

PRESS RELEASE: CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS #2: *MAINSTREAM AND ACTIVE MOTION*

The second Climate Conversation will target Transportation, one of the largest pollution sources in our community.. This event is designed for community members to share climate concerns and solutions around transportation, with each other. The event will provide a brief presentation from three aspects of transportation in Stratford, Buses, roads and bicycles, followed by community conversations.

October Event Details:

Topic: *Mainstream and Active Motion"*

Guest Speakers: Mike Mousley, Manager of Stratford Transit, Nathan Bottema, Project Engineer, Roads and Traffic Assessment for the City, Pete McDonnell and Alan Knight for Cycle Stratford.

Location: City Hall Auditorium

Date: Thursday, September 26th

Time: 7:00 PM

Cost: Free! (Refreshments provided)

November Event Details:

Topic: Adapting to a Changing World

Guest Speaker: Dr. Gordon McBean – Research Chair, Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction

Location: Army Navy Hall, Lorne Avenue

Date: Thursday, November 28

Time: 7:00 PM

Cost: Free! (Refreshments provided)

Reminder: No meeting in December.

Next meeting after Christmas is January 23, Alternative Energy Options

Overall Series Background:

What: Climate Conversations – each month will feature a different topic

When: Fourth Thursday of every month through May (excluding December) 7PM

Where: City Hall Auditorium (November at the Army Navy Hall, Lorne Avenue.)

Who: Open to all

Cost: Free

Interactive Discussions: Each event will start with a short presentation on a specific climate-related topic, followed by a community conversation. This format ensures that technical jargon and distant issues are set aside, focusing instead on local concerns and practical solutions.

Community Engagement: Attendees will have the opportunity to discuss their concerns and ideas with fellow community members. Tables will be equipped with starter questions to facilitate dialogue, and complimentary coffee and cookies will be provided to create a welcoming atmosphere.

Diverse Topics: The series will cover various aspects of climate planning, including transportation, extreme weather preparedness, waste management, and natural assets.

Supporting Partners: Climate Conversations are supported by community partners, including: Climate Momentum, the Small Change Fund, the Rotary Club, the Civic Beautification and Environment Committee, Energy and Environment, Wise Communities, the Stratford Public Library, the City of Stratford, PAZZOco, and the Stratford Perth Community Foundation.

Join Us: The Stratford community is invited to attend all eight events or as many as they wish. Come for the cookies, stay for the coffee, and be part of the conversation that shapes our community's response to climate change.

For more information, see ClimateMomentum.ca

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