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MOTION ON NOTICE

3. World Mayors and Local Governments Climate Protection Agreement (VanRIMS No. 11-2000-14))

MOVER: Councillor David Cadman

SECONDER: Councillor

WHEREAS over 200 representatives of local governments and their associations from 40 countries attended the Local Government Climate Sessions of the United Nations Climate Change Conference 2007 in Bali, Indonesia;

AND WHEREAS the Sessions were held under the auspices of the World Mayors Council on Climate Change, in cooperation with the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and convened by ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability President David Cadman;

AND WHEREAS the purpose of the Local Government Climate Sessions was to share with the international community:

- how local governments are successfully contributing to global efforts in tackling climate change, and
- that local governments are prepared to bring their experience to the debate on a post-Kyoto global climate regime;

AND WHEREAS by 2030, two thirds of humanity will live in urban centres, where today more than 50 per cent of the world's population lives and more than 75 per cent 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 centre stage when it comes to practical climate action on the ground;

AND WHEREAS the world mayors and local governments at Bali called upon all national governments to work through the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change to adopt commitments to stay within a 2 degree Celsius threshold increase of the Earth's surface temperature. They specifically called for a framework that will achieve a reduction of 60 per cent greenhouse gas emissions from 1990 levels by 2050 globally, with industrialized countries to commit to 80 percent greenhouse gas reductions from 1990 levels;

AND WHEREAS 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 Government Jeju Declaration, mayors and local governments at Bali set forth the The World Mayors and Local Governments Climate Protection Agreement with the following commitments:

1. To 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 subnational, 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; and
6. Persistently call for national governments to join the international community to undertake 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.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver adopt the World Mayors and Local Governments Climate Protection Agreement.

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