

BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL:

WHEREAS, scientific evidence strongly suggests that the Earth's climate is warming, due in part to human activities that cause the release of greenhouse gases through the use of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, climate change may have far reaching impacts, including the increased likelihood of extreme weather events, flooding, rising sea levels and drought; and

WHEREAS, climate change may also have an adverse effect on communities, including damage to public parks and green spaces; roads and infrastructure; and adverse effects on our residents; and

WHEREAS, many of the costs associated with the impact of climate change and/or mitigating those impacts will be borne by state and local governments, potentially causing strain on local budgets; and

WHEREAS, the engagement of local governments and businesses have assisted in progress in the availability of further renewable energy options; and

WHEREAS, policies must be enacted to support the development of distributed renewable energy sources to reduce Statewide greenhouse gas emissions as well as develop further strategic plans for sustainable energy systems; and

WHEREAS, the New Brunswick City Council encourages the State of New Jersey to put support behind the expansion of renewable energy sources as a primary goal for conserving resources and shrinking our carbon footprint, as well as a means to create jobs and improve public health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Brunswick City Council supports the State of New Jersey's establishment of a plan to power communities with clean and renewable energy sources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any such plan should prioritize renewable energy sources such as wind, solar, geothermal and tidal energy and limit greenhouse gas-emitting sources, such as burning animal waste, biomass, garbage or solutions that continue reliance on fossil fuels; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, there must be meaningful participation of community members in the development of a clean energy plan, with special efforts made to engage communities, people of color, immigrants and those disproportionately burdened by pollution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a sustainable energy system includes consideration for the transition of workers in the fossil fuels industry to living wage union jobs that entail job training, relocation assistance and prioritization for workers in displaced industries and disadvantaged communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that federal and state governments are encouraged to provide grants and resources to support municipal, county, state and regional efforts to aid the expansion of renewable energy sources; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the New Brunswick City Council states its commitment to making this discussion fair, accessible and equitable for all residents, as each and every one of us are affected by energy accessibility and global warming.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Certified Copies of this Resolution shall be sent by the City Clerk to the following:

- Office of the Mayor
- City Administrator
- Public Information Officer
- Junior Romero, Food and Water Watch

ADOPTED: June 6, 2018


CITY CLERK


COUNCIL PRESIDENT

COUNCIL MEMBER	YES	NO	NO VOTE	ABSENT
JOHN ANDERSON	X			
KEVIN EGAN M	X			
REBECCA ESCOBAR				X
SUZANNE SICORA LUDWIG S	X			
GLENN FLEMING PRES	X			

M=Moved S=Second

I, Daniel A. Torrisi, City Clerk of the City of New Brunswick, N.J., do hereby certify the foregoing resolution is a true copy of the original resolution adopted at the regular meeting of the New Brunswick City Council at its meeting on: **Page 1 of 2**


Daniel A. Torrisi, City Clerk

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APPROVALS:


CITY ADMINISTRATOR


CITY ATTORNEY
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