



THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Moved by: _____ Date: June 11, 2018
Councillor C. Somerville

Seconded by: _____ Resolution No.: _____

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WHEREAS the Edmonton Declaration was first presented in March in Edmonton, Canada and was further developed throughout the year, bringing together policymakers, scientists, businesses and city networks to create a critical new dialogue between these vital groups of climate change stakeholders;

AND WHEREAS the Edmonton Declaration calls upon the scientific, technology and innovation community to work collaboratively with cities/towns and local organizations that help cities/towns meet ambitious climate targets, in line with the goals of the Paris agreement;

AND WHEREAS significant declarations and agreements are in place today, involving cities/towns from around the world, and led by organizations working together in solidarity at both the global and local levels to support cities/towns making important strides to reduce GHG emissions and adapt to climate change through use and application of improved long-term planning and management systems, clean energy systems and more efficient and resilient urban form, transportation and buildings;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Halton Hills supports reducing GHG emissions and climate change adaptation and calling upon the scientific, technology and innovation community to work collaboratively with cities/towns and local organizations to achieve these goals.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Halton Hills supports The Change For Climate – Edmonton Declaration, and:

COMMIT TO AND CALL UPON all national, state/provincial and local governments to;

- formally recognize the immediate and urgent need for action that will limit global warming to 1.5°C;
- to establish, implement and maintain GHG inventories, targets, action plans and reporting mechanisms consistent with the Paris Agreement and commitments made through Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy and provide that data to the global community;
- to coordinate and integrate their efforts in developing and achieving increasingly ambitious Nationally Determined Contributions committed to under the Paris Agreement through co-developing tools, resources and governance structures in support of local governments;
- to establish formal, science-based policy and decision-making processes within their organizations;
- to establish formal, rigorous processes to understand and minimize the greenhouse gas emissions caused by the consumption of goods, services and products within their boundaries and along the full supply chain;
- to undertake climate risk and vulnerability assessments to guide their planning and investment decisions, increase climate resilience and minimize the exposure of people and assets to the impacts of climate change; and
- call upon the scientific and academic community assembled at the CitiesIPCC Cities and Climate Change Science Conference to work collaboratively with cities/towns and local organizations to assess knowledge gaps pertinent to cities/towns and climate change (including those identified in this declaration), improve current knowledge and data gaps, and make available better analysis of local climate data in order to deliver solutions impacting climate change policies and decisions, particularly within city/town boundaries.

AND FURTHER THAT this motion be circulated to the MP's in Halton, the Minister of Climate Change, FCM, Edmonton, Halton Region, City of Burlington, Town of Milton and Town of Oakville.

Mayor Rick Bonnette