



## For Immediate Release

# Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Accepts Climate Action Plan Prepared by the Municipal Climate Action Committee

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During its Regular Council Meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the Council of the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula accepted the Climate Change Action Plan prepared by the Municipal Climate Action Committee, entitled NBP Climate Action Plan – Climate Action Together. This Plan will serve as a roadmap for climate action decision making and priority setting in Northern Bruce Peninsula over the next 8 years and sets corporate and community greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets.

The Climate Action Plan includes five areas of action for the Municipality. These include; Cut Consumption, Electrify Everything, Wipe out Waste, Nurture Nature, and Protect the Peninsula.

**Climate Action 1: Cut Consumption:** These actions will look to reduce the energy that we consume at home, at work, or on the road. It involves energy efficiency investments, policy changes, and new behaviors all aiming to reduce energy demand. The goal is that 50% of residents and businesses will report to have taken at least one action to reduce their energy consumption by 2030.

**Climate Action 2: Electrify Everything:** Electrification focuses on reducing local consumption of fossil fuels for heating and transportation. It will involve education on new electric options and eliminating the barriers to their eventual adoption. The goal is that 40% of vehicles on the Peninsula are electric by 2030 and 25% of propane or oil buildings are converted by 2030.

**Climate Action 3: Wipe Out Waste:** These actions build on the community's strong history of reducing waste and promoting recycling. Actions will also introduce new programs, and use municipal policies to encourage waste diversion. The goal is a 50% reduction in household organic waste entering the landfill by 2030.

**Climate Action 4: Nurture Nature:** These actions focus on improving or maintaining the health of local ecosystems – both agricultural & natural. The initiatives build on years of conservation work by local farmers, community groups, and all levels of

government. The goal is that 75% of farms have participated in at least one sustainability or climate-related initiative by 2030.

**Climate Action 5: Protect the Peninsula:** These actions focus on increasing the Peninsula's resilience to the eventual impact of climate change. They prioritize the two greatest risks for the community identified by climate science: fire & storms. The goal is 100% inclusion of climate change projections in municipal emergency planning, design standards and operation plans by 2030.

The Plan can be found at <https://letstalknbp.ca/climate-action>

"The Climate Action Plan demonstrates the Municipality's commitment and readiness to tackle the challenges of climate change at our local level," said Mayor Milt McIver. "I encourage all residents of the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula to review the Climate Change Action Plan and thank the highly skilled committee for their outstanding work."

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