



## Dundas Works Roundtable #10

*What can we do about the Changing Climate? Come share your feelings and ideas*

*Tuesday, February 11th, 2020 Salvation Army, Dundas 7-9pm*

*Meeting Minutes Rev.2 draft - February 29th, 2020 mc*

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

We discussed how the Community of Dundas can take action to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2030, to identify ideas where we can work together to make a significant difference. 49 people were in attendance. Thanks to Jim Sweetman who acted as moderator, Margot Carnahan who introduced Roundtable Guidelines to special guest Dave Carson who presented the City of Hamilton's Corporate Climate Change Goals passed in December 2019.

### **1. Many people have feelings of climate change anxiety, grief, depression, apocalypse fatigue. How are you feeling about the current climate situation?**

The expressed feelings of the participants are grouped under the "7 Phases of Emotional Change". The capitalized words in red - **ANGRY, CONCERNED, FRUSTRATED and HOPEFUL** – were the most frequently mentioned. Other feelings expressed are listed under the various Phase headings.

- Phase 1. **Immobilization** – Difficulty focusing and not knowing what to do next  
Overwhelmed; exasperated; confused; guilty; grief; distracted; discouraged; anxious; baffled; disappointed
- Phase 2. **Denial** – Ignoring discussions about the change and not participating  
No evidence of denial; everyone actively shared their feelings, opinions and ideas
- Phase 3. **Anger** – inability to see anything positive about the change  
**ANGRY**; upset
- Phase 4. **Negotiation** – trying to negotiate what is expected of us; the scope and timeline of the solution  
**CONCERNED; FRUSTRATED**
- Phase 5. **Depression** – realize that our roles are changing  
Depressed; despairing; scared; helpless; terrified; fearful; ashamed; sad; worried
- Phase 6. **Exploration** – asking questions about the future; sharing information; more positive attitude  
Challenged; encouraged; responsible
- Phase 7. **Acceptance** – helping others to understand and accept the change  
**HOPEFUL**, optimistic

### **2. As a community, what actions can we take to facilitate Hamilton's Climate Change Goals? How will these actions have an impact?**

Many individual actions were suggested such as shopping locally, working locally, refusing to purchase single-use products, eating less meat and rejecting plastic packaging.

A number of community actions were put forward during the discussions at the four individual tables. The most frequently mentioned suggestions were:

- (1) advocate for climate change action on Hamilton's Climate Change Goals with our local councillor and City of Hamilton council via letters and emails;
- (2) more specifically, advocate for improvement of our public transit system;
- (3) more specifically, advocate for "complete community" development;
- (4) continue to hold forums and roundtables to improve understanding and increase knowledge of the climate change issues facing our community

Please see the following notes from each table for additional detail.

## TALKING ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE - PRESENTED BY MARGOT CARNAHAN

According to leading scientists like Katharine Hayhoe, David Suzuki, one of the most important things we can do to fight climate change is talk about it. However, this is not as easy as talking about the weather outside today. Navigating meaningful conversations about climate change can be challenging.

For example, if you're in a social setting and someone says to you, "Global warming is a hoax!" How do you respond to that?

Sometimes, avoiding the conversation all together may seem like the easiest thing to do, rather than risking a verbal conflict with friends, family and acquaintances. We all know that silence is not the answer.

Challenging or arguing tends to get people in a flight or fright response, which is not productive. If the goal of your discussion is to change the other person's mind, odds are that you will not succeed.

Reiterating scientific data can also be counterproductive. Most people don't want to be lectured. This response can turn into a conversation about facts and figures and people aren't persuaded by facts. It can even promote stubbornness or competitive behaviour, which is counterproductive to connecting.

Instead of arguing, we need to promote quality discussions that lead to understanding ....

So, how can we encourage useful discussions about climate change?  
...by listening, finding common ground, and connecting over shared values.

Experts suggest that we ask questions to better understand each other's perspective. Listen, truly listen to what people think and feel. Ask for clarification or more information. Try to find common ground, even if it is something small. Share some personal thoughts.

Again, try to find common ground, emphasize positive ideas and ignore negative ones. By decreasing polarization between parties, we are more likely to understand different ways of thinking, shift attitudes and move the conversation toward solutions.

