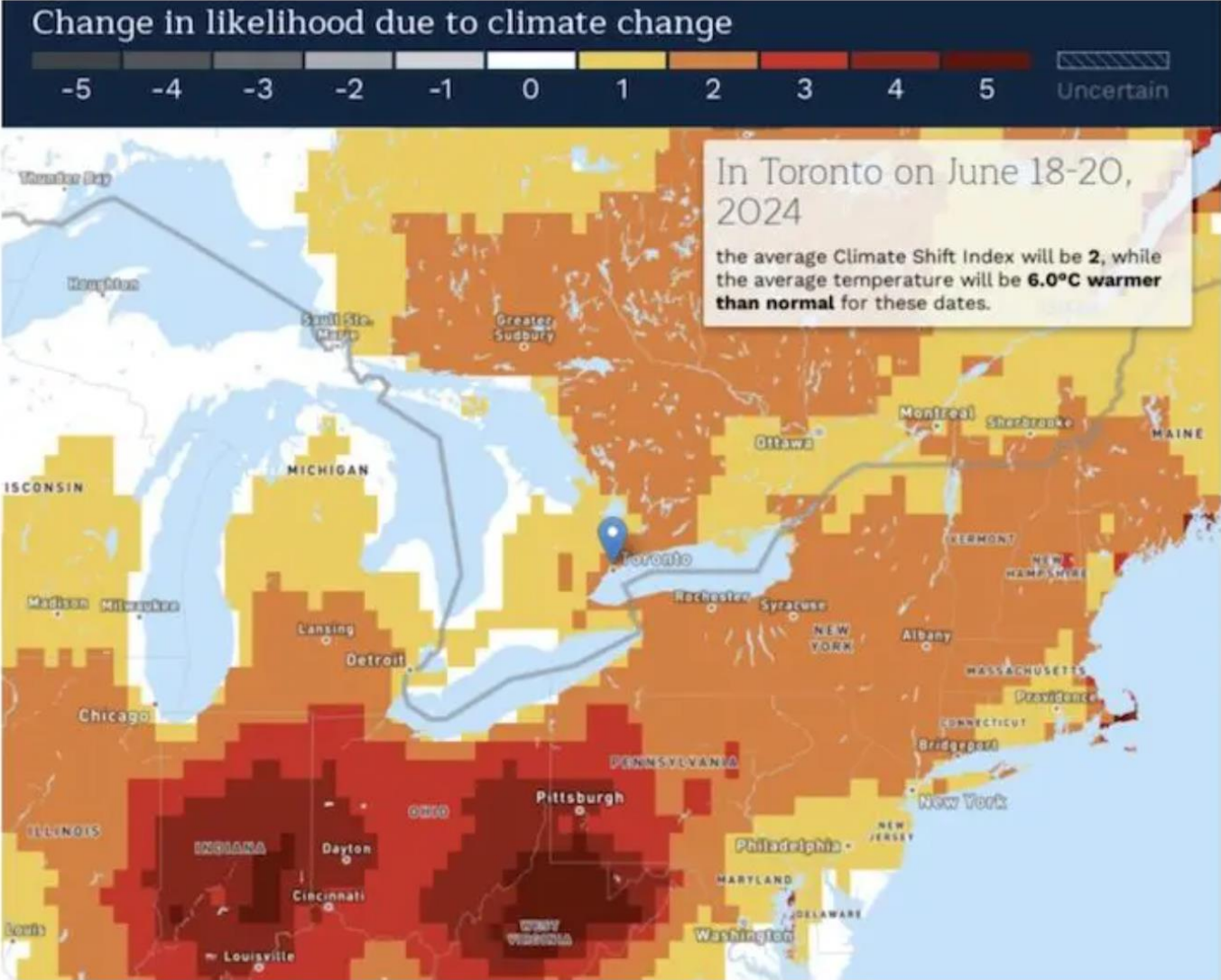


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Commitments made – Kitchener

“That the attached TransformWR strategy (Appendix A to Development Services Department report DSD-2021-94) be endorsed as the community climate change mitigation strategy for City of Kitchener; and,

That Council endorses in principle an interim absolute community GHG emissions reduction target of 50% by 2030. Recognizing that the bold and immediate local actions in the attached TransformWR strategy (Appendix A) are expected to achieve a 30% reduction by 2030, Council calls for bold and immediate action from the provincial and federal government to enable municipalities to reach this deeper reduction target; and,

That staff be directed to develop detailed plans to implement the TransformWR strategy and report back on any funding implications through future budget processes; and,

That staff be directed to work with local partners on implementation, monitoring, and reporting progress on the goals outlined in the strategy; and, that the City of Kitchener advocate for provincial and federal support and action to achieve the community transformations outlined in TransformWR (Appendix A to Report DSD-2021-94); and,

That an FTE be added to support Kitchener Utilities with developing, and implementing, a Kitchener Utilities Low-Carbon Sustainable Business Strategy that will support the transition to reduce greenhouse gases; and further,

That this report be submitted to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities as the City of Kitchener’s community scope progress on the Partners for Climate Protection Program Milestones 1-3 as renewed.”

June 14, 2021
Council Resolution

Call to action

We at the WR Climate Collaborative would like to see Kitchener Council implement all actions committed to already through the TransformWR Climate Action Strategy, especially prioritizing those with the highest emissions reduction potential as identified by staff.

We want to see council dedicate the necessary resources including staff time to work towards implementation of bold climate actions in our communities, with our group's support. We also encourage advocacy to other local municipal governments and higher levels of government to help in achieving these goals.

Questions

What is Kitchener Council doing to move forward on implementation of key actions in the TransformWR Strategy or otherwise, that can help to drive down emissions?

What is being planned or could be done in the months and years ahead of us to support ambitious action?

How can council best lead, and others support?



*Vision of a
brighter, more
sustainable future
- created by
artists with the
50by30 Campaign*

Further resources

Climate-impacted Canadians call for action on Parliament Hill: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3wig_QuPI6c

Faith Climate Justice WR: <https://www.faithclimatejustice.ca/>

Media in support of 50by30 Target: <https://www.50by30wr.ca/media>

Supporters of 50by30 call for bold climate action: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q71vyCecv-8>

WR Climate Collaborative: <https://wrclimatecollaborative.ca/>