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Subject: [EXTERNAL]RE CEERP - Agenda Item Sept 23

Dear Brampton Council

I am writing to share my disappointment with the CEERP. It is a plan with goals that are too weak and not in line with climate science, there is no accountability for implementation and it lacks a vision of a more sustainable future.

The goal is to: Reduce emissions by 50% from 2016 levels by 2041, and to establish a pathway to reduce emissions by 80% by 2050.

The science is clear that the goal must be **net zero emissions by 2030**. Even the weakest international targets reflect net zero by 2050, not "a pathway to" 80% reductions.

Fundamentally Brampton continues to focus on goods movement, largely by polluting diesel trucks which are both a climate and public health disaster. The City's support for the GTA West highway, albeit with alternative boulevard options is but one example of this.

Brampton has large sway over emissions through **regulation** of buildings, new developments and transportation infrastructure which are the largest sources of provincial emissions. This plan focuses on incentives and public education rather than using regulatory muscle to require energy efficient buildings, ban emissions creating practices using bylaws and to properly fund transportation alternatives.

The goal of net zero emissions in new communities is important. However the CEERP document does not present how this is going to be achieved.

Overall the transportation goals in the CEERP are lacking in vision. Although it recognizes that "Brampton is largely car-dependent and transportation accounts for almost 60% of community-wide GHG emissions." The CEERP does not represent a serious commitment to real change in how people and goods are transported in Brampton. A commitment to fully funding and implementing the ATMP and transit initiatives within a short timeframe would demonstrate that the City was serious about transportation emissions reduction.

The goal of amending energy distribution and reframing the energy mix in Brampton seems misplaced. Few of these decisions are ultimately within Brampton's jurisdiction and most of these decisions are made at a provincial level. The CEERP does not describe at any level what this "energy transition" would look like, nor does it commit to

incentivizing true renewables such as wind or solar power. This portion of the document could be used for extremely harmful initiatives such as alternative industrial fuels, incineration of waste, or nuclear power.

The CEERP is lacking in clear direction and policy commitments to achieve the goals it sets out. It is more of an aspirational document than a clear document setting out a "plan" to reduce emissions. It gives little or no direction on council on next steps, other than highlighting existing policies and practices. In this sense, it comes off as self-congratulatory and meaningless as a document for advancing forward-looking new commitments capable of achieving the goals set out.

The document does not propose any type of accountability framework to ensure that clear next steps are set out on clear timelines with clear funding estimates.

Overall the CEERP is unlikely to reduce emissions in Brampton. Staff should be sent back with directions to:

- outline specific initiatives which are capable of reducing emissions to achieve the goal including the quantitative estimates of emissions reduction for each item, and the timeline and cost for implementation.
- outline bylaw changes that are needed to further reduce emissions from buildings, new development and transportation.
- Set goals based on current climate science
- focus on areas of municipal responsibility such as waste management, transportation and development approvals, as well as building codes, and regulation of commerce.

Regards,

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