



Panelist Questions

MEETING	Local Action on Climate Change
DATE	January 22, 2019
LOCATION	University of Guelph: Summerlee Science Complex atrium
TIME	7:00 PM
PRESENTERS	Tova Davidson, Dianne Saxe, Lloyd Longfield, Mike Schreiner, Cam Guthrie

1. Guelph is a car dependent city with 40-47% of Green house gasses coming from the transport sector. 90% of trips are made by vehicle. Would you support comprehensive parking fees and road tolls to encourage drivers to consider transit/cycling/walking and generate revenue for transit and redesigned/multi-modal streets?
2. Guelph Coalition for Active transportation (G.C.A.T) agree that municipalities are where the rubber meets the road in climate change action. We hope that some of that rubber is on a bike. Great urban design, vision + leadership is needed to encourage people to use alternatives like walking and biking instead of using the car for everyday tasks. What is your vision to solve the vital shift to better choices in the transportation sector?
3. Dianne, what is next for you when the ECO dissolves? Will your previous reports still be available?
4. What is the impact of electric car batteries on the environment in the long-term? Batteries don't last forever so where do they go and are the chemicals in batteries harming the environment?
5. It often seems that eco-friendly options (vehicles, energy, housing, food, etc.) are still quite pricey. How can we increase accessibility to these options for everyone in the community?

6. Lloyd: How is the federal government showing that the economy and environment can go hand in hand?
7. Most solutions to climate change involve some sort of policy change. >50% of emissions come from the meat industry, are there any plans to introduce new policy to try discouraging meat consumption? In a democratic government, change like that may never work (public disapproval). What are some workarounds to this?
8. I think it is safe to say that the people in this room (the people that would show up to an event like this) are the ones who are supportive of climate change initiatives and are willing to take “remedial” action. What are some strategies to engage the other population – either those that are unwilling to make changes or do not see climate change as a societal priority?
9. Are there any plans to create a sustainable public transit system between Guelph and the Kitchener/Cambridge/Waterloo Regions?
10. What incentives do the different levels of government plan to propose for household or industrial renewable energy generation?
11. Mr. Schreiner: A lot is talked about how clean energy jobs are the jobs of the future. How do people who have worked in fossil fuel industries for decades make a practical and family-friendly transition into a clean energy career?
12. It’s been fantastic to see individuals from different parties sit together tonight to discuss what we can do moving forward to adapt to and fight climate change. Moving forward, how can we work to stop/halt the idea that the environment is a partisan issue, when we know we are all impacted by climate change, regardless of party?
13. Does it make sense for the government of Canada to build a pipeline across First Nations land?
14. Over 12,000 Belgian student skipped school last week to participate in a march to protest government inaction on climate change. Do actions like these have any effect on government decisions?
15. We live in a time when some governments deny that climate change is real or that it is a threat. How can we as students combat these ideas?
16. For Cam Guthrie: There’s been lots of talk tonight about improving physical or built infrastructure. I’m curious about the investments that the City of Guelph is planning to make in our natural infrastructure (i.e. our rivers, wetlands, forests)?

17. How do you maintain hope in systemic action toward addressing climate change in the political context we are in right now in Ontario?

18. Do you believe it is beneficial and realistic for the University of Guelph to divest it's 38 million dollars in the fossil fuel industry? If so, what can students do if they refuse?

19. Municipal Question: The City of Vancouver just voted to declare climate change as a municipal emergency – joining the cities of London and Los Angeles – should the City of Guelph do the same? If so, what would you see as the benefit?

20. Municipal Question: Guelph is a fast developing city with a proposed community of 25,000 people in the sound end. What policies are in place so that we can limit growth that impacts the local watershed and local environment?

21. As the Clair-Maltby planning is happening, what plans are there to incorporate lessons the permeable surfaces to mitigate storm water learned there across the city?

22. Did Canada fail to provide a stable low carbon high tech economy to keep General Motors in Ontario?