

4. MUNICIPAL LEADERS' RESOLUTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the following resolution:

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WHEREAS, a global reduction in emissions of greenhouse gases (GHG) is necessary to slow climate change and reduce the risks to human health, the physical environment, economy and quality of life;

WHEREAS, the 1998 ice storm cost the City of Montreal \$116 million; Baie Comeau more than \$2.5 million, and the Region of Ottawa-Carleton \$6.32 million, while the Red River flood cost Winnipeg \$32.3 million;

WHEREAS, these weather-related expenses are creating an additional financial burden for municipalities at a time when responsibilities are increasing as a result of devolution;

WHEREAS, reducing greenhouse gases makes economic sense. New and improved infrastructure, energy efficiency, building retrofits, water conservation, more effective wastewater treatment and distribution, renewable energy technologies, waste reduction, better fleet management, etc., reduce municipal operating costs and help maintain community services, while having a positive impact on the environment;

WHEREAS, industrialized countries, realizing initial commitments were inadequate to protect the Earth's climate system, agreed in December 1997 to the Kyoto Protocol which, if ratified, commits Canada to reducing its greenhouse gas emissions six per cent below 1990 levels between 2008 - 2012;

WHEREAS, in November, national governments will meet in The Hague, Netherlands to negotiate terms and conditions for ratifying the Kyoto Protocol. It is critical that Canada has the support it needs to conclude negotiations;

WHEREAS, mayors and municipal leaders responsible for the well-being of communities across Canada urge federal and provincial/territorial governments to make climate protection a priority;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Region of Ottawa-Carleton endorse this MUNICIPAL LEADERS' RESOLUTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE.

DOCUMENTATION

1. Extract of Draft Minute, Transportation Committee 18 October 2000 is immediately attached and includes a record of the vote.

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- Resolution from Municipal Leaders

Chair Holmes referred to a previously-distributed resolution which she wanted the committee and Regional Council to consider.

Moved by D. Holmes

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