### References:

Dan Rubin: Clinical psychologist, How to Have a Useful Conversation About Climate Change in 11 Steps;  
David Suzuki: geneticist, environmental activist; Karin Tamerius of Smart Politics;  
Douglas Alexander: Former politician, Disagreeing Better  
Katharine Hayhoe: atmospheric scientist;  
James Hoggan: Public Relations Specialist

## CITY OF HAMILTON'S CORPORATE CLIMATE CHANGE GOALS

*(approved December 2019, presented by Dave Carson)*

**i. Goal 1: Buildings**

*To increase the number of new and existing high performance state-of-the-art buildings that improve energy efficiency and adapt to a changing climate.*

**ii. Goal 2: Active and Sustainable Travel**

*To change the modal split and investigate strategies so that more trips are taken by active and sustainable transportation than single use occupancy vehicles.*

**iii. Goal 3: Transportation**

*To accelerate the uptake of modes of transportation that are low and/or zero emissions.*

**iv. Goal 4: Planning**

*To ensure a climate change lens is applied to all planning initiatives to encourage the use of best climate mitigation and adaptation practices.*

**v. Goal 5: Procurement**

*To procure goods, services and construction from vendors who conduct their business in a sustainable and ethical manner that considers equity, diversity and inclusion that contributes to the greater good of the community.*

**vi. Goal 6: Protect and Restore the Natural Environment**

*To increase our carbon sinks and local food production through the preservation and enhancement of the natural environmental, including local farmland.*

**vii. Goal 7: Climate Adaptation**

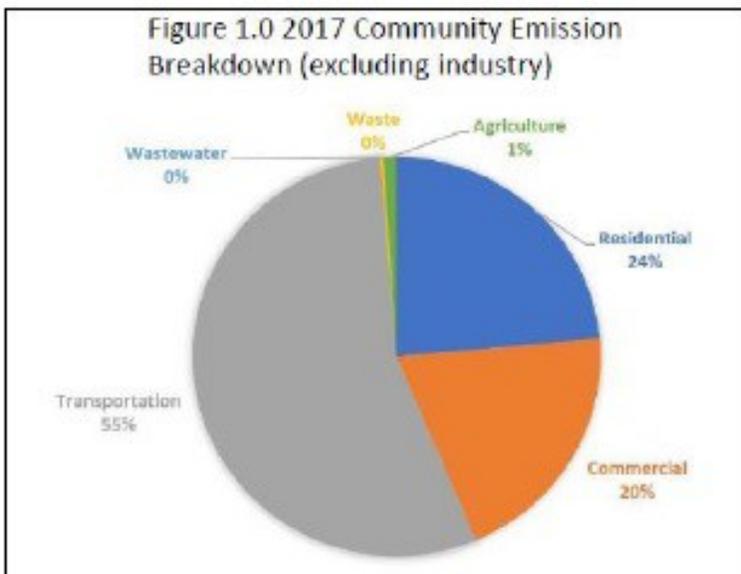
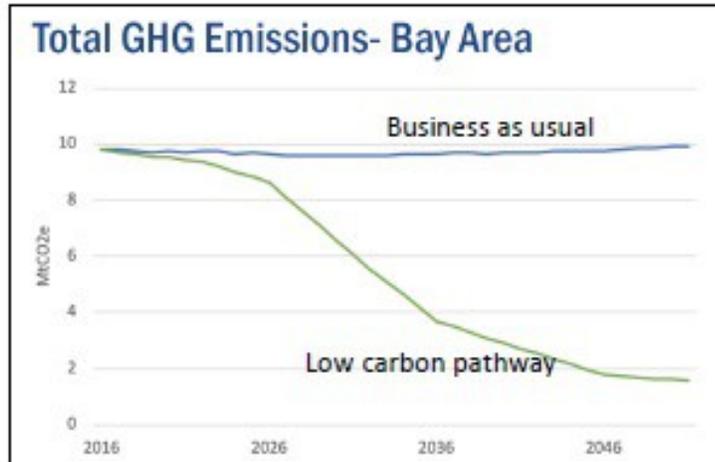
*To improve Hamilton's climate resiliency by decreasing our vulnerability to extreme weather, minimizing future damages, take advantage of opportunities, and better recover from future damages.*

