



Community Growth and Economic Development Committee
Regional Municipality of Durham
605 Rossland Road East
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Re: Support for the Continuation of the Durham Greener Buildings Program

Climate Action Partnership is writing to the Region of Durham’s Community Growth and Economic Development Committee to provide our support for the continuation of the Durham Greener Buildings Program for the period of 2026-2029.

Climate Action Partnership is a charitable organization committed to implementing climate solutions. Since 2000, we have supported communities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, build resilience to climate impacts, and drive the transition to a low-carbon future. We convene networks, share knowledge, and catalyze transformative action.

The Regional Municipality of Durham declared a climate emergency in 2020 and moved forward to turn words into actions that support the decarbonization of the building sector. The Durham Greener Buildings Program has established a foundation for understanding the Region’s building stock, helping to better identify opportunities and barriers related to the energy use and emissions performance of existing buildings—reinforcing the principle that “you can’t manage what you don’t measure”. Energy benchmarking and reporting are essential to informing and supporting progress on building retrofit planning. By driving compliance and access to data submitted as part of the Energy and Water Reporting and Benchmarking program, and supported by capacity-building resources, the program provides much-needed support for building owners and managers. It helps increase their knowledge and access to tools needed to identify and implement retrofit strategies that reduce building emissions across the Region.

Identifying the buildings where retrofits make the most economic sense highlights the critical need for the Durham Greener Buildings Program. Ongoing investments in this effort is critical to securing the longer-term economic development and job creation opportunities that have yet to be tapped in Ontario’s retrofit market.

Climate Action Partnership is strongly supports of the continuation of Phase 2 of the program to strengthen program effectiveness, expand participation, and better position owners to advance energy efficiency and remissions reduction efforts. We commend Durham Region for following through on its climate commitments through actions and supports such as the Durham Greener Buildings Program.

Regards,

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