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Motion to Reaffirm Mississauga City Council's commitment to Climate Action

Moved: Councillor Tedjo
Seconded: Councilor Mahoney

WHEREAS on June 24, 2019 the City of Mississauga joined the growing number of Canadian municipalities declaring a Climate Emergency, stressing the need for immediate action to address extreme weather events caused by climate change and to then reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

AND WHEREAS in December 2019, City Council adopted the Climate Change Action Plan, highlighting the need for Green Building Standards, Resilient and Green Infrastructure, Accelerating Climate Innovation, and the need for Low Emissions Mobility to meet our 2050 climate goals.

AND WHEREAS the March 23, 2023 report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change updates previous projections with the latest climate science, states that based on current consumption and future projections the world will not meet its 1.5°C warming target, meriting immediate and aggressive climate action to limit the irreversible effects of Climate Change.

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to bring perspectives of youth and indigenous peoples into policy discussions relating to Climate Change, as they are the ones most critically affected by the negative impacts of climate change.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. In light of the 6th and final IPCC Report released in March 2023, Council reaffirms its commitment to our Climate Change Action Plan, and recognize that immediate and bold action is required to meet the 1.5°C warming target.
2. Staff be directed to produce a pathway report to the 2019 Climate Change Action Plan, updating the plan with the latest climate science found in the IPCC 2023 Report with recommended actions to meet new community-wide science-based targets for 2030 and to commit to net zero on, or before, 2050.
3. That the new pathway report to meet these new targets be developed by staff and in consultation with the Environmental Action Committee, as well as, youth, Indigenous communities and other key stakeholders.
4. We call on the Province of Ontario to boldly implement its own set of Green Development Standards, giving the development community the roadmap for sustainability, or provide municipalities the tools to enforce these standards themselves.

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