

**Committee of the Whole
Meeting Number 2019-02
2019-2022 Strategic Planning/Priority Setting Process
Addendum
March 26 to 28 and April 17, 2019**

Communications

The consent of Council is requested for the **addition** of the following Communications:

Referred to All Members of Council

02-04 Correspondence from Geoff Carter dated March 18, 2019 with respect to the strategic planning sessions.

(Distributed to all members of Council on March 21, 2019)

(File Number CSU-C08-000-2019)

(See Pages 1-2 attached to the addendum)

02-05 Correspondence from Pamela Hodgson dated March 21, 2019 with respect to the strategic planning sessions.

(Distributed to all members of Council on March 22, 2019)

(File Number CSU-C08-000-2019)

(See Pages 3-4 attached to the addendum)

From: [Hogan, Sylvie](#)
To: [Sargeant, Lorie](#)
Cc: [Bolognone, John](#)
Subject: FWD: [Contact Us Portlet] New Message
Date: Monday, March 18, 2019 3:24:39 PM

Subject: Clerks office general

Reference #: 190315-000394

City of Kingston Comments:

Please review and respond directly to sender below, received in Contactus. Bcc is not required. Thank you

The following issue has been submitted with the City of Kingston. Please investigate and reply to this email with your update.

Customer Name: GEOFF CARTER

Customer Contact : [REDACTED]

Mobile Phone: [REDACTED]

Home Phone:

Office Phone: - Ext.

Description:

Category: Customer Service

Comment: This message is directed at city councillors as they prepare for to create their next strategic plan shortly.

I would like to see better cycling and walking infrastructure throughout the city. This should include more pedestrian only areas downtown protected from high speed traffic, and greater cycling connectivity to the west end (particularly trail options).

Limit the expansion of suburbs into natural and farmed land. Focus on densifying the core of the city.

In the suburbs, offer tax incentives to plant native species. This is important for

maintaining local biodiversity within the city.

Support businesses that pay a living wage with benefits and use local food.

Reply: Yes

Name: G

E-Mail: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Incident Address: No Value

Severity: No Value

Escalated: No

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No: 02-04

From: Pamela Hodgson [REDACTED]
Sent: March 14, 2019 12:48 PM
To: City of Kingston - Communications
Subject: council priority survey

I wish to submit some comments but am not interesting in registering on your site at this time. I recently moved to Kingston so do not know all the history of various projects and planning. I realize I missed the deadline for this. Apologies for that. I do appreciate very much your decision to declare a climate emergency. I will be especially interested in what actions you plan to take to mitigate this.

Thank you.

Strengths

- Environmentally and culturally interesting landscape and urban core
- University, community college, provincial government offices
- Aims to be a sustainable city

Weaknesses

- Suburban sprawl, trees cut down for new developments (cash refund does not replace mature trees, many new plantings are required to generate growth and a sustainable canopy)
- Emphasis on growth rather than environmental stewardship (e.g. John Counter Blvd mammoth rock pile over little Cataraqui marsh to build a new bridge - surely a more environmentally considered structure could have been built)
- Over-emphasis on liability issues leads to timidity in planning

Opportunities

implement “innovative” actions that will combat climate change and destruction of species diversity (these are our most urgent concerns over the next 10 years, locally and worldwide):

- Use and encourage building of the most effective and nearby waste and recycling disposal methods possible (e.g. in Japan, citizens sort more fully their recycling bins and this leads to more effective recycling processing)
- Be a leader in sustainability - mount a campaign to get grocery stores to end over-packaging of produce
- increase tree planting with diverse species
- implement and encourage urban gardening and bee keeping

Threats

- As identified above, the most pressing threats are environmental from, among others, increased temperatures, shrinking water tables, erratic and violent weather events, pollution of air and water. The economic costs of these should not be underestimated.
- Affordable housing and social support for the growing number of disadvantaged and working poor

Choice for council priorities for 2019-2022

- implement effective outcomes-based environmental stewardship e.g. that include water, land, trees, buildings and new developments
- Some specifics: Ban plastic bags, Plant more trees

Respectfully submitted
Pamela Hodgson
resident of City of Kingston

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