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Dear Mayor, Councillors and Clerk,

As you may recall, I have expressed in person that I expect the City to prioritize climate and environmental action in every way possible. I would like to explain why.

Humanity has failed to keep warming below 1.5c which has been established in as a relatively safe threshold of warming (to be official, we need a 20 year average; but we know the past 2 years were above 1.5c and the past 10 consecutive years have been the warmest 10 years ever). Global carbon pollution increased by about 1% in 2025, and temperatures are still rising. If the cold weather has confused anyone, let me point out that the weakening of the jet stream which has kept the arctic deep freeze in the arctic, was caused by global warming and has been allowing the extra cold air to sweep southwards. Climate change entails climate instability and upheaval, including the alternating freezing and warmer weather we've seen this winter.

Escalating extreme weather events are affecting millions of people all over the world, even if in Hamilton we have been relatively lucky so far. It would be short-sighted, narrow-minded and irresponsible to slow down on any of the climate measures that have been undertaken by our City, and the savings by doing so are marginal.

Please maintain funding and staffing for the programs aimed at boosting urban tree canopy, biodiversity, home retrofits, cycling, and reducing emissions, and all other climate and environment measures that have been advanced by the City of Hamilton.

It is not too late to avoid the worst effects of climate change, and to prepare for those that are unavoidable.

Thank you,
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