**viii. Goal 8: Diversity, Health and Inclusion**

*To ensure all our work promotes equity, diversity, health and inclusion and improves collaboration and consultation with all marginalized groups, including local Indigenous Peoples.*

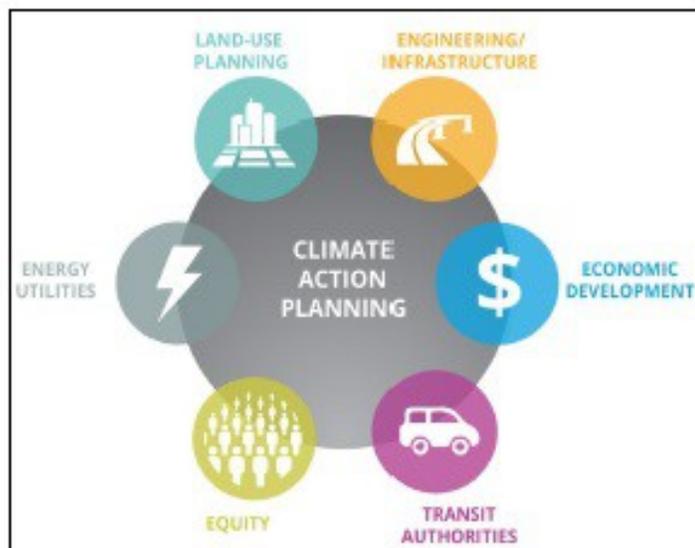
**ix. Goal 9: Education and Awareness**

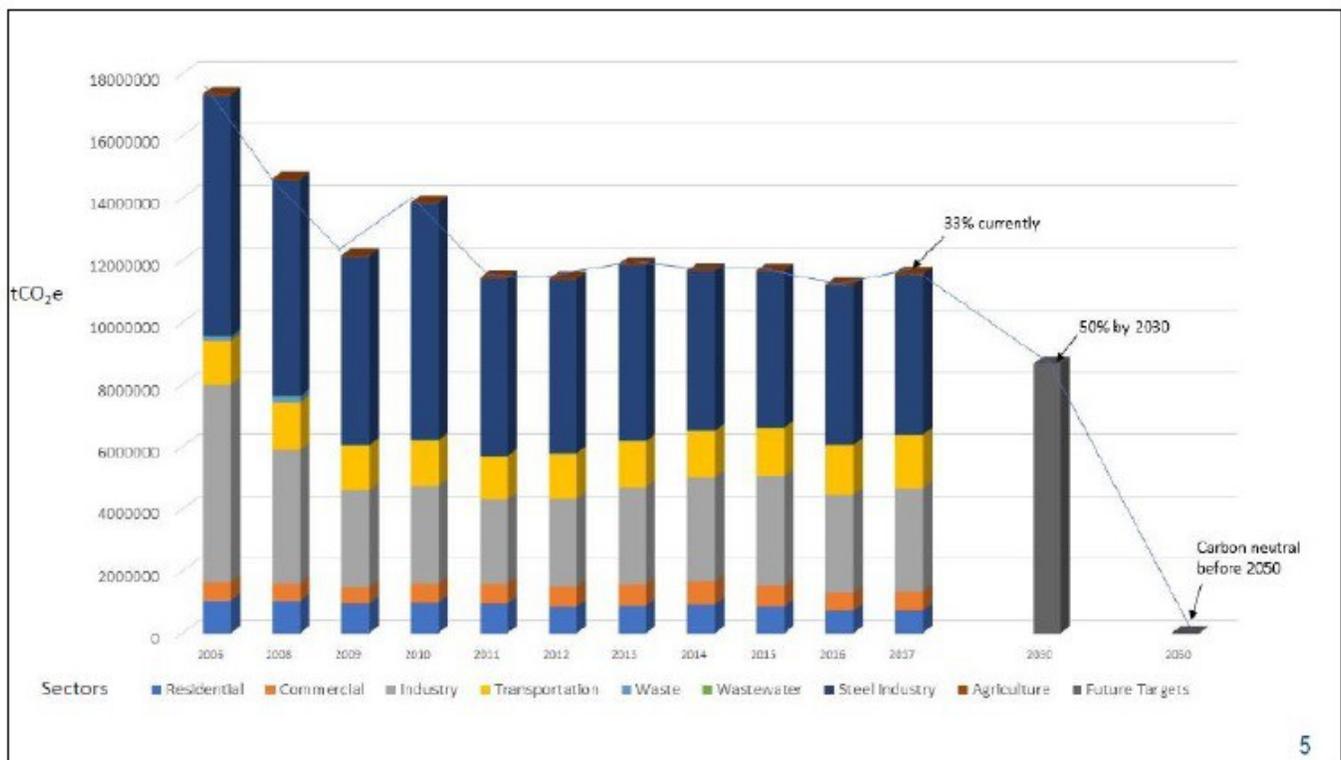
*To increase the knowledge and empower City staff and the Hamilton community including business, NGO's and individual citizens while advocating to higher levels of government to take action on climate change.*



