

# What We Heard

A summary of community responses to a climate question  
from HalifACT at Halifax Public Libraries  
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## What do you need to feel prepared for the impacts of climate change?

### Access to Heating

- \$ for heating
- I will prepare for climate change by trying to figure out a budget to help heat/cool our home in the environmentally friendliest way
- Heater

### Where is my Heat Pump Rebate?

- Too much delay on rebate for heat pumps. 5 months and counting
- Pay me my heat pump rebate. 5 months is too long. Inflation is eating the money up before I get it.

### Extreme Heat / Access to Cooling

- Access to air conditioning especially for vulnerable populations as temperatures rise
- Fans, air conditioners etc powered by solar panels to reduce the use of non-renewable sources
- Heat pumps! We need cooling in the summer.
- Use a plastic fan instead of air conditioning

### Storm Preparedness / Storm Shelters

- Batteries and storm supplies
- A wind up radio for the next fall hurricane
- Be prepared for storms, like a flashlight
- A plan for hurricanes and other storms
- Community / Municipality on available shelters during hurricane season

### Electricity Outages / Backup Power Source

- A generator or a backup power source
- Electricity outages are very common around this time. Please do something about that.

### How will we help Unhoused People Prepare? Getting them Housed?

- Warming centres open when temperatures reached -15C = too cold. Housing for everyone!
- It seems amazing what you want to achieve. I want that too. This board was set up in the library - a lovely spot. But how will we help the unhoused prepare? Hopefully getting them housed. Your friend 😊

### Community food production / food security

- My insect greenhouse: protein, cheap, environmental, little space to produce millions!
- Roof gardens mandatory on 700 sq buildings / over 6 stories in Toronto
- Plant a vegetable garden for sharing with others
- Livestock/local agriculture
- Public education and resources for growing own food, raising chickens, etc
- Secure and sustainable food sources

### Walkable Communities

- Plough bike lanes and footpaths in the winter
- Keep working on making walking safer. More walking, biking, rolling, busing. Fewer cars!
- To reduce air pollution walk, or use a bike or scooter to get around
- Bicycles and safe roads to ride them

### Preserve nature and parklands

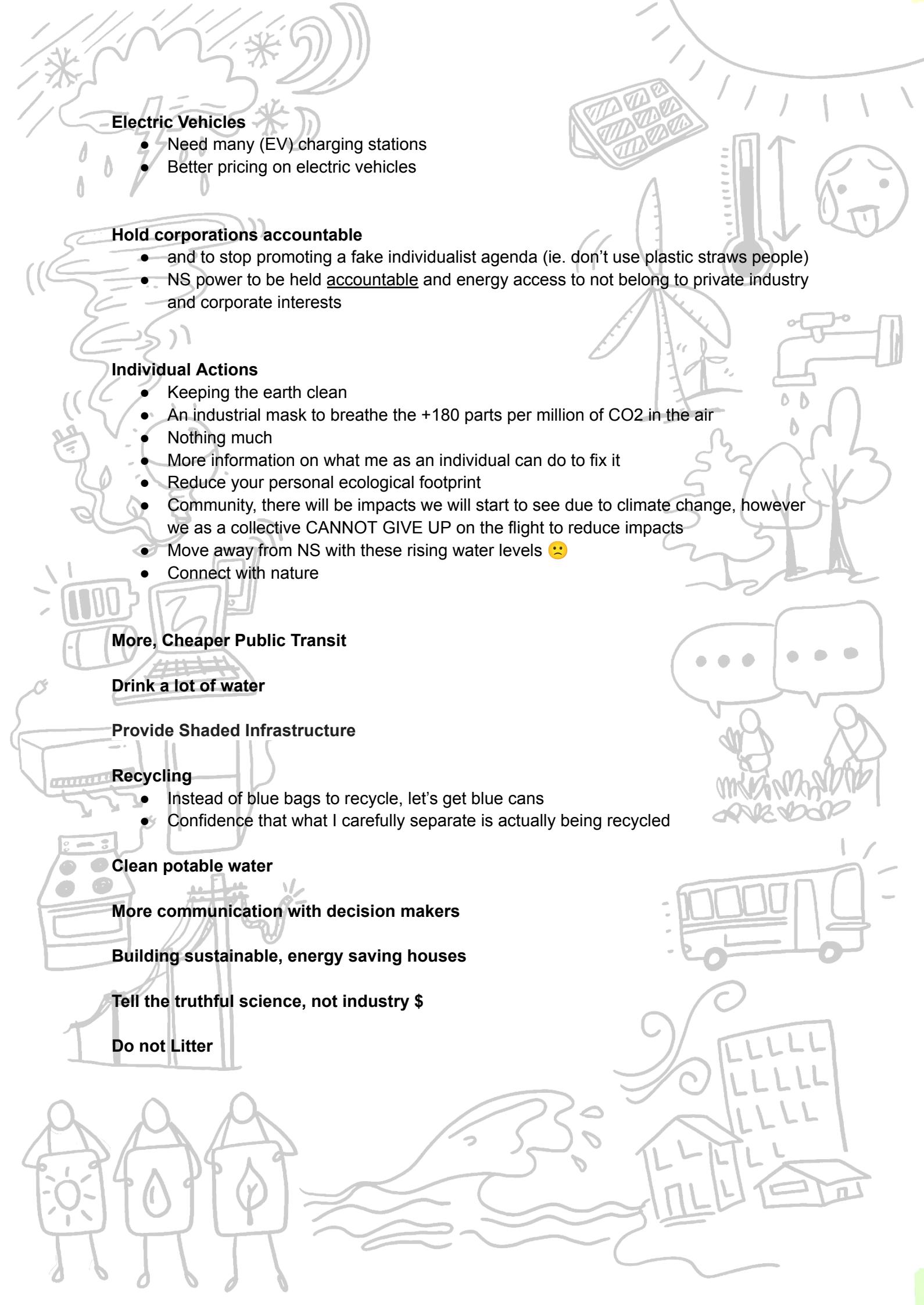
- Do not destroy the park lands to build. Go to a brownfield and build there. Such as a park. West Park - it is NOT for sale.
- Save our trees
- Stop cutting down trees !
- Stop twinning highways
- Build taller apartment buildings to save our forests - Up not out thanks!
- Plant more trees

### Renewable Energy

- Solar panels
- Publicly owned renewable energy
- Use wind generator
- We would need a renewable energy plant that sequesters Carbon Monoxide from the atmosphere.

### Rain barrels / Water Conservation

- Rain barrels
- Use less water to save for the plants
- Ways to conserve water usage



## Electric Vehicles

- Need many (EV) charging stations
- Better pricing on electric vehicles

## Hold corporations accountable

- and to stop promoting a fake individualist agenda (ie. don't use plastic straws people)
- NS power to be held accountable and energy access to not belong to private industry and corporate interests

## Individual Actions

- Keeping the earth clean
- An industrial mask to breathe the +180 parts per million of CO2 in the air
- Nothing much
- More information on what me as an individual can do to fix it
- Reduce your personal ecological footprint
- Community, there will be impacts we will start to see due to climate change, however we as a collective CANNOT GIVE UP on the fight to reduce impacts
- Move away from NS with these rising water levels 😞
- Connect with nature

## More, Cheaper Public Transit

## Drink a lot of water

## Provide Shaded Infrastructure

### Recycling

- Instead of blue bags to recycle, let's get blue cans
- Confidence that what I carefully separate is actually being recycled

## Clean potable water

## More communication with decision makers

## Building sustainable, energy saving houses

## Tell the truthful science, not industry \$

## Do not Litter