I'm writing to urge you to maintain funding for the Office of Climate Change Initiatives for many reasons. But, most recently and urgently, because of the fact that, according to Environment Canada's weather station at Royal Botanical Garden, during the summer (June - Sept) of 2025, Hamilton residents experienced 30 days that reached 30 degrees celcius or higher. (See link below)

This comes 7 years after council, appropriately, declared climate emergency but then limited the large part of its emission reduction efforts to an office with inadequate staffing and budget. \$2.5M is 0.09% of the total budget. At the same time councillors delay spending on transit expansions and muse about reductions in active transportation budgets.

I could understand considering an office budget reduction if our emissions were heading downward to meet your net-zero by 2050 commitment. But there is no indication that they're going anywhere but up. So it's hard to see how anyone could come to the conclusion that the budget of the OCCI is anywhere near sufficient.

Can Hamilton solve the emergency on its own? Of course not. But without the focus and expertise provided by the OCCI, Hamilton's emissions contribution will only continue to increase.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Jon Davey

[https://climate.weather.gc.ca/climate\\_data/daily\\_data\\_e.html?hlyRange=2000-08-17%7C2025-09-08&dlyRange=1997-11-01%7C2025-09-08&mlyRange=1997-11-01%7C2006-12-01&StationID=27529&Prov=ON&urlExtension=e.html&searchType=stnName&optLimit=yearRange&StartYear=1840&EndYear=2025&selRowPerPage=25&Line=9&searchMethod=contains&txtStationName=Hamilton&timeframe=2&Day=8&Year=2025&Month=7#](https://climate.weather.gc.ca/climate_data/daily_data_e.html?hlyRange=2000-08-17%7C2025-09-08&dlyRange=1997-11-01%7C2025-09-08&mlyRange=1997-11-01%7C2006-12-01&StationID=27529&Prov=ON&urlExtension=e.html&searchType=stnName&optLimit=yearRange&StartYear=1840&EndYear=2025&selRowPerPage=25&Line=9&searchMethod=contains&txtStationName=Hamilton&timeframe=2&Day=8&Year=2025&Month=7#)