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To: Peter de Verteuil, CAO **File No:** 1880-20
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From: Bernice Crossman, Director of Finance
Subject: Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) Report for 2019

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) Report for 2019 by the Director of Finance for information only.

BACKGROUND:

As a Climate Action Charter signatory, the City committed to becoming carbon neutral and has done so for the last eight years. Part of this commitment requires public reporting of our actions to reduce our carbon footprint through filling out the Province's Climate Action Survey.

Due to the hardships brought on by COVID-19 pandemic, the Province has removed any reporting requirements for the 2019 year, which we would have normally reported in May of 2020. However, as the City still desires to maintain a carbon neutral status, staff has performed the calculations and purchased the offsets, as budgeted in 2020.

ANALYSIS:

The 2019 emission information is:

	2017	2018	2019
Emissions from direct services	143	162	163
Emissions from contracted services	128	145	73
Total emissions	271	307	236
Less: composting & yard waste (emissions saved)	-89	-86	-89
Offsets needed	182	221	147

Emissions from direct services is calculated by how much fuel City equipment has consumed and how much Hydro we have used in our buildings. Emissions from contracted services is calculated from how much fuel is used by contractors that the City hires to do work, such as paving, large capital projects etc.

The City will purchase 147 carbon credits at an approximate cost of \$4,410 through the Community Carbon Marketplace. This provides locally generated and internationally compliant offsets.

The City also receives a Carbon Tax grant on fuels that were purchased on which carbon tax was paid. The grant received in 2020 for the 2019 year was \$4,224, which effectively covers the cost of purchasing the offsets through the Community Carbon Marketplace.

IMPLICATIONS:

- Financial:** The budget contains sufficient funds for this purchase.
- Policy/Legislation:** n/a
- Strategic Priority:** n/a
- Sustainability:** n/a
- Communication:** n/a
- Staffing Implications:** Significant staff time is spent tracking and reporting consumption details for annual reporting.

APPENDICES:

None