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MOTION ON NOTICE

3. Vancouver Support for City of Toronto Emergency Resolution at FCM

MOVER: Councillor Reimer

SECONDER:

WHEREAS

1. The City of Toronto has passed an emergency resolution in support of the Government of Canada's commitment to the COP21 Paris Climate Agreement (attached as Appendix A);
2. That emergency resolution has subsequently been accepted by the FCM Executive to be submitted to the 2016 AGM for debate;
3. The City of Vancouver has supported strong measures by the federal government to reduce climate-changing emissions since the Clouds of Change initiative in 1990 and, with the adoption of Renewable City Strategy in 2015, has furthered that advocacy to seek an end to the burning of fossil fuels.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver support the motion coming forward from the City of Toronto to the 2016 FCM AGM entitled "FCM Support for the Government of Canada's Commitment to the COP21 Paris Climate Agreement".

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CITY OF TORONTO EMERGENCY RESOLUTION TO FCM

The following motion passed unanimously at Toronto City Council on April 13, 2016

FCM Support for the Government of Canada's Commitment to the COP21 Paris Climate Agreement

WHEREAS, It is well established that climate change is causing significant changes to the world's climatic systems, increasing the frequency of extreme weather events and posing other risks, such as drought, forest fires and rising sea levels, and that these changes present serious threats to our natural environment, our health, our jobs and economy; and

WHEREAS, The Government of Canada committed to sign the Paris Climate Agreement at the 21st session of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP21); and

WHEREAS, Local governments are essential to the successful implementation of the Paris Climate Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Toronto City Council has endorsed the Government of Canada's commitment to the Paris Climate Agreement, which was supported by over 190 national governments, to limit global temperature increase to below 2 degrees Celsius and to pursue efforts to limit the global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius; and

WHEREAS, Toronto City Council is encouraging the Government of Canada to develop an action plan to meet the commitment made at COP21; Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) support the Government of Canada's commitment to the COP21 Paris Climate Agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED, That FCM acknowledge the Paris Climate Agreement's recognition of the need to limit global temperature increase to below 2 degrees Celsius and to pursue efforts to limit global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius, and to incorporate these goals into FCM's policy and advocacy towards the federal government; and be it further

RESOLVED, That FCM call on the Government of Canada to develop policies and programs, in consultation with FCM, that will support municipal efforts to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions at the local level consistent with the need to limit global temperature increase to below 2 degrees Celsius and to pursue efforts to limit global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius.

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