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Greater Peterborough Area Climate Change Action Plan

Chapter 4 – Cavan Monaghan

Community and Corporate Climate Action Plans

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Greater Peterborough Area Climate Change Action Plan

In 2014, the Greater Peterborough Area's (GPA) member communities joined more than 250 other communities across Canada to address climate change through participation in the Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) program aimed at reducing GHG emissions from both municipal/First Nation corporate operations and community sources.

As part of the PCP program, the Climate Change Action Plan sets a course to reduce local contributions to climate change and prepare communities for present and expected changes that will occur as a result of climate change. This plan represents an integrated approach to dealing with some of the most important issues related to the sustainability of our diverse region. The overall objective of the CCAP is to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions through a reduction in fossil fuel use and lowering our energy consumption, and to better prepare for our changing climate. The Plan identifies strategies, actions, and emission reduction targets that fit with and address the needs of each municipality and First Nation within the GPA. This regionally coordinated approach will ensure that we act together to safeguard the health of our residents and ensure the stability of our local economic and natural resources against impacts related to climate change.

Climate Change Vision

In 2010, the GPA embarked on an exciting journey – the development of an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan, coined *Sustainable Peterborough*. Within the Sustainable Peterborough Plan, climate change was identified as one of the eleven key theme areas of focus. Each community of the GPA is working together to collectively achieve the following vision, as originally identified as the climate change goal in the Sustainable Peterborough Plan:

We will reduce our contributions to climate change while increasing our ability to adapt to climate change conditions.

Cavan Monaghan's Community and Corporate Action Plans

Chapter 4 of the CCAP includes Cavan Monaghan's Community (Section 2) and Corporate (Section 3) Action Plans. Both of these build on the overarching components outlined in the main CCAP, but provide greater detail specific to Cavan Monaghan. They both include the following:

- *Where are we now* – a brief discussion of community and corporate baseline GHG emissions.
- *Where do we want to go* – GHG emissions reductions targets for the community and corporation.
- *How are we going to get there* – actions that the community and corporation will take to achieve its emissions reduction targets.

Section 2: Community Action Plan

Where are we now?

In 2011, 54,531 tonnes of CO_2e were emitted by the Township of Cavan Monaghan community. Based on the projected growth for the Township of Cavan Monaghan, community emissions are expected to grow to 64,755 tonnes CO_2e by 2031 if nothing is done to reduce GHG emissions. For further details on the Cavan Monaghan's baseline community emissions (PCP Milestone 1), please see the Appendix attached to this chapter entitled *Cavan Monaghan Corporate and Community Emissions Inventory*.

Where do we want to go?

The Cavan Monaghan community is aiming to achieve a 31% reduction in its GHG emissions from the 2011 baseline by 2031. This is equivalent to 17,017 less tonnes of CO_2e emitted per year by 2031, which would put the Township's community emissions at 37,514 tonnes of CO_2e per year by 2031 compared to the current 54,531 tonnes per year.

How are we going to get there?

The following tables detail the strategies and actions that Cavan Monaghan will use to achieve its community GHG emissions reduction target. Further detail on each strategy is provided in the main *Climate Change Action Plan* document.

Our Homes

Strategy H1: Help existing homes become more energy and water efficient and be more adaptable to climate risks		
	Mitigation impact: direct	Adaptation impact: direct
Primary Action	Support the development of a business case for a comprehensive multi-year deep energy retrofit program focused on existing households to achieve efficiency gains of at least 30% to 50% depending on the age and type of the building. Explore and investigate for Local Improvement Charges (LIC) and/or incentives available through a Community Improvement Plan (CIP).	
Primary Action Assumptions	The development of a business case for a comprehensive multi-year deep energy retrofit program would be initiated/led on a regional level i.e. through the City and/or County. The implementation of a LIC program and/or CIP is both financially and administratively feasible.	
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	5,107 tonnes of CO_2e/per year	

