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Subject: Climate action in the Town Of The Blue Mountains

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The recent Tree Trust request to the agricultural committee on developing a Heritage Orchard within the town of the Blue Mountains is most interesting. Since the Local Tree Trust organization looks for practical solutions to fight climate change and preserve our natural heritage, why wouldn't our municipality expand on the local Tree Trusts group's request and build on other goals and objectives of the Local Tree Trust .

Since the Tree Trust organisation clearly states its goals and objectives are climate action and preserving our natural heritage, will Council assist the Tree Trust organization and other like minded organizations to achieve their goals and objectives by further assisting with a made-in-the-Town Of The Blue Mountains solution to carbon sequestration by planting trees along stream banks and environmental sensitive areas, which will aid in reducing water temperatures and in supporting silt management.

Establishing a measure of carbon emissions within the Town of The Blue Mountains including sectors that have the ability to capture carbon that may lead to possibilities for a locally-based carbon credit exchange system. For example a fruit grower plants trees to harvest or a land-owner plants trees as wind break or buffer zone, a cash cropper maintains a fence row for a wildlife habitat or a maple syrup producer a wood lot. Each of these assists with carbon sequestration. Local citizens may wish to purchase carbon offsets for carbon intensive activities, such as flights, large boats, etc., will likely prefer to purchases their offsets locally and this will not only benefit the local economy; it will stem climate change as well. Both the environment and the citizens are winners.

This may be a wonderful opportunity to begin to address climate change. Will council instruct staff to investigate and develop an action plan that brings together knowledgeable parties to produce a made-in-the Town of The Blue Mountains climate action plan?

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Thank -you Alex Maxwell