



Whereas the environmental implications of continued fossil fuel use and the growing impacts of climate change are well documented and recently recognized by G7 Leaders;

And whereas significant reduction in fossil fuel dependency represents, as it does for much of the world, an enormous challenge to Oxford;

And whereas Oxford has begun to address the challenge of energy sustainability through critical first steps that include energy management and conservation strategies;

And whereas Oxford has a history of environmental courage and leadership;

And whereas Oxford is poised to adopt by the Fall of 2015 its first Community Sustainability Plan which includes, among other goals, significant advancement in the role of renewable energy in Oxford with similarly significant reductions in fossil fuel reliance;

And whereas leading municipalities around the world are considering or have committed to achieving 100% Renewable Energy by 2050;

And whereas the continued advancements of renewable energy and energy storage technologies demonstrate strong potential for achieving 100% Renewable Energy by 2050;

And whereas Oxford residents and businesses already demonstrate significant leadership in the advancement of renewable energy technologies and their applications;

And whereas Oxford has the opportunity to be the first Ontario municipality to commit to achieving 100% Renewable Energy by 2050;

And whereas being the first Ontario municipality to commit to achieving 100% Renewable Energy by 2050 is expected to catalyze environmental change in Oxford, create opportunity for renewable energy investment in Oxford, and position Oxford as a renewable energy centre of excellence and home for renewable energy education, research and development;

Therefore be it resolved that the County of Oxford hereby commits to the achievement of 100% Renewable Energy by 2050.

***Adopted by Oxford County Council at its June 24, 2015 Regular Meeting***