

**CITY OF FERNDALE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

FROM: J. Cherilynn Tallman, City Clerk

SUBJECT: Approval to participate in the World Mayors and Local Governments Climate Protection Agreement

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

The Agreement was launched at the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Bali, Indonesia, on 12 December 2007 by a coalition of local government organizations led by the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives and others. It builds on the existing commitments of local leaders shown through the ICLEI Cities for Climate Protection Campaign, World Mayors Council on Climate Change, the US Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement, C40 Climate Leadership Group and the United Cities and Local Government (UCLG) Jeju Declaration.

The World Mayors and Local Governments Climate Protection Agreement is a declaration by Mayors and other elected leaders from local governments around the world. The Agreement calls for a number of actions, including the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 60% from 1990 levels worldwide and by 80% from 1990 levels in industrialized countries by 2050.

Councilwoman Gumbleton requests that Council consider participating in the agreement.

COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: November 23, 2009

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: n/a

FINANCE DIRECTOR REVIEW: n/a

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Moved by , seconded by , to participate in the World Mayors and Local Governments Climate Protection Agreement and authorization for the Mayor to sign the Agreement.

THE WORLD MAYORS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS CLIMATE PROTECTION AGREEMENT



CITIES & LOCAL GOVERNMENTS MOBILISING LEADERSHIP AND LOCAL CLIMATE ACTION

By 2030, two thirds of humanity will live in urban centers, where today more than 50% of the world's population lives and more than 75% of all energy is consumed. All cities are highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, especially fast growing cities in developing countries.

Mayors and local governments are critical when it comes to practical climate actions. If genuinely empowered and resourced, they have the potential to lead emission reductions to ensure high global greenhouse gas emissions reductions targets are met.

ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGE, EMBRACING THE OPPORTUNITIES

Globally cities and local governments strive to collaborate to effectively respond to the urgency and rapid pace of global warming. Local governments, sub-national and national governments must independently and together- lead and act to achieve the reductions in greenhouse gas emissions required to avoid catastrophic impacts from climate change.

World mayors and local governments call upon all national governments to work through the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to adopt commitments to stay within a 2 degree Celsius increase of the Earth's surface temperature. They specifically call for a framework that will achieve a 60% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from 1990 levels by 2050 globally, with industrialized countries to commit to 80% greenhouse gas reductions from 1990 levels.

COMMITMENTS TO LEADERSHIP AND ACTION

World mayors and local governments accept the challenge and responsibility to lead and take action to combat the rapid and dangerous rate of warming of the planet. Building on the existing commitments of local government leaders and their associations, including the ICLEI Cities for Climate Protection™ Campaign, World Mayors Council on Climate Change, the US Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement, C40 Climate Leadership Group and the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) Jeju Declaration, mayors and local governments set forth the following *commitments*:

1. **REDUCE** greenhouse gas emissions immediately and significantly. Measure and report on annual reductions of greenhouse gas emissions and constantly work to increase reductions such that by 2050 greenhouse gas emissions will be reduced worldwide by 60% from 1990 levels and by 80% from 1990 levels in industrialized countries.
2. **IMPLEMENT** sub-national, national and international frameworks that are complementary and enable local governments by providing resources, authority and sufficient mandate to carry forward these roles and responsibilities.
3. **BUILD** a sustainable energy economy through energy savings and the application of new and existing renewable and high efficiency technologies, to reduce dependence on fossil and nuclear fuels and aim for lowest-carbon options.
4. **EXECUTE** climate change adaptation and preparedness measures through local government planning, development and operational mechanisms, prioritizing the most vulnerable cities.
5. **ADVOCATE** that every national delegation participating in the UNFCCC negotiations include local government-designated representation to ensure that local climate priorities and actions are included in future negotiations.
6. **PERSISTENTLY CALL** for national governments to join the international community in undertaking binding carbon limits to rapidly and significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the short-term and by at least 60% worldwide below 1990 levels by 2050.

Launched at the United Nations Climate Change Conference by ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability, the World Mayors Council on Climate Change, United Cities and Local Governments, and the C40 Climate Leadership Group in Bali, Indonesia, 12 December 2007. Mayors, local governments and interested stakeholders are invited to sign - go to www.globalclimateagreement.org.

World Mayors and Local Governments Climate Protection Agreement Signature Form

You have my support for the World Mayors and Local Governments Climate Protection Agreement.

Mayor / Local Government Elected Official (Name and Title): Craig Covey, Mayor

Local Authority: City of Ferndale

Signatory email: cscovey@aol.com

Signature and date:

11/23/09

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