



Halton Action for Climate Emergency Now

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Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

The reopening of the economy offers a unique opportunity to move the economy in a significantly greener direction.

The economic shut down has been difficult for many people in many ways. However, one consequence of the shutdown is that most people have enjoyed is clearer, cleaner air. Most Canadians, we believe, would want that to continue. That outcome can only be achieved by reducing the amount of pollution caused by the burning of carbon based fuels.

The undersigned organizations of Halton Region, Ontario, therefore, urge your government to keep at the center of your planning for the re-stimulation of the post COVID19 economy, the promotion of accessible supplies of renewable energy and the phasing out of carbon based energy. The resulting reduction of greenhouse gases is necessary for Canada to achieve its 2015 Paris Agreement targets as well as creating thousands of well-paying, permanent green economy jobs.

We therefore urge you to enact:

The removal of all subsidies for oil, gas and coal production and exploration.

The provision of finances to the provinces to enable both the development of start-up companies and the training of workers, in the production and management of renewable sources of energy.

Increase the cost of the production of carbon emissions by **\$20.00 a tonne** each year until 2030 whilst concurrently increasing proportionally the amount paid back to consumers.

Require energy efficiency to adhere to the Passive House Canada/Maison Passive Canada standard in the National Building Code.

The provision of grants for the retrofitting of homes and businesses in ways that reduce the use of energy, lessen the production of greenhouse gases and stimulate job creation.

A requirement that vehicle manufacturers eliminate the production of gasoline fueled cars by 2040 and the immediate removal of sales tax on all fully electric or electric-hybrid vehicles.

The provision of grants for forestation and the growth of grasslands and wetlands.

The protection of additional wild land, shoreline and native, wild life species of animals and vegetation.

We look forward to your reply to Hart Jansson at hartjansson@gmail.com

Respectfully yours,

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