

# Staff Report



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**REPORT TO:** Climate Change and Environment Committee

**DATE OF MEETING:** November 16, 2023

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**WARD(S) INVOLVED:** All

**DATE OF REPORT:** October 27, 2023

**REPORT NO.:** INS-2023-489

**SUBJECT:** Update on Phase 1 of the Kitchener Utilities Clean Energy Transition Strategy

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## RECOMMENDATION:

For discussion.

## REPORT HIGHLIGHTS:

- The purpose of this report is to provide an update on Phase 1 of the Kitchener Utilities Clean Energy Transition Strategy, which has included engagement with customers, community members, committees, stakeholders, staff, and Council.
- A report to Council including a summary of engagement and key principles and evaluation criteria to inform future project phases will be coming forward in the near-term, and staff wish to discuss the results with this Committee prior to that date.
- This report supports **Cultivating a Green City Together: Focuses a sustainable path to a greener, healthier city; enhancing & protecting parks & natural environment while transitioning to a low-carbon future; supporting businesses & residents to make climate-positive choices.**

## BACKGROUND:

Staff would like to review, through a presentation, the initial findings of Phase 1 of the project, and discuss with the Committee prior to the information going to Council.

## REPORT:

Items that staff would like to discuss with the Committee include the results of the Phase 1 engagement, as well as the guiding principles for and potential evaluation criteria that have been developed for future project phases.

## STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

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**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

This discussion does not have direct financial implications.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:**

Community engagement has involved both informing and consulting with the public, and will be described further in the presentation at this meeting.

**PREVIOUS REPORTS/AUTHORITIES:**

This project was previously discussed at the June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting of the Committee.

**APPROVED BY:** Denise McGoldrick, GM Infrastructure Services

**ATTACHMENTS:**

N/A