



Niagara Climate Change Summit

Collaborating for a Sustainable Future

Niagara Region Climate Change Call to Action

Purpose

By signing this Call to Action, we are committing ourselves to build upon the momentum of this Climate Change Summit to create a collaborative network to accelerate climate change action in Niagara. We acknowledge the work of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and will align with the science that is pointing to a 50% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.

In signing, we pledge to take an accountable, responsible and transparent approach to climate change adaptation and mitigation in our community.

Together, we will act in the best interest of our community to strive for economic, social and environmental sustainability.

We, the undersigned, commit ourselves to the following principles:

COLLABORATING TOGETHER

We will unite to take action on climate change, creating relationships built on mutual trust, accountability and a shared sense of purpose. We will consider diverse sources of information, including accepted science, Indigenous knowledge, and professional expertise to inform decision-making and establish clear roles and responsibilities.

BUILDING STRONG PARTNERSHIPS

We will foster resilient partnerships between our collective organizations and community members, while establishing a culture of open communication, respect, fairness and dependability. We will reflect the perspectives of all community members in our decision-making processes and outcomes. In short, no one will be left behind.

SETTING NIAGARA'S GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION TARGETS

We will show bold and courageous leadership by expediting the completion of any foundational work in order to establish a greenhouse-gas emission target in line with the United Nations Climate Change secretariat. We will move quickly, collecting the required data to ensure all parties have a fulsome picture moving forward.

SHARING KNOWLEDGE AND RESOURCES

We acknowledge that addressing the impacts of climate change in Niagara will require that everyone work together, sharing resources and knowledge.

ENCOURAGING ROBUST INNOVATION

We will strive to provide opportunities for our community by encouraging innovation, entrepreneurship, and diversification, while being willing to adapt and change over time.

REPORTING AND MEASURING PROGRESS

We will keep the public informed of our progress by developing and sharing metrics. We will inform the public of what has been achieved, what steps are to be taken next, and who is leading actions in our community.

Signatures

