

Re Item IE3.4 - Carbon Accountability: Institutionalizing Governance, a Carbon Budget and an Offset Credits Policy

April 26, 2023

Dear Chair and Councillors,

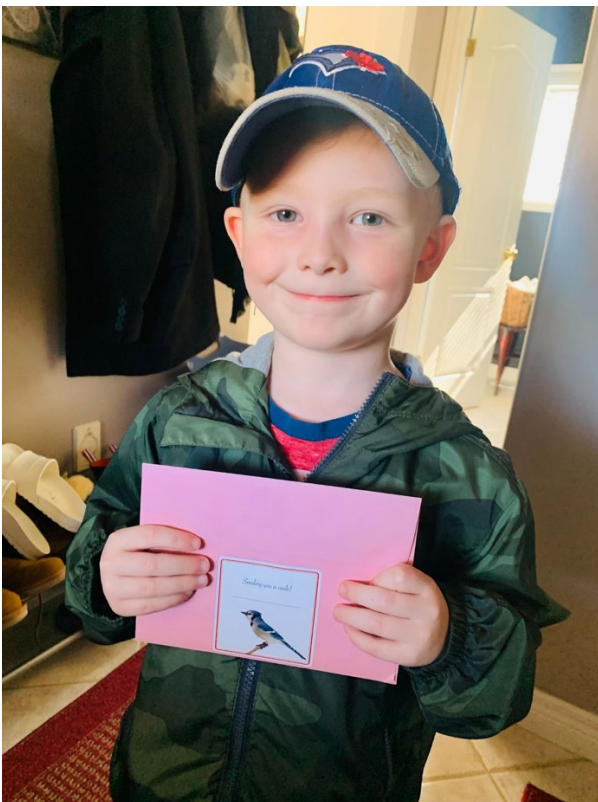
My name is Lyn Adamson and I am a resident of Toronto St. Pauls. I am strongly in favour of this motion, and hope the city will adopt a carbon budget this year.

I applaud the city's ongoing efforts to enhance Toronto's sustainability in the face of the intensifying climate crisis. The additional adoption of a carbon budget will:

- Help track the city's progress towards its short- and long-term emission reduction targets and give the city tangible numbers to show citizens that efforts at the group, individual, and city-wide level are paying off;
- Help make the case for future initiatives

We urgently need tangible actions in order to keep communities safe and build a prosperous future. Climate change affects us all, and I personally have been impacted by higher food prices, rising faster than inflation, which are connected to drought and floods caused by a changing climate.

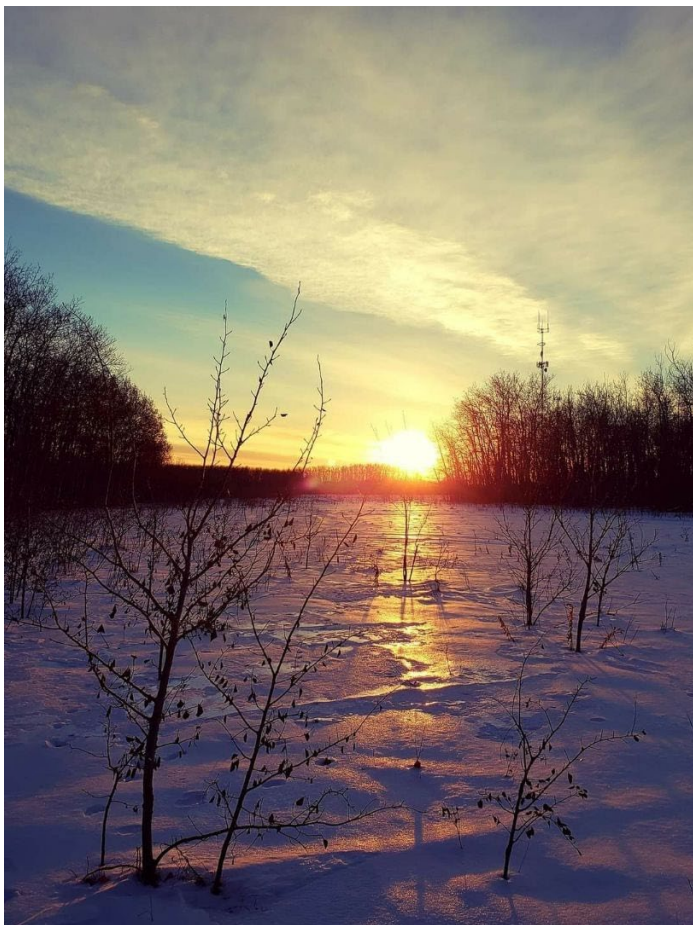
On April 1st I had a health crisis that took me to Mount Sinai hospital where I stayed for 8 days and received life-saving surgery. The dedication of the physicians and nurses and their excellent care is the reason I am here before you today. It is because of their tremendous motivation to care and the skills and resources dedicated to providing care that we have such an excellent health care system, available to all. We can and must have the same commitment and dedication to creating a climate-safe future for all.



This little guy, my grandson, has the same birthday as me. He will be 22 in 2040 and 32 in 2050.

In this photo he is sending a get well card to me. I really really really want to send him a card that says: you will have a good future and will enjoy a healthy and beautiful natural environment for your lifetime.

Please think about a young person in your life, someone that you care about, and realize that you hold their future in your hands. To inspire their confidence in the future. you will need to scale up programs, and provide greater transparency in reporting, and the carbon budget will help us to achieve this.



People want to create a path to a renewable energy future, We do care, enormously, about those who are young today and who will inherit the living conditions we are creating. We are all in this together, we will make or break the future together.

Lyn Adamson