**Local Governments have direct or indirect control over 60% of Ontario's GHG emissions**

- A low carbon pathway results in a healthier community
- A low carbon pathway is an effective economic development tool





## QUESTIONS TO FRAME THE ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

1. Many people have feelings of climate change anxiety, grief, depression, apocalypse fatigue. How are you feeling about the current climate situation?
2. As a community, what actions can we take to facilitate Hamilton's Climate Change Goals? How will these actions have an impact?

## DUNDAS WORKS - ROUNDTABLE GUIDELINES

- We will break into smaller circles as required to develop ideas.
- We will have a moderator/ timekeeper and a note-taker for each group.
- We will go around in a circle, introduce ourselves and each person will have 2 minutes to share ideas.
- You may skip your turn if you'd like, the conversation will come around to you again!
- We will go around and around the circle as time permits.
- At the end of the meeting, the note-taker will report back on their circle discussion to the larger group.

*Listen, find common ground, connect over shared values - keep it positive.*

### 1. This is a safe space.

- Accept and respect each other's individual feelings, experiences and opinions.
- Refrain from using offensive language.

## **2. Share the air.**

- Keep your comments relevant so everyone can participate.
- Only one person should be talking at a time.
- Each participant is entitled to time to share.
- No one is to dominate the session.

## **3. Listen generously.**

- Hear what people are saying.
- Do not interrupt or have side conversations.
- Turn off all electronics and step out should you need to call or text.

## **4. Be respectful.**

- We are equal with different perspectives and lenses.
- Everyone's presence and input is appreciated, no one is required to speak.

## **Tim's Table 1 - 13 people**

### **Question 1: Feelings**

- Overwhelmed- happy that we're talking about it
- Concerned- about the effects of CC on lower income people and animals
- Exasperated- need to become activated on working out solutions
- Angry, Despairing- about the solutions that government is coming up with...Liberals should be working more with Greens to develop better policies
- Frustration, Environmental PTSD
- Confused- how can we live in this modern world where we can live far apart from each other and not fly?....Feel torn
- Frustrated- with the controversy over the pipeline
- Challenged- what can I do?
- Hopeful- see everything that people are doing around the world to change just need to do it together - as each of us heals our hearts things will change
- Concerned, Guilty- Want to help those who are most affected by CC
- Encouraged - Causing people to come together as communities to face this challenge together
- Was Depressed now Hopeful- previously in a state of environmental depression, now see that if we give nature an inch of healing it will heal a mile
- Tough and Frugal- our pioneer genes are tough and frugal - if we get the right things lined up
- Overwhelmed, Grief- we've done a lot of damage, we can get easily distracted by hope
- Distracted by other concerns- especially the challenges that young people face

### **Question 2: What we can do as a community**

- Get on the same page as a community
- Swamp politicians with letters
- Meatless Mondays- example of Ghent, Belgium - 50% of residents don't eat meat for one day a week....equivalent to taking 6,000 cars off the road- need McMaster to get onboard
- Bring your own cup to Cafes, coffee shops- \$1.00 off incentive
- Develop a cohesive approach by having community forums such as this

