

## Compact of Mayors: a global initiative for cities

### What is the Compact of Mayors?

The Compact of Mayors is a global coalition of mayors and city officials committing to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions, enhance resilience to climate change and track their progress publicly. It is an agreement by city networks – and then by their members – to fight climate change in a consistent and complimentary manner to national efforts.

- The Compact collects the significant climate action data that cities are already reporting in a consistent, transparent manner and makes that data available in a single place.
- The Compact builds on existing cooperative efforts, partnering with other initiatives to better measure and communicate the impact of city action.
- The Compact represents the greatest opportunity to bring attention to, and quantify, city action, both in the lead-up to Paris and beyond.

[http://www.compactofmayors.org/content/uploads/sites/14/2015/07/Compact-of-Mayors-Full-Guide\\_July2015.pdf](http://www.compactofmayors.org/content/uploads/sites/14/2015/07/Compact-of-Mayors-Full-Guide_July2015.pdf)

More information available in this Globe and Mail article:

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/globe-debate/canadian-cities-step-up-and-act-on-climate-change/article26690497/>

“Cities can provide many of the answers to climate-related disasters by adopting policies and making investments that both reduce climate pollution and mitigate climate-related risks.”

- “In Vancouver, city council has approved a bold target of shifting to 100-per-cent [renewable energy](#) throughout the city, which is now driving innovation in everything from adoption of electric-vehicle technology to using low-carbon district energy to heat and cool new residential developments.
- Edmonton recently approved a [strategy](#) to improve energy efficiency in city buildings, increase renewable energy, explore district energy systems and power more city operations with clean electricity.
- Montreal has an aggressive target to reduce [greenhouse gas emissions](#) to 30 per cent below 1990 levels by 2020, and an electric-vehicle charging network that supports its strong uptake of electric vehicles.”

**Recommendation:** ACE recommends the City of London to join the global climate change initiative called the Compact of Mayors. In our region Windsor, Hamilton and Toronto have already signed up joining another 200 cities worldwide.