Strategy H2: Build new homes to be more efficient and have a smaller environmental footprint		
	Mitigation impact: direct	Adaptation impact: direct
Primary Action	Implement gradual improvement in new home construction that aligns with amendments to the Ontario Building Code aimed at achieving near net-zero or equivalent (0.14 to 0.24 GJ/m2) in all new buildings by 2031. Explore incentives available through a CIP.	
Primary Action Assumptions	The Ontario Government implements actions as part of the provincial Climate Change Action Plan particularly, incentives for near net-zero carbon homes,	

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	lower carbon building code standards and electric vehicle rebate and electric vehicle charging station programs. The implementation of a CIP is financially and administratively feasible.
Supporting Actions/ Policies	**Supporting Policies** • Ontario Building Code, Provincial Policy Statements, Ontario Climate Change Action Plan
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	1,305 tonnes of CO_2e/per year

Strategy H3: Reduce the amount of waste generated by residents that contribute to greenhouse gas emissions		
Primary Action	Mitigation impact: direct	Adaptation impact: none
	Support a regional initiative to explore feasibility of capturing energy from waste (e.g. anaerobic digestion) to manage organic material and to reduce emissions of methane gas (County and City partnerships).	
Supporting Actions/ Policies	**Supporting Actions & Initiatives** • Educate residents on proper separation and disposal of waste under current regulatory requirements • Work with the County of Peterborough to review efficiency of waste collection program	
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	388 tonnes of CO_2e/per year	

Our Workplaces and Schools

Strategy W1: Improve energy and water efficiency of existing buildings and business operations		
Primary Action	Mitigation impact: direct	Adaptation impact: indirect
	Work with utilities (PDI, Hydro One, Enbridge as appropriate) to deliver a coordinated deep energy retrofit program to industrial, commercial, and institutional organizations.	
Primary Action Assumptions	Utility companies expand upon existing retrofit programs and that a Township CIP is adopted and budget provides for energy incentives.	
Supporting Actions/ Policies	**Supporting Actions & Initiatives** • Encourage local businesses to participate in energy benchmarking through the use of Energy Star Portfolio Manager provided through Natural Resources Canada	
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	1,388 tonnes of CO_2e/per year	

Strategy W2: Build new buildings to be more efficient and have a smaller environmental impact		
Primary Action	Mitigation impact: direct	Adaptation impact: direct
	Implement gradual improvement in efficiency of industrial, commercial, and institutional buildings.	

Strategy W2: Build new buildings to be more efficient and have a smaller environmental impact	
Primary Action Assumptions	• The Ontario Building Code will implement proposed changes as per the Ontario Climate Change Action Plan
Supporting Actions/ Policies	**Supporting Policies** • Explore completing a CIP that includes incentives for more efficient industrial, commercial and industrial buildings • Review and where possible adjust zoning requirements and/or policy direction to encourage cycling and other sustainable modes of travel for new commercial development (e.g. reduced parking requirements, bike storage, employee showers)
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	868 tonnes of CO_2e/per year

Strategy W3: Facilitate climate change friendly business operations and practices	
	Mitigation impact: indirect Adaptation impact: direct
Primary Action	Support Sustainable Peterborough Business Initiative to build a toolkit for Greater Peterborough Area businesses to assist with climate change impact analysis and business continuity planning for extreme weather.
Supporting Actions/ Policies	**Supporting Actions & Initiatives** • Engage with businesses and institutions to implement corporate sustainability initiatives aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions (County and City partnership) • Work with institutions and businesses to support implementation of food waste reduction and/or diversion (County and City partnership)
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	Impact on GHG emissions nominal

Strategy W4: Support local economic resilience and growth of the local green economy	
	Mitigation impact: indirect Adaptation impact: indirect
Primary Action	Support Peterborough GreenUP as a “one-stop shop” for businesses to learn about and advance sustainability through the Green Business Peterborough Program.
Supporting Actions/ Policies	**Supporting Actions & Initiatives** • Explore opportunity and locations to establish a local eco business zone or “Partners in Project Green” program to share resources amongst businesses and encourage green industries (County and City partnership) • Support the Greater Peterborough Chamber Of Commerce to establish a business leadership and mentorship program to support energy and climate leadership amongst businesses as part of the Peterborough Business Excellence Awards
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	Impact on GHG emissions nominal

