

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 think will help slow climate change?

Options given:

Electric vehicles & charging stations	Public transit
Walking & cycling routes	Green buildings
Solar, wind and other renewable energy	What else?

Public Transit

We need more convenient, affordable, reliable, bus service for all of HRM

- As someone who uses the bus EVERY day getting to university by bus is BARELY accessible to a LARGE part of HRM
- You need a car to get to appointments in this province.

Yes!

- I sold my car. I love the bus!

Halifax needs a rapid transit system (train, tram, ferry, subway, or go train)

- Transit vehicles should not get stuck in car traffic. Some streets should be transit only.

Better public transit service within rural communities and to get to the city

We need affordable or free bus service

Use it!

- Encourage more use of public transport.
- If more people used the bus there would be less pollution and less cars on the road for people to bus to work faster

Electric Busses

- Electric buses ASAP!!



Electric vehicles & charging stations

We need to green the grid first

- Electric cars make sense only when power comes from renewables. Currently in NS, electric car = coal car
- Yes, but the construction of these needs to be green too with good labour practices
- Mining lithium for electric? The worst

EVS are not the solution

- EVs are a form of greenwashing

Yes please

- Please please please

Questions and Concerns about Batteries and Charging

- So where will the batteries go?
- Do EV vehicles have to be charged more in the winter?
- How does EV compare to gas?

EVs need to be Affordable

Need more charging Infrastructure across the province

Walking & Cycling Routes

Yes

- For sure

Improved walking and biking Infrastructure that is winter maintained, has good lighting, and connects to schools

- It should be possible to safely cycle anywhere on the peninsula
- More connected multi-use pathways with maps and signage

Rural sidewalks and pathways for improved active transportation

Walk more

- Walking to school instead of parents driving

Green Buildings

Yes!

- Of course



Green Roofs & Living Walls

- Energy efficient buildings that use plants/more ecological means of reducing energy intake or output. Ex: green roofs that insulate/prevent heat loss or gain, water recycling, responsibly sourced materials that make sense for the given climate, temperature etc

Retrofitting is more helpful than new builds

- Subsidised deep energy retrofits

Adoption and accountability to highest level building code set by federal government

Solar, wind and other renewable energy

Yes

- Yes have energy power
- Wind and sun

Make Renewable Energy Accessible

- Government helping to make renewable energy easier for people to access
- Rebates & Incentives
 - More support for private solar panels
 - Would LOVE incentives to switch to solar renewable energy
 - Would like to see rebates for solar power

Passive Solar

Less coal generating electricity and use alternatives to gasoline

District energy systems that power affordable housing

Wind power

- Halifax is so windy! We should have wind farms to generate power!!

What Else?

Personal Responsibility

Don't look to the government for solutions. It's up to each person to contribute. "I have met the enemy and he is us".

- Consume less
- Use Less Energy
- Stop idling



Protect and Respect Ecosystems & Nature

- Protect wetlands, ecosystems, water
- Plant & protect trees
- Rain gardens & Rainwater collection systems

Food

- Stop food waste
- Become vegan
- Buy local food only
- More community gardening so people can grow their food

Hold corporations responsible for their actions as top polluters

Land Back & Indigenous Sovereignty

Decreased & Sustainable Development

Human Made Climate Change Denial

Wealth Redistribution

- If wealthy people weren't hoarding their wealth, then maybe we could actually start making meaningful changes. The climate crisis isn't a crisis for the wealthy, it's a field day..