- McMaster should be a leader -using our individual influence to help this happen- harness the potential of the Innovation Centre
- Costs need to be balanced against benefits - when assessing alternatives...helps justify renewable energy- solar and wind
- Create Incentives - for home and apartment owners in poorer neighbourhoods to improve insulation and energy use
- Incentives to create more Charging Stations for Electric Cars- especially in apartment buildings and condos
- Create a Unified Message - to fight the unified message of the oil lobby
- Front Lawn Farming - using personal yards to create local food and become an example to others - pay it forward- 90% of food was produced locally during the war
- Reduce Food Transport- promote sensible food consumption to avoid ridiculous food transportation - educate where our food comes from
- Shop Locally
- Change Laws to allow for refilling of water bottles
- Work towards more Complete Communities....new housing developments should include neighbourhood centres with shopping, higher density housing , mixed use zoning, set a date beyond which we will not expand onto unbuilt land- create ideas to intensify and remodel existing built up areas
- Change municipal tax structure to encourage complete communities- property tax based on cost of providing services and roads to the house....taxes would be cheaper when more people share the same services and road maintenance
- Complete Cootes to Escarpment Ecopark- only \$3-\$5 million required
- Plant more street trees across Hamilton- also replace trees that fall down, die
- Tree Nursery in Dundas- where you can get low cost trees
- Transit- need an LRT or other regular service to Dundas- needs to be good enough to get people out of their cars- need a better designed transit system- bring back VIA rail stop in Dundas
- Communities need to come together to develop policies -need to follow up on how policies are implemented
- Advocacy - to city councillors- now only 3-4 are progressive and proactive- focus on our own councillor - pressure her with a concerted effort from the community- need to involve young people and all generations in solutions- engage with school board to communicate with our young people
- Climate Justice- help people who are displaced by CC
- Neighbourhood Picnics and get togethers- improve cohesiveness in our neighbourhoods
- Create Local Power Generation- ie micro power grids- solar panels
- Universal Basic Income- once you are not just subsisting you can care about the environment
- Stop Buying Books- go to libraries instead
- Tool Sharing Libraries
- Climate Change is best fought at a local level
- Pressure steel industry to reduce emissions - 80% of Hamilton's emissions come from Steel Industry- there are alternatives energy sources that emit far less CO2
- Develop Policies that are stable and long term and not dismantled by changing governments
- Work Closer to Home- Shared Work Space in Dundas at Valley city site?- with shared community space
- 15 hour work week

## Bob's Table 2

### Feelings re: Climate Change:

- Hell in a hand basket - feelings of discouragement
- Anxiety, fear; but not giving up. Hope - wants to act on it
- The same as above, but wants to keep hope; would like to be involved in advocacy
- Baffled: doesn't appear to be consensus in the scientific area
- Frustrated re: government inaction
- Concerned as a wife and mother who tries to reduce her carbon footprint. Some eco-despair. We have the ability to act, to mobilize; we need to take responsibility for changing our consumer society. Has hope that the younger generation will make necessary changes.
- Person who owns a recycling business. She is also a wife and mother, and is scared for her children's future. Feels our hope lies in taking action. She feels we cannot rely on the government to take the lead. Her own business will be carbon neutral soon.
- We need a revolution. It's a mistake to think of mother nature as a commodity, a resource. He is mystified why humans continue to act against our own self-interest: our way of life is killing the earth.
- We need to face reality and get off fossil fuel
- Depressed about the future, for our grandchildren. Feels helpless. Government ignores the problem.
- Working on climate change for fifteen years through her church group. She is frustrated at the lack of progress. She feels she is beyond hope; that even educated people reject the science and the need for action.
- Mad as hell: the message to politicians hasn't been heard. Anger is paramount.
- Maybe we should listen to indigenous people's ideas about their relation to nature.
- Some hope in seeing the government's carbon tax
- Frustrated by our consumerism. E.g. bottled water, excess garbage and plastics. Angry that Hamilton rejected biweekly garbage collection.
- The disassociation from nature is appalling. The contact with nature is important, particularly for children. Education on nature in schools is missing. Again, indigenous culture has the right attitude towards nature
- We are part of nature and nature will teach us a lesson if we mistreat it.
- The goal of business seems to be to get rich while destroying nature. This must stop.
- Problems start at the top, e.g. Sewergate
- Power seems to be getting more concentrated at the top, in the PMO
- A carbon tax of 4 cents a litre won't cut it: needs to be 40 cents
- Government needs to take charge. Our consumer society is at the root of our problem.
- Seniors are now taking 3-4 trips a year (or cruises). This contributes to global weather change.
- People who do the most environmental damage won't be the ones who feel the negative impacts.