Strategy W5: Facilitate low carbon energy generation and local energy security		
Primary Action	Mitigation impact: direct	Adaptation impact: direct
	Participate in a regional study to explore the potential to implement local renewable energy generation and storage (institutional, commercial, industrial, and residential).	
Primary Action Assumptions	Solar PVs are to generate 5% of the electricity demand in IC&I and residential buildings, while 6% of the natural gas consumed in all buildings are to come from renewable sources by 2031.	
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	997 tonnes of CO_2e/per year	

On the Move

Strategy M1: Build an active transportation network and support active transportation		
Primary Action	Mitigation impact: direct	Adaptation impact: none
	Reduce vehicle trips and foster greater walking and cycling mode share through a coordination of efforts.	
Primary Action Assumptions	Active transportation in the County is expected to focus on recreational opportunities and a nominal shift in modal split is expected. Development of the Active Transportation Master Plan is currently underway.	
Supporting Actions/ Policies	**Supporting Actions & Initiatives** • Continue to work towards implementing the Pedestrian and Cycling Routes & Facilities policy within the Official Plan	
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	Impact on GHG emissions nominal	

Strategy M2: Facilitate alternatives to single-occupant vehicle use to reduce frequency of personal vehicle use		
Primary Action	Mitigation impact: direct	Adaptation impact: none
	Explore feasibility of a carpool lot network (formal and informal spaces) (in partnership with the County and other Townships).	
Primary Action Assumptions	Carpooling, or travel as a passenger in a vehicle, to increase by 3% by 2031.	
Supporting Actions/ Policies	**Supporting Actions & Initiatives** • Work with businesses and schools to implement preferred parking for carpoolers	
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	289 tonnes of CO_2e/per year	

Strategy M3: Make public transportation more appealing to increase its usage		
Primary Action	Mitigation impact: direct	Adaptation impact: none
	Explore feasibility and joint County-Townships delivery of County Transit services or alternative methods of public transportation as part of next County Transportation Master Plan Update.	

Strategy M3: Make public transportation more appealing to increase its usage	
Primary Action Assumptions	Travel by public transportation to increase by 4% by 2031.
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	385 tonnes of CO_2e/per year

Strategy M4: Help transition vehicles to use cleaner and lower greenhouse gas emitting fuel sources		
	Mitigation impact: direct	Adaptation impact: none
Primary Action	Support a shift in vehicle technology to Electric Vehicles (EVs).	
Primary Action Assumptions	12% of all vehicles on the road in 2031 are to be EVs.	
Supporting Actions/ Policies	**Supporting Actions & Initiatives** • Install electric vehicle charging stations for public usage (budget permitting) • Support [local organizations] to work with local businesses to transition corporate fleets to EV	
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	9,034 tonnes of CO_2e/per year	

Our Food

Strategy F1: Support localization of the food system		
	Mitigation impact: indirect	Adaptation impact: indirect
Primary Action	Support the undertaking of a regional community food system assessment to better understand local food production and movement within the GPA.	
Supporting Actions/ Policies	**Supporting Policies** • Continue to implement policies supporting agriculture and rural employment **Supporting Actions & Initiatives** • Continue to expand the network of community gardens throughout the Greater Peterborough Area and engage the broader community in the value of gardening • Support local organizations to provide community skill sharing programs to increase awareness among community members on how to grow, process, and store food • Support local organizations in training, facilitating access to land and promoting successful entrepreneurship of new farmers and food business to increase the production and processing, distribution and retailing of local food	
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	Impact on GHG emissions nominal	

Strategy F2: Encourage purchasing of locally produced food		
	Mitigation impact: indirect	Adaptation impact: indirect

