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Hello Maureen,

To all Councillors, the Mayor and the Clerk please let them know that I strongly support climate action, protecting Hamilton's environment, waterfront, expanding cycling and transit, increasing tree cover and biodiversity.

These programs are tiny expenditures and instead of cutting them the City should be expanding them to make every part of Hamilton a better place to live. I assume the City implemented the new Climate office for a reason and not just to appease the public. You declared a climate emergency in Hamilton so let's stick to doing something about it!

Also, Environment Hamilton being this city's watchdog and source of data are much more knowledgeable on these issues, whatever they recommend should be taken seriously, fund them more not less.

Thank you,

Valerie

