

Below is the outline of a letter you might send to your city councillors and the mayor. Please personalize this in any way you wish. Things you might think about:

- The list of budget amendments quotes the amendments directly. You could paraphrase, pick your favorites, etc.
- Discuss your own commitment to fighting climate change
- Explain the importance of particular policies (eg. The tree canopy, or EV charging, or renewable energy generation.)
- Remind the councillor or the mayor of the Climate Emergency declaration, Climate Change Action Plan 2.0 – the city’s commitment to GHG reduction
- Go into some detail about the additional benefits referred to here: clean air, multiple transportation options, aesthetic value of trees etc.

Dear Councillor/Mayor

- writing to express support for amendments to the Official Plan which call for development proposals in Strategic Growth areas to:

- Provide necessary social, community and municipal infrastructure, including: – Public realm design that supports pedestrians and increased walkability
- Address climate change mitigation and adaptation by: – Providing green infrastructure, low impact development, and high-performance building design; – Enhancing urban tree canopy and green spaces; and – Supporting electric vehicle charging infrastructure.
- The City will plan for public infrastructure to support Strategic Growth Areas by:
 - Investing in active and public transportation networks, and promoting alternatives to vehicle use;
 - Supporting investment in climate-resilient infrastructure and renewable energy to create jobs and spur local economic development

- amendments are worthy of support because they will help Peterborough meet its commitments to greenhouse gas emission reductions. They will also help in efforts to improve public health and accessibility, and to save money through energy efficiency.

- urge you to support any measures to bring these policies from the Official Plan into the Community Planning Permit System, and to fund them through the budget.