### What can we do as a community?

- Advocacy to politicians
- Water-bottle-filling stations, public ones
- Many people don't want to give up their lifestyles
- Suburbs are outdated and should not be expanded by the city
- Encourage public transportation

- Tiny houses: one person has a tiny house in Dundas where she raises her child along with her partner. We need a more affordable housing policy. The City of Kitchener has a more progressive policy allowing tiny houses on existing home properties. Hamilton should have a similar policy to both increase density and increase affordable housing.
- Canada needs an independent cabinet to work on climate change.
- Erin Mills is a small community which can act as an inspiration. They have decided to make themselves carbon neutral as a community. One of their projects is a community solar project.
- Our leaders want to approve pipelines, which is like climate change denial: we can't count on our leaders.
- The community has a duty to speak up and advocate. For instance, some of the street lights in Dundas have been on for 24 hours a day for some time.
- Education is key, particularly of young people.
- We need to plant more trees, in Dundas. Also need to plant and encourage pollinator gardens
- Talk to the BIA to ban plastic bags, and push for local shopping of local goods. DON'T drive to the malls.
- We need litter containers downtown
- For all, education is necessary to help people understand climate change effects and some solutions which are available.
- We should realize our power to pressure local politicians
- University Plaza could/should have second storey over the existing stores, for housing
- Charging stations for electric cars
- Urge the Metro to drop the use of plastic bags
- Hamilton City Council is useless: we vote the same people in over and over, and they do the same old things.
- Educating on the importance of advocacy can help. Perhaps joining Hamilton 350. We could create a resource sheet for teachers on the environment and climate change; a similar one for parents on where they can take their children to help them be more aware of the environment.
- The bid to enlarge and rebuild the Enbridge pipeline is a hot issue at the moment; we must lobby politicians to oppose it.
- Businesses could help reduce the transportation impact on the environment, by (for instance) allowing tele-working. Our City could have someone to promote this to businesses locally.
- We could have community swaps both to recycle and to reduce consumerism
- If the city can't feed itself we are in trouble
- There is a disconnect between those at the top and the people
- There is a strong need to reform the electoral system so that elections change things locally, and we don't just re-elect the incumbents
- We can shop locally, and not use Amazon.
- The growth of community gardens in Hamilton is a good trend.
- Accommodation to climate change: for instance, flood protection. There are resource sheets available.
- Ontario is off coal, and that is good; but half our energy production is nuclear, and nuclear waste is a problem for the future.
- Paper bags should not be necessary, they can be replaced by cloth bags.

## **Where do we go from here?**

We need to get organized as a community group, meet regularly and put our ideas into action.

### **Margot's Table 3**

Participants: Alex (note taker), Phyllis, Tom, Richard, George, Ken, Anne, Sheila, Ruth, Chris, Margot

