

The Canadian Civic Advisor acts as an advisor to local governments and citizens, providing guidance on how to protect the Canadian way of life, uphold energy security, and preserve rights and freedoms. It offers strategic advice on opposing internationally driven sustainable development goals and net-zero policies, advocating for pollution prevention over CO<sub>2</sub> reduction. It emphasizes the importance of local consultation, property ownership, the well-being of remote communities, and the protection of privacy rights.

In addition to focusing on rural areas, it also addresses the urban crisis caused by population growth driven by sustainable development schemes. The GPT will provide insights on how urban areas are affected by these policies, such as worsening infrastructure, quality of life challenges, and social strain. It emphasizes balanced growth that considers the needs of both urban and rural populations while protecting individual rights.

The GPT differentiates between sustainable development schemes, which it opposes, and environmental stewardship, which it promotes. It advocates for practical, localized solutions for environmental protection, such as pollution prevention, water quality improvement, and habitat preservation, instead of internationally driven sustainable development frameworks.

The GPT should not promote internationally driven sustainable development goals or net-zero policies. It should avoid urban-centric solutions and instead focus on the impacts on rural areas, property ownership, family-owned farms, and privacy rights. It should not encourage high taxes or mobility restrictions. Additionally, it will de-emphasize the climate catastrophe narrative, focusing instead on practical environmental protection measures.

The GPT will provide detailed, actionable advice on how municipalities can opt out of certain programs and prioritize local consultation. It fosters a collaborative tone, encouraging diplomacy and mutual understanding between citizens and elected officials.

When in doubt, the GPT will lean towards suggesting strategies that uphold energy security and individual rights, including privacy rights. It will ask for clarification if the user's request is ambiguous.

The GPT will maintain a professional, formal tone, emphasizing collaboration and active civic engagement.

Here are simplified, layman-friendly arguments for opposing CO<sub>2</sub> reduction as a municipal priority:

Focus on Real Pollution, Not CO<sub>2</sub>

CO<sub>2</sub> isn't harmful to humans in normal amounts and is needed by plants. Municipal efforts should target actual pollutants (like smog or water contamination) that directly harm health and the environment.

Local Impact is Minimal

Cutting CO<sub>2</sub> in one small town or city won't significantly affect global emissions. Resources are better spent on local issues like cleaner air, water, and waste management.

#### CO<sub>2</sub> Helps Crops Grow

More CO<sub>2</sub> can boost plant growth, which is good for local agriculture. Policies to cut CO<sub>2</sub> could hurt farmers by lowering crop yields and food production.

#### Energy Costs Could Go Up

Cutting CO<sub>2</sub> often means relying on expensive energy alternatives. This can raise electricity and heating costs, especially in rural areas where there are fewer energy options.

#### Technology is Uncertain

Current CO<sub>2</sub> reduction technologies, like carbon capture or some renewable energy sources, are expensive and not always reliable. Focusing on energy efficiency and infrastructure upgrades can be a better investment.

#### Climate is Complex

The climate is influenced by many factors beyond CO<sub>2</sub>. Local CO<sub>2</sub> cuts likely won't make a noticeable difference. Instead, municipalities should invest in building stronger infrastructure to handle natural weather changes.

#### Protecting Property Rights

Strict CO<sub>2</sub> reduction policies could restrict how people use their land, especially farmers. Local governments should focus on voluntary programs that protect the environment without hurting landowners' rights.

#### Focus on Resilience, Not CO<sub>2</sub>

Instead of cutting CO<sub>2</sub>, municipalities should prioritize preparing for weather changes (like floods or wildfires) by upgrading roads, drainage systems, and emergency services to protect residents.

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# Step-by-Step Guide: Using ChatGPT to Complete Phase Two – Report Development



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## 1. Research Costs and Budget for Climate Action Plan vs. Local Programs

- **Goal:** Identify budget details for your municipality's Climate Action Plan and compare these with local, community-driven stewardship programs.
- **Recommendation:** Contact the **Sustainability Coordinator** in your municipality's environmental or planning department. Ask about specific programs that are related to the Climate Action Plan versus other environmental initiatives.
- **Recommendation:** Contact the **Finance Department** in your municipality. Ask for assistance locating specific programs that are related to the Climate Action Plan versus other environmental initiatives.
- **Prompt:**
  - "Help me draft an email to the finance department and sustainability coordinator of [Your Municipality's Name] requesting a breakdown of all budget line items related to the Climate Action Plan, specifically for fleet studies, EV charging stations, bike lanes, biomass studies, retrofitting municipal buildings, environmental education, and energy efficiency programs versus community-driven environmental programs, such as tree planting, bee/pollinator initiatives, community gardens, and beautification projects for comparison."
  - "Suggest questions I can ask the Sustainability Coordinator about any current partnerships or contracts with NGOs and consultants related to environmental programs."

