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Good Day,

I would like to voice my support for David West's motion re: Richmond Hill declaring a climate emergency, and recognizing the urgent need for climate action which will be tabled Tuesday June 11th. His pre-amble clearly reinforces this motion. It is in Richmond Hill's best interest to address the economic and financial impact of the climate crisis including but not limited to:

- the impact on public infrastructure due to increasingly severe weather. Citizen's need to be assured that homes, roads and culverts, bridges, sewers and drainage systems can stand up to torrential rainfall, high winds, power outages and wild temperature swings.
- Not only do we need to address flooding and infrastructure, but Richmond Hill should also do its part to reduce its carbon footprint,
- reduce impact on waterways which in many cases have become eutrophic,
- find ways to improve biodiversity and habitat for endangered species.

There are many, many examples of how our climate is deteriorating and solutions need to be found. Although – unbelievably- there are still many deniers, the scientific evidence is clear. For the sake of us and our future generations, action is needed now.

Sincerely,

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