#### **Question 1. How are you feeling about the current climate situation?**

- problem with many solutions, lots of little things, not one big solution, disappointed in Canada.
- young people angry yet excited/hopeful for conversation.
- frustrated, keep having conversations/developing ideas, how successful are we moving these forward, where are we going.
- terrified, leadership does get it, wants general public more involved.
- trails best thing we have, ravine by house could wash out in big rains, deciduous forest is in decline. There is an individual mandate, example of cold showers in Australia, need to know what we are doing and share that.
- don't believe humans are primary cause based on experience in geology uniformitarianism vs catastrophism, feels like being put on, climate crisis is put on like Nazi-ism, elites making decisions for rich. Concerns with lack of action in places like India, with air travel, elites maybe putting something on us.
- husband ran for council many years ago based on environmental issues, more people talking about it now so feeling encouraged. Individual action important but need gov't/collective action
- very concerned for daughter as a young woman facing potential future unrest. Convinced with science, 97% of scientists have come to consensus. Groups like Elders for Climate Sanity and 350.org bring hope. Fear and hope.
- as a mother and grandmother feel bad and ashamed, confused, sad, angry. Young people facing worse future than previous generations (who survived wars, etc). For years media not talking about fossil fuel (i.e. Exxon Shell) scientists hid science in 70s/80s so angry. Belonging to an organization feels good, like we are doing something.
- many small things can be done individually and with science concepts, and everything is complicated, no simple solutions, example organic food.
- very concerned about global warming, yet optimistic: we have the tools/technology to solve global warming but not using them, politicians/industry take path of least resistance/most profitable. Need public policy to compel industry to create better products/infrastructure like eco-transit.
- individual action sometimes frustrating but feeling better about how we can think about individual actions in a collective way. Ability to make individual actions tailored to class/income.
- response shameful, individual actions, elites won't make change they are building massive hockey arenas for hockey and flying around the world, individuals needed. Contrary policy example of using plastic bags to save trees and now we need to switch back to paper bags, which will kill trees. Also example of allowing tall buildings which kill trees. Feel angry, but not guilty.
- not just a local issue, a global issue, additional worry of USA/Trump not on board. Feels depression as an individual, coming together gives hope. We depend on other countries they depend on us.
- sometimes I feel angry sometimes hopeful. Story of carbon neutral community in Texas, republican mayor giving hope.
- agree that elites don't want to change, rest of us have to work together. Feel deeply angry but get hope in seeing other people doing the work. Feel responsibility to young people. One thing to do is to support "Fridays for Futures".
- strange that "conservative" political parties frequently not conserving wrt environment.

**Question #2. As a community, what actions can we take to facilitate Hamilton's Climate Change Goals? How will these actions have an impact?**

- what city can do to make me feel like they are moving on this? allow me to have backyard chickens, more frequent transit in Dundas, free transit.
- education and awareness goal partially being covered by organizations like 350.org, ecoWHam, Elders for Climate, and others, heighten awareness. Collaboration between groups. Can city put more resources into education and awareness. Not a lot of info out there about what is going on.
- Dave Braden house is shining example of eco-smart home building and educates public. Wrt to declaration of climate emergency, what is city doing to help retrofit buildings and push for energy efficient new builds?
- hopeful after house tour (Braden home). Once policies in place for new builds, need to be programs/subsidies for retrofits.
- many different poss options free transit, how we build. Need culture to explore and experiment possible solutions.
- when I think of all that needs to be done, beyond individual actions, we need to make politicians at all levels aware that this matters to us and that we want changes made. Need political will urgently.
- very high level so far, we need to hold politicians accountable, demand details and a plan with numbers and targets, can be held accountable and stronger with more people.
- individualization, looking at council, some are movers and shakers, some are not, not feeling voice from local councillor,
- many examples of missing opportunities b/c unwilling to take a stance, i.e. sewer gate coverup made most angry. Petition might be helpful. Want to replace council.
- how do we move the gov't on issues? Don't have hope in gov't i.e. encourage reduction in water use, then raised rates to compensate for loss of income.
- one thing people can do is raise hell. Maybe we should take 1 or 2 things from list of 9 and go into more detail, make a media plan and present to council. Small grassroots in Dundas can make this work, can grow if we have an action plan. These are good goals, how do we achieve them? We know what we can do , how do we get them to move, everything needs a champion.
- transportation: free transit, specific routes in Dundas, more regular frequency could be a focus. Also point could be food choices, not insignificant resources go into food.
- how do we move city hall? Lots of climate orgs put pressure on gov to declare climate emergency, same push led to targets, what has worked so far keep doing and keep pressure on.
- city doesn't take goals too seriously, all new suburbs are car dependent! until we protest, don't think that will change.
- real change needs to start at policy level, to show gov't that we want change and will vote for it at next election, we could collectively write letters to our reps. As a group we could create generic form letters that could be sent to all levels of gov't, supply e-mail addresses and then share with larger group. Make it easier for everyone to contact reps and send message.
- encouraged by idea of working with targets and coming up with solutions regarding specific points
- anyone can delegate to G.I.C. but with notice.
- council has 2 responsibilities: 1. create space for us to do things - external policy 2. internal policy what is the city doing.
- go to city hall want to see details and targets
- want to see targets/numbers for goals, bureaucrats job isn't to innovate but to be directed from council
- "a chicken in every yard, a politician in every pot!"