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Supporting Actions/ Policies	**Supporting Actions & Initiatives** • Support local organizations to promote the marketing of locally-produced food through initiatives such as the Purple Onion Festival and Local Food Month • Expand and promote the Farmers Market Network across the Greater Peterborough Area • Support and encourage farm gate sale of produce
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	Impact on GHG emissions nominal

Strategy F3: Reduce the amount of wasted food	
	Mitigation impact: direct Adaptation impact: none
Primary Action	Implement a residential awareness campaign to encourage elimination of wasted food in the home, workplaces, and schools.
Primary Action Assumptions	Reduce the proportion of wasted food in the waste stream by 11% by 2031.
Supporting Actions/ Policies	**Supporting Actions & Initiatives** • Support establishment of a food rescue program in partnership with local food retailers, manufactures, restaurants, caterers to collect and redistribute excess food to those in need that would otherwise be disposed of (County and City partnership)
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	74 tonnes of CO_2e/per year

Our Land

Strategy L1: Strengthen land use policy and the development review process to better support climate change mitigation and adaptation	
	Mitigation impact: indirect Adaptation impact: direct
Primary Action	Participate in a collaborative multidisciplinary review team to assess provincial and local land use planning legislation and tools and make recommendations to decision-makers on how to best implement an ecosystem-based approach to the development application process (partnership amongst all communities).
Supporting Actions/ Policies	**Supporting Policies** • Integrate climate change policies into Official Plans • Continue to encourage new development that supports building complete communities that are mixed-use, compact, and higher density to achieve intensification targets outlined in the Provincial Growth Plan **Supporting Actions & Initiatives**

Strategy L1: Strengthen land use policy and the development review process to better support climate change mitigation and adaptation	
	• Sustainability metrics tool to predict, measure and report the sustainability performance (including GHG emissions) of proposed developments focusing on the built environment, mobility, natural environment, and infrastructure and buildings (e.g. Richmond Hill/Vaughan/Brampton) • Continue/enhance education opportunities on the need for increased housing density and implications related to climate change at all points of contact with decision-makers, stakeholders, and the public
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	Non-quantifiable with available information

Strategy L2: Identify climate change risks and prepare for potential impacts		
	Mitigation impact: none	Adaptation impact: direct
Primary Action	Participate in a Greater Peterborough Area-wide vulnerability assessment of expected climate change impacts (including drought and lake levels) (coordinated amongst all communities).	
Supporting Actions/ Policies	**Supporting Actions & Initiatives** • Consider the adoption of the Low Impact Development Stormwater Management Planning and Design Guide (CVC/TRCA) for landscape-based stormwater management planning and low impact development stormwater management practices • Consider updating engineering design standards to improve climate change readiness of new infrastructure by taking a green infrastructure approach first and increasing flood standards to a 200-year storm standard rather than the current 100-year standard	
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	None	

Strategy L3: Protect and enhance natural assets		
	Mitigation impact: indirect	Adaptation impact: direct
Primary Action	Support the development and implementation of a regional Natural Heritage System Plan (City and County with Townships).	
Supporting Actions/ Policies	**Supporting Policies** • Investigate the possibility of a tree replacement policy **Supporting Actions & Initiatives** • Support and promote local Conservation Authorities' tree planting programs to encourage planting trees on public and private property • Support local Conservation Authorities to deliver planting and restoration projects at strategic high priority areas with climate ready species	
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	Non-quantifiable with available information	

Strategy L4: Facilitate best management practices for low emission farming and climate change adaptation		
	Mitigation impact: indirect	Adaptation impact: direct
Supporting Actions/ Policies	**Supporting Actions & Initiatives** • Promote usage of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's no-cost Holos GHG emissions modeling tool to assist farmers in assessing their GHG emissions and exploring various farm management scenarios • Support [local agricultural organizations] to host local agricultural forums and training sessions to engage with farmers on how to implement climate change mitigation and adaptation related best management practices • Support [local agricultural organizations] to promote local participation in the Canada-Ontario Environmental Farm Program to encourage farmers to increase knowledge, conduct assessments, and develop and implement Environmental Farm Plans for their farms	
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	2,780 tonnes of CO_2e/per year[1]	

