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Mayor Karen Farbridge
City of Guelph
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RE: Guelph's anti-idling policy for city buses

Dear Mayor Farbridge:

I want to congratulate you and the city of Guelph on the anti-idling policy that has been initiated for city buses. Last winter, in early February 2007, I was contacted by Carol McMullen, a Guelph resident who was concerned about the negative environmental ramifications of the idling buses she saw in St. George's Square.

At that time, I replied to Ms. McMullen with some advocacy suggestions that she took to you and the other city councilors in Guelph. Our organization recently heard back from Ms. McMullen, who informed us of the new anti-idling policy at Transit Services, which states that "Guelph Transit drivers are required to shut off their buses while waiting at a transfer point, while on a layover or while waiting at the end of their route for their scheduled departure time. In addition, drivers should shut down buses when they return to the garage at the end of their shift."

On behalf of the David Suzuki Foundation, I want to again congratulate you and your fellow city councilors for taking such progressive action to ensure the environmental sustainability of your city. I would also like to commend Ms. McMullen for being so engaged on issues of climate change and air quality in her community.

Sincerely,

Brian Yourish
Administrator, Climate Change Program