### **Summary fom Table 3:**

1. angry, frustrated, ashamed, responsible for solving, distrustful of those in power/elites, worried, hopeful, optimistic, especially when working together in groups to find solutions
  2. \*\* Request free transit with more routes in Dundas.
- \*\* As a group, focus on one or two of City of Hamilton's 9 Goals i.e. Transportation or Buildings. Create action plan with media involvement and present to Council. Possibly seek support from/alongside other community groups with similar goals.
- \*\* Continue to advocate for change, individually and as a group because more voices send a stronger message for change.
- \*\* Create form letters/templates to write/e-mail all levels of government, advocating for policy changes to reduce green house gases. Share the form letters with everyone and include pertinent gov't e-mail addresses. Strength in numbers if we all write letters.
- \*\* Request targets/numbers/plan specifics for City of Hamilton's Goals to make them more accountable.
- \*\* Continue to work individually and in groups to educate, spread awareness, put pressure on gov't, create culture to explore and experiment possible solutions.

### **Notes from Jim and Michelle's Table 4**

#### **Question 1 responses: “How do you feel?”**

- Frustration
- People are not willing to change their lifestyle
- Concerned. There is always a cost associated with changing
- Concerned for their grandchildren
- Have been concerned for a long time – some despair – but also see an opportunity to re-invent our community. Community is the place between the individual and the political
- Worried that we won't make the lifestyle changes and sacrifices needed
- Upsetting. But hopeful that we as a group can do something
- Want to contribute
- Our greatest challenge yet. We can come through it and create a better quality of life
- Kids are learning a great deal about climate change. The kids are worried. The kids are worried that we won't come together and go in the same direction. We need great leadership now. Hopeful that Dundas can become a beacon for other communities
- Very frustrated. Corporations are lying to us. We need to encourage people to go to the barricades

#### **Question 2 responses: “What can we do together as a community?”**

- Pedestrian mall to remove cars; more bike lanes; close down drive-thrus; get cars off the road
- We need to talk, talk, talk together! The Association of Dundas Churches is making climate change a focus
- We need a focus. Ban plastic bags. Need action!
- Example of a condo newsletter to share information. Does the Dundas Star News have a regular climate feature?
- Stop buying single-use products. Push stores to eliminate plastic.
- No faith in politicians. How can Dundas Works help get the message out.
- Transportation should be the area of focus; electrify the city's fleet of vehicles; lobby for the Five Schools cycling project; Lobby for bi-weekly garbage pickup. We need to reduce the kilometers driven by everyone

- Take 1 or 2 or 3 points and prioritize an area of focus e.g. transportation and focus on it
- City Climate Change Goals 2 and 3 are about transportation. We need to lobby the government for public transit. More users give more clout to influence the government to build it
- Free bus passes for kids to encourage demand. Make it more inconvenient to drive cars
- Seniors are abandoning the public transit according to an SPRC research study.
- Lobby local politicians to not put money into roads
- Look at how we heat our homes
- Lobby merchants to not use plastic bags
- Need to come together to break our sense of entitlement
- How many brave politicians will lead us? It seems we have to have a catastrophe before we will change
- We need to get the attention of our politicians
- Transportation should be our focus
- Packaging should be reduced
- We together are the leaders, not our politicians. Pick a focus, get started, make mistakes and learn from our experience
- Enforce by-laws. Measure and report something more frequently about climate change, e.g. greenhouse gas emission progress monthly
- Lobbying for free transit could be our focus; bi-weekly garbage could be a focus
- Timeliness and cleanliness of buses are the two driving factors for choosing transit over cars
- People don't just want to go downtown. This is the old mindset. We need to intensify the "suburbs" and provide the appropriate transit system

### **Post Meeting Comment from Citizen**

- As a long time Dundas Resident, I've noticed the proliferation of Stop Signs in our town. (Even on T-intersections or adding them to create 4-Way Stops.) This creates an enormous amount of greenhouse gases (vehicle travelling at 50 km/hour, stopping, accelerating back to 50 km/hour). Park Street is a perfect example of Stop Signs gone amuck. These are politically driven and less intrusive controlling devices as Speed Bumps would accomplish the same (slowing down) goal with less carbon emissions. Could we ask the City of Hamilton to published the estimated Carbon Emissions (based on traffic volume) for every Stop Sign they install?