Our People

Strategy P1: Prepare for the health impacts associated with a changing climate		
	Mitigation impact: none	Adaptation impact: direct
Primary Action	Support the development of a local community vulnerability assessment of public health impacts from climate change to identify climate risks on vulnerable populations (in partnership with all communities).	
Supporting Actions/ Policies	**Supporting Actions & Initiatives** • Establish a protocol for extreme weather alerts and flooding updates	
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	None	

Strategy P2: Foster a culture of climate change awareness		
	Mitigation impact: indirect	Adaptation impact: indirect
Supporting Actions/ Policies	**Supporting Actions & Initiatives** • Support Sustainable Peterborough and other local organizations in hosting regular events focused on climate change (speaker series, annual event, etc.) • Support Sustainable Peterborough in seeking buy-in and endorsement/support for the shared vision and goals of Community	

[1] Total reduction potential per year based on uptake of anaerobic digesters (biogas), enteric fermentation reduction, changing manure management practices, and adopting best practices for soil management.

Strategy P2: Foster a culture of climate change awareness	
	Climate Change Action Plan from existing groups and organizations in the Greater Peterborough Area • Support Sustainable Peterborough to host a community, youth, adult, and senior climate change champion through the annual Sustainable Peterborough Awards
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	Impact on GHG emissions nominal

Strategy P3: Encourage civic engagement around climate change	
	Mitigation impact: indirect Adaptation impact: indirect
Primary Action	Develop a charter and guidelines (engagement strategy) to foster meaningful community engagement in climate change issues and environmental stewardship (partnership amongst all communities).
Supporting Actions/ Policies	**Supporting Actions & Initiatives** • Support Sustainable Peterborough to establish a youth advisory committee on climate change to empower youth to take action on climate change
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	Impact on GHG emissions nominal

Decarbonization of the Electric Grid

Since the baseline year of 2011, the Province of Ontario has taken steps to reduce the GHG emissions associated with the electrical grid. For example, it closed all of its coal-fired power plants. This in turn will result in significant GHG Emission Reduction Potential for the Cavan Monaghan community, totalling 4,586 tonnes of CO_2e/per year.

Section 3: Corporate Action Plan

Where are we now?

In 2011, 646 tonnes of CO_2e were emitted by the Township of Cavan Monaghan's corporate operations. The business-as-usual forecast for the corporate operations is based on annual growth rates derived from official population projections. Emissions from corporate operations are projected to increase to 770 tCO_2e per year by 2031 if the Township continued to operate as it did in the baseline year without taking any actions to reduce GHG emissions. For further details on the Cavan Monaghan's baseline corporate emissions (PCP Milestone 1), please see the Appendix attached to this chapter entitled *Cavan Monaghan Corporate and Community Emissions Inventory*.

Where do we want to go?

Cavan Monaghan is aiming to achieve a 29% reduction in its corporate GHG emissions from the 2011 baseline by 2031. This is equivalent to 190 less tonnes of CO_2e emitted per year by 2031, which would put the Township's corporate emissions at 456 tonnes of CO_2e per year by 2031 compared to the current 646 tonnes per year.

How are we going to get there?

The following table details the strategies and actions that Cavan Monaghan will use to achieve its corporate GHG emissions reduction target.

