Whereas the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has declared that it is essential society reduces carbon emissions by no less than 50% by 2030, and become carbon neutral by 2050 in order to halt global warming at 1.5 degrees celsius,

Whereas the government of Canada, and post-secondary institutions and cities across the world, have declared a climate emergency in response to these targets,

Whereas the University of Manitoba has passed a sustainability strategy for 2019-2023 outlining the “university’s commitment to being a sustainability leader while recognizing the urgent need to take action,”

Be it resolved that UMSU declare a climate emergency,

Be it further resolved that UMSU demand the University of Manitoba declare a climate emergency and commit itself, in partnership with its vendors and partners on all campuses including UMSU, to reducing carbon emissions by no less than 50% by 2030 and reaching carbon neutrality by no later than 2050.

Be it further resolved that UMSU demand the University of Manitoba work quickly to examine a set of proposals on how it will reach these targets and ratify such proposals at its board of governors, while incorporating them into its sustainability strategy for 2019-2023.