To: The Mayor and Council of Georgian Bluffs

From: The Georgian Bluffs Climate Action Working Group (GBCAWG)

Date: February 1, 2024

Subject: Climate Action Initiatives – Budget Allocation 2024

We write in support of securing a full time Environmental Initiatives Officer for Georgian Bluffs for a 3-year term.

As you know, Georgian Bluffs is committed to two targets for GHG emissions reductions by 2030:

- A 40% reduction in corporate emissions compared to 2018
- A 30% reduction in community emissions compared to 2018

We understand these targets to be both appropriate, given the increasingly visible and threatening effects of climate change, and ambitious, given the inertia of the human systems, technical and social, that are creating the emissions. At this point we judge that both targets will be difficult to achieve in the six years that remain before 2030.

However, we see that Georgian Bluffs is blessed with a rare combination of human resources that can help us meet this difficult challenge. Our Mayor and our Council, our new CAO and his staff, and GBCAWG all have the talent, the determination and the spirit of respectful cooperation that will be needed to get this job done.

The right Environmental Initiatives Officer will enable our three teams, Council, Staff and GBCAWG, to work together even more effectively over the next three years.

Sincerely,

The Georgian Bluffs Climate Action Working Group Community Members John Anderson, Bob Gray, Roger Martin, Ann Schneider, Danuta Valleau, Luc Zandvliet