

<b>TO:</b>	<b>CHAIR AND MEMBERS CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON NOVEMBER 3, 2015</b>
<b>FROM:</b>	<b>KATE GRAHAM DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC INNOVATION</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>JOINING THE COMPACT OF MAYORS</b>

<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>
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That, on the recommendation of the Director of Community and Economic Innovation, the City of London's commitment to join the Compact of Mayors **BE APPROVED**.

<b>PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER</b>
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None

<b>BACKGROUND</b>
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The City of London has been invited by Michael R. Bloomberg, Special Envoy for Cities and Climate Change to the United Nations Secretary-General, and Gregor Robertson, Mayor of Vancouver and Chair of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Big City Mayors' Caucus, to join the Compact of Mayors, a global coalition of mayors and city officials committed to reducing local greenhouse gas emissions, enhancing resilience to climate change, and publicly tracking their progress.

The Compact of Mayors was launched by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and Special Envoy Michael R. Bloomberg under the leadership of several global city networks: C40 Cities Climate Change Leadership Group (C40), ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI), and the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), with support from the UN-Habitat. It consists of an agreement to develop a climate action plan, set a reduction target, and begin to conduct and disclose an annual inventory of community-wide greenhouse gas emissions as well as a climate risk assessment. Part of the effort is to demonstrate the cities are leaders in climate change and are willing to publicly commit to an agenda of more ambitious climate change actions.

Although there is no deadline to commit to the Compact, the coalition is attempting to have a large number of mayors commit to the Compact ahead of the Conference of Parties to the Conference of Parties to United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 21) in Paris on December 4, 2015. The framework for adherence to the Compact of Mayors are detailed in the full guide (Appendix 2). There are four steps over a three-year period, consisting of registering a city's commitment to the Compact, taking an inventory within one year of commitment, creating reduction targets, and establishing an action plan. It is worth noting that last three of the four requests are already complete given the work undertaken by the City of London. Therefore, addressing this request will have minimal impact on City staff.

In July, 2015, the Big City Mayor's Caucus, of which London is a member, issued a resolution supporting action on climate change which called for binding emission targets and coordinated

international leadership on climate change (Appendix 3).

London's efforts on greenhouse gas mitigation date back to *Vision '96 – Planning for Tomorrow* activities in the early 1990s. As detailed in the report by Civic Administration to the Civic Works Committee on May 5, 2015, through the Community Energy Action Plan and the Energy Connections program, London is an active participant in several climate change forums and is already doing many of the activities envisaged by the Compact of Mayors including the following:

- maintaining an annual inventory of community energy use and greenhouse gas emissions since 2003;
- establishing greenhouse gas emission reduction targets that are consistent with the goals of the Province of Ontario's goals;
- establishing an action plan that sets out to reduce greenhouse gas emissions along with increasing the local economic benefit of sustainable energy use; and
- in the area of climate change adaptation, working with a multi-disciplinary team from the City of London and the Middlesex-London Health Unit to identify climate change hazards and their relative risk to municipal infrastructure, municipal operations, and the general public.

Council has also recognized the importance of climate change mitigation and adaption within the framework of the 2015-2019 Strategic Plan in all four areas of focus: Strengthening Our Community, Building a Sustainable City, Growing our Economy, and Leading in Public Service.

The forthcoming London Plan will also include policies governing how climate change mitigation and adaptation will be managed. Finally, the Mayor's Sustainable Energy Council (MSEC), established in 2008, and which consists of a group of volunteers from across a variety of sectors, is focused on promoting and implementing sustainable energy projects.

This report was reviewed by Jamie Skimming, Manager, Air Quality, and Jay Stanford, Director, Environment, Fleet, and Solid Waste.

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Appendix 1: Letter from Michael R. Bloomberg and Gregor Robertson to Mayor Matt Brown, August 28, 2015

Appendix 2: Compact of Mayors, Full Guide

Appendix 3: Canadian Big City Mayors Climate Change Action