

# Staff Report



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**REPORT TO:** Planning and Strategic Initiatives Committee

**DATE OF MEETING:** April 14, 2025

**SUBMITTED BY:** Rosa Bustamante, Director, Planning and Housing Policy and City Planner, 519-783-8929

**PREPARED BY:** Carrie Musselman, Senior Environmental Planner, 519-783-8940  
(on behalf of the Climate Change and Environment Committee)

**WARD(S) INVOLVED:** All Ward(s)

**DATE OF REPORT:** March 21, 2025

**REPORT NO.:** DSD-2025-143

**SUBJECT:** 2024 - 2026 Climate Change and Environment Committee Work Plan

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## RECOMMENDATION:

That the Climate Change and Environment Committee Work Plan 2024 - 2026 as appended as Attachment 'A' to Report No. DSD-2025-143, be approved.

## REPORT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Per the terms of reference for the Climate Change and Environment Committee, this workplan outlines priority environmental matters of interest to the committee and associated actions.
- There are no financial implications associated with the committee exploring items on the work plan.
- Community engagement included informing the public by posting the report on the City's website with the agenda in advance of the meeting.
- This workplan 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 accordance with the recommendations of the 2008 Advisory Committee Review and the [Climate Change and Environment Committee \(CCEC\) Terms of Reference](#), the committee in collaboration with staff are required to develop a Work Plan to be implemented in the current term. Accordingly, members were invited to provide suggestions on the types of things they would like to see the committee undertake. Staff then put together a Work Plan based on the committee's identified interests.

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## **REPORT:**

At the February 4, 2025, CCEC meeting members discussed potential priority environmental issues, consistent with the duties of the committee and the City's overall environmental objectives, and agreed upon the following for the 2024 – 2026 Work Plan:

- Environmental Rodent Control Impacts
- Sustainable Food Systems
- Committee/Council Report Template Change(s)

The committee at its March 20, 2025, meeting approved the Work Plan which has been attached to this report as Appendix 'A'. The Committee is requesting Council's endorsement of the recommendation outlined herein.

## **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 financial implications associated with this report.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:**

INFORM – This report has been posted to the City's website with the agenda in advance of the meeting.

## **PREVIOUS REPORTS/AUTHORITIES:**

- [DSD-2025-069 2024-2026 CCEC Work Plan Discussion](#)
- [DSD-2025-117 2024-2026 CCEC Work Plan](#)

**REVIEWED BY:** Natalie Goss, Manager, Policy and Research

**APPROVED BY:** Justin Readman, General Manager, Development Services

**ATTACHMENTS:** Attachment A – 2024 - 2026 CCEC Work Plan