

June 24, 2024

To the City of Lethbridge Governance Standing Policy Committee of City Council

Re. City of Lethbridge's Climate Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan

Hello, my name is Alexis Buzzee Cameron and I have lived in Lethbridge for 11 years now. I am unable to attend the June 27th meeting in person, but please consider this a letter in support of the Climate Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan.

I believe that the work that city staff put into developing this plan is phenomenal, and I am truly impressed with how much direct input they solicited and received from different community groups. In addition, the online surveys that welcomed any citizen to provide input on priorities and levels of concern were well paced and easy to access. This climate adaptation strategy and action plan appropriately responds to the feedback received by the community.

We are already feeling the effects of climate change and it will only continue to get worse. I 100% support the City of Lethbridge in adopting, adequately funding, and prioritizing its actionable steps that will give us the best chance in adapting to the changing climate and mitigate the most extreme/top climate risks. I want Lethbridge to be a thriving, climate resilient community and I think you should seriously examine the motivations behind anyone (citizen of Lethbridge or otherwise) who is actively pressuring you away from that vision. If nothing else, then please consider the costs of inaction, if the City of Lethbridge does nothing now, then the costs that we will collectively have to deal with is unacceptable. Now is the time to put this plan into motion!

Please, for the sake of Lethbridge's future and for all those who call Lethbridge home, adopt the plan as a guiding document and ensure that the individual actions highlighted through the plan are prioritized through the budget process.

Thank you for your time. Sincerely,

Alexis Buzzee Cameron