## 1. May showers bring June meetings!

Monthly meeting: Thursday June 2 at 8 pm (virtual)

We won't let stormy weather get in our way, but we will allow it to cause a delay...

Our May meeting has been moved to Thursday June 2nd. (Our agenda and beverages may shift if we are celebrating the election results!)

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Register in advance for this meeting <u>at this link</u>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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<u>Here is our draft agenda</u> - feel free to add your suggestions for order and topics on the shared document.

## 2. Family Cycling Virtual webinar

Wednesday June 15 from 12-1 pm

#### Register here!



This workshop will cover everything you need to know to make family cycling a success. We will cover kid-carrying bikes, adaptive cycles for adults, route planning considerations, and real-life tips from someone who's been there! This workshop is adapted for people of all ages and

# 3. Help Ottawa endorse the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty

Ottawa Councillor Catherine McKenney is bringing a motion of endorsement to Council on June 21st. Read all about it here - there are three ways you can voice your support for this important motion and show that citizens of Ottawa are behind the global call for a transition to a more sustainable, just and equitable future for kids!

## 4. Ongoing rollout for FOK's Electric School bus project

A core team has their sights set on cleaner buses for kids across Ottawa and are delegating at school boards and transportation authorities. Message us if you want to be more involved!

## 5. And an FOK project success!

After months of research, meeting with city councillors, and delegating to the city's Transportation Committee, City Council on May 11 passed a motion for a review and recommendations to allow naturalization projects within the Right of Way - including boulevards. The report is due back to Council in 2023.

This is a huge step forward for biodiversity, pollinators, and replacing carbon-intensive maintenance with natural ecosystems!

You can <u>read Council's motion (motion 7) here</u> and find more about how important this change is <u>here</u>.

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If you've been feeling overwhelmed or anxious about climate change and the future your kids will face, you are not alone!

It's been proven that connecting with others and taking action can help.

**Get involved:** Ready to take the next step and help us run some actions, post on social media or help with petitions? Send us an email!

**Invite others to join us.** If you like our approach and our projects, please help make our impact stronger by forwarding this message to another parent or grandparent. They can also signup for our monthly newsletters <a href="here">here</a>.

Visit us on the website: <a href="https://www.forourkids.ca/ottawa\_gatineau">https://www.forourkids.ca/ottawa\_gatineau</a>

Join our Facebook group: For Our Kids/Parents for the Planet Action Group

Thanks for your continued support.

For Our Kids Ottawa-Gatineau team