

Communication Update

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

Date: June 4, 2026

Subject/Report No.: 2026 City-Led Projects Recommended for Climate Change Reserve Funding

Ward(s) Affected: City-Wide

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The purpose of this Communication Update is to advise Council.

Summary

The purpose of this Communications Update is to provide an update to City Council regarding the 2026 list of City-led projects recommended to receive Climate Change Reserve Funding. The list will be presented in a Recommendation Report at the June 17th General Issues Committee meeting for Council approval.

Background

All 2026 applications were evaluated by a working group made up of five Directors from the Climate Change Initiatives Steering Committee (Directors Brian Hollingworth (Engineering Services, Public Works), Lynda Lukasik (Office of Climate Change Initiatives), Kevin McDonald (Healthy Environments, Public Health), Steve Molloy (Transportation Planning & Parking, PED), and Michael Wright (Asset Management, Public Works) and two members of the community Climate Change Advisory Committee Jeff Harti and Mary Ellen Scanlon. Reviewers utilized a scoring system focused on key considerations including:

- Compliance with the Climate Change Reserve Policy
- Support for mitigation and/or adaptation actions found in Hamilton's Climate Action Strategy
- Estimated greenhouse gas emission reductions for climate mitigation projects.

- Qualitative and/or quantitative measure of enhanced climate resilience for climate adaptation projects.
- For all projects, description of any co-benefits and consideration of how the project contributes to the realization of community climate justice.
- Extra scoring for projects addressing strategic priority focus areas refined in 2026 from a list established in 2025 with input from the Office of Climate Change Initiatives, the director-level Climate Change Initiatives Steering Committee, and the community Climate Change Advisory Committee.

Details – 2026 Recommended City-Led Initiatives

The working group used the scoring exercise combined with consideration of the available balance in the Climate Change Reserve to generate the list of city-led projects recommended for Climate Change Reserve funding. The resulting list of projects set out in Table 1 below is being recommended to receive Climate Change Reserve funding in the amounts set out in the 'Funding' column.

Table 1 - City-Led Initiatives Recommended for Climate Change Reserve Funding

Project & Applicant	Funding
Bird Friendly Window Glazing Study & Implementation (Corporate Facilities & Energy Management)	\$300,000
Open Space Management Plan (Public Works - Environmental Services Division)	\$180,000
Community Benefits Framework (Healthy & Safe Communities)	\$120,000
Variable Frequency Drives on City Hall Fountains (Corporate Facilities & Energy Management)	\$35,000
Endotherm Hydronic Solution Pilot Project (Corporate Facilities & Energy Management)	\$92,000
Thermal Storage for Corporate Facilities - Feasibility Study (Corporate Facilities & Energy Management)	\$100,000
Recreational Centre Pool Filtration Media Change (Corporate Facilities & Energy Management)	\$40,000
Active Travel Communications Campaign (Hamilton Public Health – Healthy Environments Division)	\$11,350

Box Fan Air Purifier Pilot Project (Hamilton Public Health – Healthy Environments Division)	\$20,000
Cool Kits Project (Hamilton Public Health – Healthy Environments Division)	\$80,000
Cool Neighbours Pilot Project (Hamilton Public Health – Healthy Environments Division)	\$8,000
Heat Pump Hot Water Tank Project (CityHousing Hamilton)	\$1,500,000
Evacap System for Closed Stoney Creek Landfill (Public Works – Waste Management Division)	\$75,850
Love Food Hate Waste Campaign (Public Works – Waste Management Division)	\$50,000
Affordable Housing Acquisition Plan Retrofits (Healthy & Safe Communities - Housing Secretariat Division)	\$400,000
Tree Canopy & Industry Initiative (Public Works – Environmental Services Division)	\$250,000
TOTAL	\$3,262,200

Appendices and Schedules Attached

Appendix A - City-Led Projects Recommended to Receive 2026 Climate Change Reserve Funding