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4. Mayor's Greenest City Action Team

MOVER: Mayor Gregor Robertson

SECONDER: Councillor Andrea Reimer

WHEREAS Vancouver's ecological footprint, at 7.71 hectares per capita, is not only above the Canadian average but is more than four times the sustainable level on a global basis.

AND WHEREAS there is broad scientific consensus on the urgent need to act on reducing our harm to the environment, especially in large urban centres. Evidence of this need is found in skyrocketing rates of climate-changing emissions, extinction of species at 100 - 1,000 times the normal background rate, and high rates of toxicity in soil, water and air, all of which are having negative economic, social and health impacts on the citizens of Vancouver.

AND WHEREAS Vancouver is home to many of the brightest minds on sustainable development and environmental policy on the planet.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT Council establish a Mayor's Greenest City Action Team as a Type D committee to provide advice to the Mayor and with the terms of reference attached in Appendix A.

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Mayor's Greenest City Action Team - Appendix A

<p>Timeline</p>	<p>Start February, final report out June 2009 with an interim report in March 2009.</p>
<p>Composition</p>	<p>The Mayor's Greenest City Action Team will be composed of Mayor Gregor Robertson, two Council liaisons, and ten (10) individuals with broad experience, expertise, and interest in environmental issues.</p> <p><i>Councillors</i> The two Council liaisons are Councillors David Cadman and Andrea Reimer</p> <p><i>Co-Chairs</i> The Co-Chairs of the Mayor's Greenest City Action Team are Mayor Gregor Robertson and David R. Boyd. Mr. Boyd is an environmental lawyer, professor, author, and former special advisor on sustainability to the federal Privy Council Office.</p> <p><i>Appointment Process</i> The co-chairs will appoint the remaining nine (9) members.</p>
<p>Scope of Inquiry</p>	<p>Making Vancouver the greenest city in the world will require progress on the following priority issues, as well as additional subjects deemed important by the action team:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. tackling climate change, 2. improving the transportation system, 3. reducing pollution and waste, 4. promoting local food, 5. conserving water 6. protecting citizen's health from environmental hazards, 7. supporting neighbourhood sustainability initiatives, 8. stimulating development of green jobs and the green economy.
<p>Outputs</p>	<p>The Mayor's Greenest City Action Team will issue two reports to Mayor Gregor Robertson and Vancouver City Council—a "Quick Start" report on actions that can be implemented immediately and a comprehensive final report. A final report will include any recommendations for continuation of the Action Team or a potential successor.</p>