

February 17, 2016

Delegation to Burlington's Development and Infrastructure Committee

**Re: Report recommending approval of phase two of the
Community Energy Feasibility Study.**

Presented by BG volunteer, Mike Yakimchuck:

Mr. Chair, Mayor Goldring, members of Committee & Council, thank you for letting me delegate in front of you today. I am here officially representing BurlingtonGreen – our local environmental organization – and wanted to deliver a message in support of the Staff report recommending of Phase 2 of the Community Energy Feasibility Study.

I have three points that I would like to make in my presentation.

1. The first is that BurlingtonGreen fully supports the efforts in pursuing community energy systems. We know that these systems can deliver energy in a more efficient manner than today's usual ways and can go far in helping reduce greenhouse gas emissions and fighting climate change. We would like to say thank you to the Committee, Council and Staff for pursuing this initiative and undertaking the phase 1 review.
2. The second point is that BurlingtonGreen supports the specific Staff recommendation to proceed to Phase 2. We need to evaluate the best location and articulate all the benefits that Community Energy brings to the City.

3. The third and final point - We ask that the scope of the next phase include the review of opportunities to leverage the Community Energy System for strategic purposes including integrating with other initiatives such as the Innovation District (which was recently the subject of a report from McMaster University and the Fraunhofer Institute), or a Sustainability Corridor. By leveraging this investment in energy infrastructure, Burlington can help promote innovation in energy systems which can lead to the creation of jobs, partnerships between industry and schools, lowering energy costs for local businesses and establishing Burlington as a leader in the fight against climate change.

By doing this right, Burlington can experience a number of benefits from this one initiative. Thank you for hearing us out and if you have any questions, I'm happy to answer them.

Outcome from meeting:

The Committee voted in favour of proceeding with Phase 2.

For more information on the meeting and an overview of community energy systems, please click **Agenda Item #5** at the link below:

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