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Subject: Option 4 is the only feasible option —

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Attention

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Dear Wilmot Council and Executive—

I am a ROW resident writing from my perspective as a mother, a community organizer, and as a climate and food systems researcher. My expertise is the nexus between food water energy and climate.

Option 4 is the only feasible option before the Region at this time.

All of the arguments have been made by colleagues and neighbours, including climate experts from the local Universities and various independent citizens.

I wish to speak to a simple fact of the matter.

The scale, scope, and rate of fundamental transformation of weather patterns over the next many decades is almost unfathomable.

The models and scenarios we climate researchers speak of when we say “a few degrees change in temperature causes moisture to accumulate in the air enhancing conditions for severe precipitation” the general public does not hear “thousands will be without power for days and weeks while most of the trees remaining in towns and settlements will be wind damaged or ripped from the ground in this or ensuing storms over the next decade”. You do not hear “entire towns will burn to the ground” as in BC last year nor do you see the link between these few degrees and the insects and diseases wiping out crops as never before — let alone the drought/ hail/ wind/ pest issues that are driving wheat production in Canada down by 30%.

If ever there was a moment to do not the bare minimum as if it's a compromise between valuing economic growth and civil society pet interests that time is now. We need the gold plated plan, Council, we need Option 4.

We need to leave your children and grandchildren with the most options to deal with a future few of us can conceive. Do not let them down. It will not be us who feels the full impact of this choice.

Respectfully—

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