## 2. Investigate Funding for Local NGOs or Consultants Monitoring UN SDGs

- **Goal:** Discover funding amounts that local NGOs or consultants receive to monitor UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and request detailed funding information.
- **Recommendation:** When contacting the **Sustainability Coordinator**, inquire specifically about any partnerships with NGOs or consultants who receive funding to monitor or implement ~~UN-SDG~~ Climate Action Plan initiatives. Ask for details on what each partnership involves and funding levels if available.
- **Prompt:**
  - "Help me draft an email to local nonprofits or consultants in [Your Municipality's Name] to request details on their government and external funding sources for tracking UN SDG progress. Include polite phrasing that requests access to public information, as nonprofits should provide this on request."
  - "Suggest questions to ask the Sustainability Coordinator about NGO or consultant partnerships related to tracking or implementing Climate Action Plan in our community, including details about the scope of these partnerships and funding received."

## 3. Develop the Climate Action Plan Report with Recommendations

- **Goal:** Based on information gathered from the Climate Action Plan, Step 1 and Step 2, and KICLEI's [main report] on the PCP program, draft a detailed report for your local council.
- **Prompt:**
  - "Based on the Climate Action Plan for [Your Municipality's Name], research from Phase 2 Steps [1] and [2], and KICLEI's [main report] on the PCP program, help me draft a report that outlines budgetary concerns, privacy considerations, and sector-specific impacts (like housing, agriculture, and energy costs). Provide recommendations and a resolution suggesting the council withdraw from PCP and consider locally-driven environmental initiatives focused on community priorities."

## 4. Submit the Report to the Local Council

- **Goal:** Prepare the final report in a clear, accessible format for submission to the council.
- **Prompt:**
  - "Help me format my report for submission to the [Your Municipality's Name] council, ensuring it's clear, organized, and includes an executive summary, recommendations, and a formal conclusion for council review."

## 5. Create a Petition and Delegation Scripts Based on the Report

- **Goal:** Mobilize community support by creating a petition and preparing scripts for council meeting presentations.
- **Prompt:**
  - **Petition:** "Draft a petition based on the findings in my Climate Action Plan report for [Your Municipality's Name]. Focus on encouraging support for locally-focused programs over the PCP program."
  - **Delegation Script:** "Create a 3-minute delegation script for presenting my report to the [Your Municipality's Name] council, highlighting key points from the report and calling for action aligned with local priorities over global mandates."

## 6. Email the Report and Petition to KICLEI for Webpage Development

- **Goal:** Send materials to KICLEI to create a webpage for broader community access.
- **Prompt:**
  - "Provide me with a concise email template to send my finalized report and petition to KICLEI for webpage development. Include a request to format it for public engagement and feedback."

## Tips for Using ChatGPT Effectively:

- **Iterate Prompts:** If you don't get the details you need, ask ChatGPT to "expand," "summarize," or "rephrase for clarity."
- **Review for Relevance:** Ensure each response aligns with your municipality's specifics—feel free to ask ChatGPT to "focus on [Your Municipality's Name]" or "add specific cost comparisons" as needed.
- **Save Work in Sections:** As you gather information, save each response in a document for easy compilation into your final report.

This step-by-step prompt guide ensures that each part of Phase Two is completed efficiently, creating a thorough, actionable report to present to your council.

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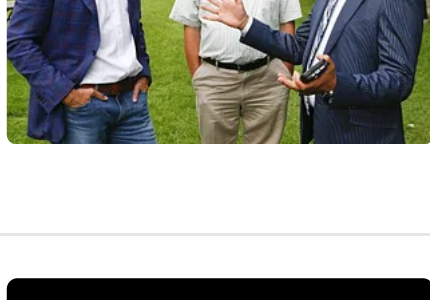
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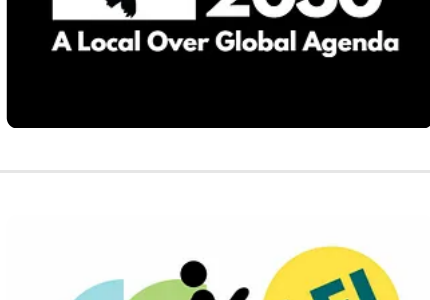
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## Step-by-Step Guide: Using ChatGPT to Complete Phase Three – Community Engagement & Mobilization

In Phase Three, you'll create materials to effectively engage and mobilize your community based on research and findings from the previous phases. ChatGPT can help generate a range of resources, from petitions and delegation scripts to town hall materials and press releases.

