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**Northumberland County Draft Corporate Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan  
Submission by Blue Dot Northumberland and Community Power  
Northumberland  
December, 2024**

Volunteers of Blue Dot Northumberland and Community Power Northumberland reviewed the draft Corporate Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan, and met in October with Korey McKay, Environmental Officer for Northumberland County, to provide our input. We appreciate the opportunity to work with the County on this important plan.

We endorse this plan and request that Northumberland County Council pass it. It is an excellent start to the urgent actions necessary to reduce greenhouse gas emissions within the purview of County operations. We are encouraged that this document establishes a culture of hope and leadership for lower tier municipalities to follow.

All municipalities have an obligation and responsibility to do their part to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions they generate. In the Greater Toronto Area, greenhouse gas emissions are increasing, not decreasing, at a time when Canada is struggling to meet any of its GHG emission reduction targets. We are suffering extreme weather events here and now, as our climate continues to warm. In 2016 we endured a level 2 drought for 6 months. There was also a level 1 drought for 3 months in the summer of 2023, both of which affected wells, crops and livestock. Floods in 2017 resulted in the loss of Lake Ontario shoreline and extensive water damage to many homes. Damages from extreme wind events have toppled and topped thousands of trees. Smoke from wild fires thousands of kilometres away in Northern Ontario and Quebec has affected our respiratory health. Insurance claims in the billions of dollars increase all our premiums.

This plan begins to address the changes necessary to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. We need to support and implement waste reduction, clean electrification, green building standards and other measures. We understand that Northumberland County Council passed a resolution in 2019 joining the Partners for Climate Protection program of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and its declaration committing to reduce corporate and community greenhouse gas emissions by 30 percent below 2005 levels by 2030 and by 80 percent by 2050. Please refer to Report 2019-52. All our municipalities have this commitment. Now is the time to implement it.

We trust the Public Works Committee will recommend to Council to pass this plan.

Thank you.

Blue Dot Northumberland  
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