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Dear Ms. Slater,

RE: 2021 SIGLA Community Excellence Awards

The City of Vernon would like to nominate our newly developed, and approved in principle, Climate Action Plan for consideration in the SILGA Community Excellence Awards, Environmental Sustainability Category.

Over the past two and a half years, the City of Vernon has been working on the creation of an integrated Climate Action Plan (CAP), addressing both the anticipated impacts of climate change and the role the City and the community can play to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The development of the CAP was supported by the Climate Action Advisory Committee, representing a variety of sectors throughout the community, as well as a volunteer group of Climate Ambassadors who supported community engagement efforts relating to the development of the CAP. Thousands of residents were engaged in this process, through peer groups and organizations the ambassadors are connected to, as well as surveys, displays, contests and events.

The CAP is meant to be a guide to strengthening and enhancing the community. It provides direction to the City and more broadly to individuals and organizations across Vernon. The underlying principle of the CAP is that addressing climate change is good for our community: it supports Vernon to be more walkable, to build infrastructure that will last, to prepare community members to respond successfully to emergencies, and to value and work with natural systems. The City is already working on many of the items in the CAP, and the plan builds on that work and identifies the steps to a more resilient future.

We believe the CAP to be a forward thinking, yet practical, plan that will support our community as we address the daunting challenge of climate change.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Will Pearce

City of Vernon

