## **Bay Area Climate Change Council**

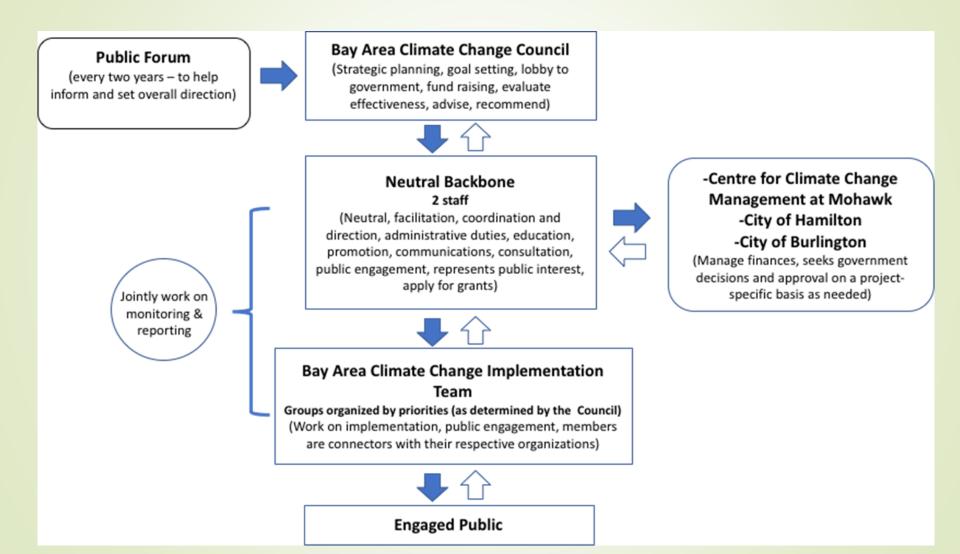
June 21, 2019 Clean Air Council Meeting Metro Hall, Toronto

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### Bay Area Climate Change Office Engagement (2018)



#### What is the Climate Council?

- > A non-partisan advisory committee
- Sets goals and priorities
- Engages the community
- Provides direction, guidance and feedback to implementation teams
- Evaluates and reports on progress





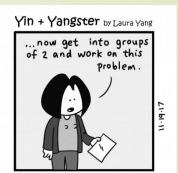




#### Who Was Invited and Why?

#### Invitations were sent to 13 organizations

- 1. United Way of Hamilton Halton
- 2. Hamilton Chamber of Commerce
- 3. Burlington Sustainable Development Committee
- 4. Burlington Economic Development
- 5. Environment Hamilton
- 6. Burlington Green
- 7. Hamilton Health Sciences
- 8. Burlington Citizen
- Hamilton Industrial Environmental Association
- 10. Hamilton Conservation Authority
- 11. Conservation Halton
- 12. Clean Air Hamilton
- 13. Sustainable Hamilton Burlington









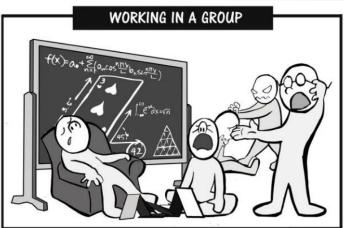
#### **Benefits of Cross-Sectoral Participation**

- > Builds synergies between organizations
- Regional representation
- > A forum to share information
- Organizations can mobilize community sectors
- > Friendly competition between cities

# ▶ Challenges

- Losing the Cap & Trade funding
- Diversity of group (also a benefit)
- > Developing common goals and vision
- Council to take ownership and drive the process





## Strategy Session

- > Vision
- > Mission
- > Principles
- > Action Plan



## **Lessons Learned**

- Don't rely on one source of funding
- Need time for the team to understand each other – team building
- Start with visioning and strategic goals first (don't chase funding!)
- Tailor projects to funding sources (chase funding!)
- Communications important

# Thank you!



