



City of Windsor Stalling Climate Action

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Windsor, ON – Windsor’s municipal government is failing to be accountable for its environmental and climate action commitments. Public reports are inexplicably delayed or not available to the public, climate data is not available to the public and communications with the public regarding environmental programs have broken down.

Examples include: the 2023 greenhouse gas emission inventory has not been released, the science-based emission targets and net zero implementation plan has not been presented, the release of the final report of the Sandwich South Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan was delayed for months despite repeated calls for its release, and the Urban Forest Master Plan has not been adopted or implemented.

“Currently the city government seems to be in disarray, perhaps forgetting about the public commitments it has made regarding environmental action such as 2019’s Climate Emergency Declaration,” said Derek Coronado, Coordinator of the Citizens Environment Alliance.

The city has established plans that commit to being a leader in environmental protection. For example, from the Environmental Master Plan: “The City of Windsor is committed to being a leader through its daily actions and services to enhance the environment for present and future generations.”

However, recently the city shelved its community wide climate action plan (Community Energy Plan) when after years of study it rejected the Deep

Energy Efficiency Programme (DEER), the major emission reduction project of the plan. The city does not have an alternative action to achieve the emissions reduction of DEER.

“Consultation and communication with the public about climate action has essentially stopped. The city doesn’t update its website to communicate environmental and climate actions, even its own environmental advisory committee barely meets. Windsorites expect accountability from their government for their environmental and climate commitments,” said Coronado.

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