

## **Corporation of the Township of Brock**

# Staff Report to the Mayor and Members of Council

From: Fernando Lamanna Position: Clerk & Deputy CAO

Title / Subject: Energy Conservation Demand Management Plan 2024-2029

Date of Report: May 6, 2024 Date of Meeting: May 13, 2024 Report No: 2024-CLIM-002

#### 1.0 Issue / Origin

This report is to approve the Township's Energy Conservation Demand Management Plan for 2024-2029.

## 2.0 Background

In 2009, the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure enacted Ontario Regulation 397/11 - the Green Energy Act to help public agencies manage and reduce their energy consumption. As part of this Act, these agencies are required to report and publicly post on their website, their annual energy consumption and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

## 3.0 Analysis

In 2018, Ontario Regulation 397/11 was revised to Ontario Regulation 507/18 - the Electricity Act, then updated to Ontario Regulation 25/23. Municipalities are required to report their goals and objectives for conserving and reducing their energy consumption while managing their future demand for energy. They are also required to develop and implement an Energy Conservation and Demand Management (CDM) Plan, to be reviewed and updated every 5 years. The previous <a href="Township of Brock's Energy CDM">Township of Brock's Energy CDM</a> Plan covered 2019 to 2023.

Melanie Kawalec, Climate Change Coordinator from the Region of Durham was seconded to provide a critical resource to north Durham municipalities, to assist the Townships with preparing and completing the CDM Plan for 2024-2029, attached as Appendix "1".

#### 4.0 Related Policies / Procedures

F13 Asset Management Policy

Integrated Community Sustainability Plan

Township of Brock declared a Climate Emergency

### 5.0 Financial / Budget Assessment

There is no direct financial implication to this report.

#### 5.1 Asset Management

All asset replacement or new purchases will be dealt with during annual budget cycles, having regard to CDM Plan goals.

## 6.0 Climate Change Impacts

The Energy Conservation Demand Management Plan for 2024-2029 will guide the municipality in meeting the goals over the next 5 years.

#### 7.0 Communications

This report is published on a public agenda, and following the adoption of the Energy Conservation Demand Management Plan for 2024-2029, staff will be posting on the Township's website.

#### 8.0 Conclusion

The Township of Brock is committed to reducing energy consumption and associated GHG emissions, as outlined in the climate emergency declaration. With a climate lens now in place and embedded into the reporting section in both the Council Agenda and its associated reporting template, it has created far more accountability, transparency, and the operationalization of energy consumption and GHG reductions. With this enhanced governance framework and decision-making lens in place, the Township will continue to embed energy management and climate change in future corporate plans, strategies, and capital work plans on the pathway to meeting the energy and GHG reduction targets.

#### 9.0 Recommendation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT report 2024-CLIM-002 entitled "Energy Conservation Demand Management Plan 2024-2029, be approved.