



## Special Council Meeting Agenda

February 8, 2021, 5:00 pm

Location: <https://www.youtube.com/user/EssexOntario>

Accessible formats or communication supports are available upon request. Please contact the Clerk's Office at [clerks@essex.ca](mailto:clerks@essex.ca) or 519-776-7336 extension 1100 or 1101.

This meeting will be hosted and chaired from the Town of Essex Municipal Building. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the Essex Municipal Building not being open to the public at this time, this meeting can only be viewed by the public electronically via livestream on YouTube.

The purpose of this meeting is to present the feedback received regarding the Town of Essex Climate Change Adaption Plan.

Pages

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

**3. Adoption of Published Agenda**

**3.1. Special Council Meeting Agenda for February 8, 2021**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

**That** the published agenda for the February 8, 2021 Special Council Meeting be adopted as presented / amended.

**4. Presentation from Administration**

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RE: Feedback regarding the Draft Climate Change Adaptation Plan presented to Council on January 13, 2021

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

**That** the presentation entitled "Feedback - Climate Change Adaption Plan", be received.

**5. Adjournment**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

**That** the meeting be adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_.

# Feedback – Climate Change Adaptation Plan



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**Development Services**

8<sup>th</sup> February, 2021

# Climate **READY**

A CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION  
PLAN FOR THE TOWN OF ESSEX  
2021 - 2026

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## **Draft Presentation to Council:**

13<sup>th</sup> January, 2021

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# Climate Ready *Draft* – Public Consultation

**Consultation Period** : 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 – 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2021

**Advertised and Promoted via:**

Press Release

Social Media Platforms

News ads

Email subscriber list

**Total Individual Responses:** 10

**Number of Themes:** 16



# Climate Ready *Draft* – Public Feedback Themes

1. Highlighting incentives, subsidy programs within Climate Ready
2. Expanding on cost estimates
3. Accountability and reporting provisions:
4. Involvement of ELK Energy
5. Declaration of a Climate Emergency
6. Public Consultation



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7. Addressing diversity of various Town centres and rural communities in adaptation planning
8. Increased need for biking infrastructure and services in Colchester
9. Site level solutions
  - Rain barrels
  - Allowing storage of rain water/grey water on residential lots and to be used to flush toilets



# Climate Ready *Draft* – Public Feedback Themes

## 10. Suggestions for Town initiatives

- Composting pick-up/drop-off options
- Implementing a single use plastics ban
- Community clean-up projects
- Community tree-planting projects
- Imposing littering fines (for individuals + businesses)
- Eliminating the use of “Round-Up” on Town-owned greenspaces
- Native plant species in public parks and gardens



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11. Community educational and engagement program topics:

- Gardening
- Food security
- “Keep the leaves on the ground” campaign

12. Altering drainage practices to reduce loss of water and run-off in fields





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- 13. Absence of initiatives geared towards emissions reductions (fossil fuel usage, clean transportation etc.)
- 14. Inventory of green spaces, parks, easements to protect natural areas
- 15. Phragmite removal
- 16. Inclusion of Indigenous peoples in the development and consultation of this document



# **Climate Ready *Draft***

**Any questions/comments?**