



## Councillor Calls Canada

### *Additional Speaking points*

<https://plantbasedtreaty.org/councillors-calls-canada>

### Talking points

1. You are concerned about climate impacts (e.g. heatwaves, forest fires, droughts, flooding, sea level rise). You want your city to do more to tackle food emissions, and for your councillor to sign the Plant Based Treaty by visiting [www.plantbasedtreaty.org](https://plantbasedtreaty.org)
2. You can tell your councillor that by signing the treaty, they are showing support for a global treaty that promotes a shift towards plant-based diets and reforest the Earth.
3. A second goal of the treaty is for cities to implement the treaty at the local level and to encourage institutions (schools, retirement homes, hospitals, prisons etc) to implement best practices in plant-based food policy and rewilding.

\* If you are able to secure a meeting with your councillor we will email you with a brief, PBT one-pager, science factsheet and sample motion to take along.

### Extra climate science facts:

1. We need to cut food emissions because they will heat the planet by more than 1.5C even if we phased out all fossil fuels today, resulting in deadly heatwaves, forest fires, flooding and droughts, more severe than we are seeing today.
2. The UN Environment program says **we must cut methane by 45% this decade** to prevent climate catastrophe and **prevent an extra 0.3C warming** between now and 2045. **32% of methane emissions**, the largest source, comes from animal farming.
3. An Oxford University study by Dr Joseph Poore exposed the inefficiency of the current food system, with **meat and dairy providing just 18% of calories despite using 83% of farmland** and producing **60% of farming's greenhouse gas emissions**. Therefore, a shift to plant-based food system would allow us to **rewild and reforest more than 75% of farmland**, allowing us to draw carbon from the atmosphere.