

Staff Report



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REPORT TO: Climate Change and Environment Committee

DATE OF MEETING: March 20, 2025

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WARD(S) INVOLVED: All

DATE OF REPORT: March 3, 2025

REPORT NO.: DSD-2025-122

SUBJECT: Introduction to Pivot: Net-0

RECOMMENDATION:

For discussion.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS:

- The purpose of this report is to introduce the committee to a body of work approved by Kitchener City Council in April 2024 and to position the committee to engage in this work as per the committee Terms of Reference
- 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:

In April 2024, Council approved Pivot: Net-0, the City of Kitchener's second-generation Corporate Climate Action Plan. A plan to drive down corporate greenhouse gas emissions. *Pivot: Net-Zero* received Council's support of a Net-Zero 2050 target while maintaining our current 2026 target of an 8% reduction from our 2016 baseline. There are 47 actions identified in the plan from 2024-2027 along with the anticipated year of budget requests, target completion dates and the divisions that will lead and support these actions. These actions are foundational to developing a roadmap that will align Net-Zero actions best with multiple priorities across the organization (e.g., deferred maintenance, asset renewal, capital planning), streamlining the most strategic approach to making progress on a new Net-Zero target. Staff intend to report on progress indicators. Scaling up and directing funding sources within municipal control to accelerate corporate climate action work is needed in addition to seeking outside support (e.g., through advocacy and grants).

REPORT: Staff will provide an introductory overview of Pivot: Net-0 with the intention of positioning the committee to engage in this work as per the Committee Terms of Reference.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

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.**

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no direct financial implications of this report.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

INFORM – This report has been posted to the City’s website with the agenda in advance of the council / committee meeting.

PREVIOUS REPORTS/AUTHORITIES:

- DSD-2024-074 [*Pivot: Net-0 and the City’s 2023 Corporate Greenhouse Gas emissions inventory.*](#)