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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 2020

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) Report for 2020 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 nine 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.

On May 11, 2021, the City received notification from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs that 2021 will mark the wind down and final year of grant payments under the CARIP program. The 2021 Provincial Budget commits new funding to help local governments reduce greenhouse gas emissions through planning for compact, energy-efficient communities. Due to the hardships brought on by COVID-19 pandemic, the Province has again removed any reporting requirements for the 2020 year, just as they did for the 2019 year. However, as the City is still committed to maintaining a carbon neutral status, staff has performed the calculations and will purchase the offsets as budgeted.

ANALYSIS:

The 2020 emissions information is:

	2018	2019	2020
Emissions from direct services	162	163	134
Emissions from contracted services	145	73	22
Total emissions	307	236	156
Less: composting & yard waste (emissions saved)	-86	-89	-102
Offsets needed	221	147	54

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.

2020 was not a normal year. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed so many things and carbon emissions is no exception. The City did minimal capital projects and paving in 2020, and the one main capital project (Duncan St) was completed by our own crew. The increase in compost and yard waste we can only speculate may be due to people staying home and focusing more on yardwork during the

year.

The City will purchase 54 carbon credits at an approximate total cost of \$1,620 through the Community Carbon Marketplace. This provides locally generated and internationally compliant offsets.

The City also receives a CARIP Grant on fuels that were purchased on which carbon tax was paid. The grant to be received in 2021 for the 2020 year will be \$5,480, which more than covers the cost of purchasing the offsets through the Community Carbon Marketplace. As noted above, this will be the final year the grant is offered. After this the City will need to purchase carbon offsets using other City funds.

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