Township of Cavan-Monaghan Corporate Action Plan	**Timeframe**			
	Underway or Complete	Short (1-4 years)	Med (5-9 years)	Long (10+ years)
Buildings				
Strategy 1: Institutionalize energy efficiency and low carbon thinking into the organization				
Facilitate provincial funded employee training for energy efficiency		X	X	X
Establish a policy to consider highest energy efficiency as part of procurement requirements and evaluation		X		
Monitor incentive programs offered through electricity and natural gas providers to be leveraged for implementing energy efficiency improvements		X	X	X
GHG Emission Reduction Potential: In-direct GHG reductions				
Strategy 2: Enhance operational efficiency of existing buildings				
Implement a building/facility assessment tool/process to explore opportunities for improved efficiency (e.g. annual facility walk through)	X			
Conduct building re-commissioning to optimize operations		X	X	X
Implement/continue to deliver an equipment preventative maintenance program on an ongoing basis	X	X	X	X
GHG Emission Reduction Potential: 16 tonnes of CO_2e/per year				

Strategy 3: Build municipal facilities to ensure high environmental performance				
Consider the establishment of a Green New Building Policy to require new municipal buildings and major renovations be built to high environmental standards in alignment with Official Plan direction		X		
Install electric vehicle charging stations at new facilities for public use if feasible		X	X	X
GHG Emission Reduction Potential: 36 tonnes of CO_2e/per year				
Strategy 4: Improve environmental performance of existing municipal facilities				
Consider implementing an interior and exterior LED lighting retrofit program in all facilities where feasible	X	X	X	X
Replace appliances with Energy STAR rated appliances as needed	X	X	X	X
Upgrade insulation/building envelope while conducting other essential building work (e.g. asbestos removal) where feasible		X	X	X
Replace windows and doors with high efficiency according to replacement schedule/need		X	X	X
Replace mechanical equipment with high efficiency according to replacement schedule/need		X	X	X
GHG Emission Reduction Potential: 67 tonnes of CO_2e/per year				
Strategy 5: Utilize renewable energy sources				
Continue to install solar photovoltaic panels and other renewable energy options when feasible	X	X	X	X
GHG Emission Reduction Potential: 3 tonnes of CO_2e/per year				
Fleet				
Strategy 6: Transition the municipal fleet to be more efficient and less carbon emitting				
Consider the development and implement a Green Fleet Strategy and replacement schedule • Right sizing vehicle/appropriate vehicle class (fit-for purpose vehicles) through replacement schedule • Transitioning to low emission and alternative fuel vehicles (e.g. clean diesel, advanced natural gas, ethanol, or hybrid) • Use of anti-idling technology • Fuel and vehicle performance monitoring		X	X	X
Develop and implement a no idling policy	X			
Implement an operator training and education program (e.g. eco driving)		X	X	X
Continue with preventative maintenance program for vehicles and equipment	X	X	X	X
GHG Emission Reduction Potential: 101 tonnes of CO_2e/per year				
Water Services				
Strategy 7: Enhance operational efficiency of the water services system				

Maintain mechanical equipment at the Millbrook Wastewater Treatment Plan as part of the expansion	X			
Review and optimize pumps and blowers	X			
Continue to deliver preventative maintenance program			X	X
Continue to deliver operator training and education program	X	X	X	X
Continue to monitor and track energy performance	X	X	X	X
GHG Emission Reduction Potential: 8 tonnes of CO_2e/per year				
Streetlighting				
Strategy 8: Improve energy efficiency of the streetlighting system				
Implement LED street lighting and parking lot lighting replacement program	X	X		
GHG Emission Reduction Potential: 7 tonnes of CO_2e/per year				
Solid Waste				
Strategy 9: Reduce the amount of organic waste generated through municipal operations				
Continue to participant in the office waste diversion program	X	X	X	X
Consider implementing office organic waste diversion through use of backyard composters in conjunction with community gardens		X		
Implement staff education and awareness program related to waste minimization and diversion		X		
Explore source separation of waste in public areas (e.g. parks, downtown)			X	
GHG Emission Reduction Potential: 13 tonnes of CO_2e/per year				

Decarbonization of Electricity Grid

Since the baseline year of 2011, the Province of Ontario has taken steps to reduce the GHG emissions associated with the electrical grid. For example, it closed all of its coal-fired power plants. This in turn will result in significant GHG Emission Reduction Potential for Cavan Monaghan's corporate emissions, totalling 65 tonnes of CO_2e/per year.