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I am writing in support of David West's motion to have the city of Richmond Hill declare a climate emergency. This declaration is an important first step in recognizing the gravity of the climate situation and the need to act with urgency to protect our community, our economy and our ecosystems.

I urge all councillors to support this motion. Councillors have stood together to support a municipal declaration for the right to a healthy environment for Richmond Hill. They have also supported a staff report on ways to reduce single use plastic. They must continue to stand together to recognize our climate emergency and to move forward with effective collective action.

Residential groups, concerned about the urgency of dealing with climate change continue to grow in Richmond Hill. In the past year, Drawdown, Targetting Climate Change, and Green New Deal have begun meeting in Richmond Hill, joining groups such as the Anglican Church's Green Team and Richmond Hill's Blue Dot Movement

It is time for Richmond Hill city council to join cities including Vancouver, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal and Halifax in calling the current situation what it is, a climate emergency.

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