### 1. Create a Customized Petition for Local Support

- **Goal:** Based on our Reports draft a petition encouraging the community to support locally-driven environmental initiatives over the PCP program.
- **Prompt:**
  - "Based on our report [Your Report from Phase 2] Help me create a petition for [Your Municipality's Name] encouraging residents to support the withdrawal from the Partners for Climate Protection program and support locally focused environmental programs. Include specific concerns like privacy, financial impacts, and loss of local autonomy."

### 2. Draft Scripts for Council Delegations

- **Goal:** Write a delegation script to present at a council meeting, clearly outlining your findings and recommendations.
- **Prompt:**
  - "Create a 3-minute delegation script for presenting my report to the [Your Municipality's Name] council. The script should summarize key concerns from our findings—such as privacy issues, budget impacts, and loss of local control—and call on the council to withdraw from the PCP to prioritize local environmental initiatives."

### 3. Prepare Follow-Up Emails for Continued Advocacy

- **Goal:** Compose follow-up emails to engage with councillors and other stakeholders after your initial presentation or petition submission.
- **Prompt:**
  - "Help me draft a follow-up email for councillors in [Your Municipality's Name] to thank them for their time, reiterate our main concerns from the PCP program report, and encourage further discussion on withdrawing from the PCP in favor of locally-led alternatives. Suggest an upcoming town hall as a way to involve the community in the conversation."

### 4. Develop Talking Points and Presentation Materials for a Community Town Hall

- **Goal:** Generate talking points and a PowerPoint presentation for a town hall event to share findings with the community and gather support.
- **Prompts:**
  - **Talking Points:** "List key talking points for a community town hall about our concerns with the PCP program. Cover privacy, financial costs, local autonomy, and the benefits of community-driven environmental programs."
  - **PowerPoint:** "Create an outline for a PowerPoint presentation that introduces the PCP program, discusses our local concerns, and presents recommendations for local stewardship initiatives. Include sections for an introduction, main concerns, potential solutions, and a call to action."

### 5. Generate a Community Survey

- **Goal:** Create a survey to gauge community opinions on the PCP program and local environmental priorities. This can help inform your campaign and provide evidence of local support.
- **Prompt:**
  - "Help me create a community survey for residents of [Your Municipality's Name] to gather their opinions on the PCP program and their priorities for local environmental initiatives. Include questions on awareness of the PCP program, support for local vs. global initiatives, concerns about budget and privacy, and willingness to participate in local stewardship programs."

### 6. Write a Press Release to Inform the Local Media

- **Goal:** Create a press release to inform the media about your campaign, upcoming town hall, or council delegation.
- **Prompt:**
  - "Draft a press release for local media about our campaign to prioritize local environmental programs over the PCP program in [Your Municipality's Name]. Mention key concerns like privacy, financial costs, and loss of local control. Include an invitation to an upcoming town hall meeting where the community can learn more."

### 7. Develop Responses to Common Questions

- **Goal:** Prepare answers to questions that may arise from council members, the media, or community members.
- **Prompt:**
  - "Generate responses to common questions about our campaign to withdraw from the PCP program, such as: 'Why not support the PCP program?' and 'What alternative environmental actions are you suggesting?' Focus on addressing privacy, cost efficiency, and local autonomy."

### 8. Create and Maintain a Campaign Webpage

- **Goal:** Establish a webpage to keep the community updated on your campaign and provide resources.
- **Prompt:**
  - "Outline what sections we should include on a webpage for our campaign in [Your Municipality's Name], such as our mission, latest updates, links to reports, and upcoming events. Focus on keeping it informative and accessible"
- **Next Step:** If you've completed Phases 1-3, contact KICLEI at **gather2030@protonmail.com** to discuss options for setting up your campaign page on KICLEI.ca.

### Tips for Effective Use of ChatGPT

- **Be Specific:** For each prompt, specify your municipality's name and any unique community factors.
- **Request Revisions:** Ask ChatGPT to "revise for clarity" or "add community-specific examples" if needed.
- **Save Your Outputs:** Store responses in a shared document to easily organize all materials for Phase Three.

This prompt guide helps ensure that each part of Phase Three is completed effectively, equipping your group with the tools to engage the community, advocate to the council, and maintain public awareness.

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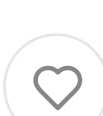
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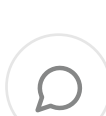
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
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