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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLAN UNDERWAY

KINGS COUNTY, NS: The Municipality of the County of Kings has launched its climate change adaptation engagement campaign.

The impact of climate change is already being felt throughout the Kings Region – from heatwaves and droughts, to coastal erosion and flooding. Future effects are expected to impact coastlines throughout the Province, food security, and increasingly unpredictable weather patterns, such as the drastic shift from cold weather to heatwave that took place earlier this year. The Municipality believes planning for the future is the best way to prepare for any potential impacts, and having the participation of the community makes that even more possible.

Further, on September 15, 2020 Council adopted a [Climate Mitigation and Asset Action Plan](#) for the Municipality. This plan outlines planned projects targeting climate mitigation measures, and mandates a culture shift already underway within the organization to one that is climate-focused, while improving service delivery.

The climate adaptation engagement campaign gives residents of the Municipality the opportunity to share their knowledge and expertise, while providing valuable insight that will inform the forthcoming adaptation plan. This is an opportunity to influence the Municipality's climate change action.

Mayor Peter Muttart stated, "In order to complete a fulsome Climate Change Action Plan for the Kings Region, we acknowledge that opinions and expertise exist within our Kings community. It is both our desire and our responsibility to engage with you and to incorporate your input into our plan.

Please respond to our call for communication, engagement and involvement. We must all take ownership of and pride in the result."

The campaign involves a survey, which will provide respondents with an opportunity to participate in online focus groups aimed at collecting insights and expertise on topics likely to impact the Municipality and its residents. A [Placespeak](#) page asking residents to identify areas of concern has been launched. This page will also be used as a platform to update residents with information related to the development of the climate adaptation plan.

The survey is open for responses until December 18, 2020.

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