

I would like to thank the Mayor and Council for their significant service in their role as the public's representatives and extend my gratitude to the CAO, Commissioners, and city staff for their assistance in administering the cities day-to-day.

We are blessed to live in a democratic country which bases its decision-making on meaningful public engagement.

Our national and local network is dedicated to ensuring global priorities do not overshadow local interests and the Canadian way of life.

The election of a council member to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) raises concerns. We believe that it is important to carefully consider all aspects of this appointment and evaluate how it may affect our city's future.

The FCM has gone from being a national voice for local governments to promoting progressive policies aimed at achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. These include Agenda 2030 and net-zero by 2050 targets; which require significant adjustments to the lifestyles of the residents of its member municipalities.

**Our report includes a full list of FCM programs:**

The Green Municipal Fund is a \$1.7 billion fund for sustainable development.

The Municipal Asset Management Program requires the municipal asset manager to prioritize sustainable development.

The Municipalities for Climate Change Program and Equality Programs are followed by a long list of International Programs.

Lastly, they have a program called the Partners for the Climate Protection Program and the Global Covenant of Mayors - These programs are all focused on reaching the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

## **One can't help but wonder...**

Where are the programs that specifically address issues such as safe drinking water, local roads and bridges? Or the programs to promote small-town growth, single-family homes, family-owned farm, playgrounds and community centers?

Where are the programs to address the urban crisis: homelessness, mental health, drug addiction and the lack of housing?

These are the programs municipal governments should be prioritizing and these programs should not be tied to international or ideological interests.

**Canada is home to 0.5% of the world population and is the second largest country in the world. Our land is vast and rich in resources, capable of providing security and prosperity to all who live here.**

However, widespread local challenges like housing may be the result of Programs like the Partners for Climate Protection Program, which is a net zero program funded by ICLEI, whose founding documents recommend that local governments restructure human society and human settlements.

The City of Peterborough funds and participates in this program through Sustainable Peterborough - which implements and tracks Peterborough's progress toward the United Nations' sustainable development goals.

**Recommendations** - As the council determines its legacy and future of our community, we recommend...

That the Council respectfully decline Councillor Duguay's endorsement to run for a position on the FCM board of directors, and

that council carefully reconsider its partnership with Sustainable Peterborough, and its participation in the FCM- ICLEI Partners for Climate Protection Program, and

that council consider reallocating funds from Sustainable Peterborough to local councillors to engage with residents and groups unaffiliated with ICLEI, and

To support these recommendations 30 residents of the City of Peterborough and surrounding area have attended tonight's meeting in person and hundreds more are watching from home through livestreamed channels. We trust the council will represent the public's interests accordingly.