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**EXTERNAL**

To Clerks,

Could I be included within the delegate list for the Council meeting on October 18, 2021, please? (Corporate Plan and Green Development Programs were included in Reports CAO-018 and PDS-045-21).

Could my speech be forwarded to Council, please (including the attachment)?

To Council, staff and Clerks,

**Subject: Clarington Strategic Plan should include suggestions from Green Development Program and Corporate Strategic Plan in its point E) - Environmental Sustainability, as listed below (see the Plan in attachment).**

Council received the Clarington Green Development Program, put together by staff and with input from the public, during the last meeting. This was a very worthy and important document which should be acted upon, and yet it was viewed by Council as being 'for information only'.

With changes to our climate, we should act immediately on the proposed **Green Development Program suggestions. Therefore, Strategic Plan should include Corporate Plan for Climate change suggestions. Clarington Council MUST protect its residents' health and safety from flooding, pathogenic and other illnesses,** severe storms, winds or cold and other impacts which are largely caused by indiscriminate development in unsuitable areas, destroying important natural features.

Clarington actions to Incorporate the 4 Rs in point E) of Strategic Plan, though commendable, are something which are typically dealt with by the regional, provincial and federal government, thus not a municipal directive (we know very well this from experience with incinerator, StMarys Cement, etc..).

**We need to add to Environmental Sustainability a second, more vital point to state that we need to establish what action ANY development, whether commercial, industrial, or residential would include in their proposals to protect and preserve our natural environment, and what mitigation would be applied if there would be possible release of pollutants/emissions.**

**Transportation routes/cycling lanes and pedestrian trails should be addressed there as well; additional points could be included like using more porous material for roads to infiltrate runoff, planting trees along roads to create shading, removal of invasive species, etc.) Adaptation to the existing conditions is simply not enough. These conditions will only worsen by our not doing anything.**

Remember to think globally and act locally.

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