

## **Presentation to Township of Georgian Bluffs**

**11/20/2019**

### **Community Action**

There are many Ontario communities that already have climate action plans and many more that are forming sustainability committees.

Here are some of the ideas for community/municipal action that were generated by folk who watched the film Resilience: Transforming Our Community. These can be summarized under the following headings:

#### **Action**

- Visit and join the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Partners for Climate Protection Program  
<https://fcm.ca/en/programs/partners-climate-protection>
- Form a sustainability committee
- Undertake a community vulnerability assessment
- Revise bylaws to ensure smaller/energy-efficient homes
- Provide municipal electrical charging stations

#### **Education**

- Host workshops on low carbon/zero waste lifestyle
- Hold Town Hall meetings to hear from citizens

#### **Greening**

- Prevent/stop unnecessary tree removal
- Support an urban forestry concept with trees resilient to climate change
- Support and promote community gardens

#### **Waste Reduction**

- Limit/regulate mass plastic use/bale wrap use
- Implement a green bin program

### Our Ask:

- For active engagement at the municipal level, for the Township of Georgian Bluffs to bring planning for climate change into the Strategic Plan. This was a year of rising lake levels, predicted to increase next year; the rezoning issues at Balmy Beach; impacts on property values and insurance. Proactive action is the most effective.

### Our offer:

- To host a screening of the film *Resilience: Transforming Our Community*.
- To be a community resource.  
As citizens we have learned and continue to learn a great deal through the screenings of the film followed by community discussion.

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