

Chair, members of the Committee,

As a spokes person for BurlingtonGreen I am asking that item BC-104 *Community Action Summit on climate change* be added to this years Current Budget.

The summit was included in FF VII. Para 5.2.A calls for a “community action plan ” and to host a “community summit on climate change”. Neither has been started.

If you do not include this item in this years budget it is unlikely to be included next year as with planning etc the conference would happen in the Fall of 2010, at the same time as the municipal election are held.

This is what is stated in the Overview, taken directly from FF VII : -----

We need a *Community Action Summit on climate change* to inspire us to greater action on climate change.

Let me give you a few reasons why a summit is needed now:

- The Green Act will be enacted this spring. A conference can explore “Green” business opportunities that will come with it.
- The Ontario government paper available for comments currently called **Toward a Zero Waste Future** also present opportunities for new Green industries such as the “100% producer funded Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment Program” recommended in this paper.

The other areas that should be included is an educational component, for example it could include a seminar on LEED both for new and existing building stock.

The optics on cutting the funding for this conference will not be good, especially given the millions of dollars being committed to the PAC , Appleby Ice rink and McMaster projects.

As a minimum provide funding to plan the conference this year, with the actual conference taking place in winter or early spring 2010.

The cost of the conference is a paltry \$15,000. I am sure by firming up or decreasing some other items the \$15,000 can be easily found.

Please put BC-104 in this year’s budget.

Thank you,

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