

Appendix 1: Collaborative Community Climate Change Actions

Peel Climate Change Partnership

The Peel Climate Change Partnership (PCCP) has existed since 2011 and continues to present day, though it has undergone various functional reviews and updates. The Partnership is comprised of representatives from the City of Brampton, Town of Caledon, City of Mississauga, Credit Valley Conservation (CVC), Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) and the Region of Peel. Over the last four years, PCCP members have produced various documents and research on mitigation, green infrastructure, extreme and human health and successful joint funding applications to install EV charging infrastructure throughout the community.

In 2022, the PCCP was refreshed to reflect the renewed commitment of each member and the evolving response to the climate emergency. The refreshed Partnership is focused on managing issues of collective interest, streamlining the acceleration and scale of collaborative climate action across the community and to better meet the needs of member organizations. More information about the Partnership can be found on the Region's website at <https://www.peelregion.ca/climate-energy/partnership.asp>.

Centre for Community Energy Transformation

The Region is working with the City of Brampton to conceptualize and advance the Centre for Community Energy Transformation (CCET). CCET is a community-based, non-profit organization that will lead the energy transformation in the community. CCET will help to transition our communities towards a low-carbon future and act as a catalyst in implementing Brampton's Community Energy and Emissions Reduction Plan (CEERP).

Peel Residential Energy Program

The City of Brampton, Town of Caledon, City of Mississauga and Region of Peel are working on designing a home energy retrofit program for single-family homes. The program will support improved energy efficiency and address GHG emissions by helping homeowners finance energy retrofits through education, low interest loans and other channels. The regional approach including all three municipalities provides synergies that allow for saved time and money. It will also provide consistency for retrofit professionals working across Peel.

Tamarack Institute's Community Climate Transitions Cohort

In late 2022, the Region applied to participate in Tamarack Institute's Community Climate Transitions Cohort and our application was approved in 2023. The Climate Transitions Cohort is a 10-month program which provides an opportunity for the Region to build capacity on innovative community engagement tactics and collaborative governance models to advance climate action that is tailored to the community's needs. Over the next year, the Office of Climate Change and Energy Management will join other communities across Canada and the United States to take part in a learning journey to share best practices, receive coaching on how to develop and implement community plans for a just and equitable climate transition and explore the role that the Region can play in addressing the systemic change that is needed.