

**District of North Saanich
Climate Change Select Committee**

Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
1620 Mills Road**

(Please note that all proceedings are recorded)

AGENDA

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1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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| (a) | Minutes from the meeting held March 10, 2020
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3. REFERRALS

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| (a) | Letter from Mayor Haynes, Saanich, regarding Global Covenant
of Mayors for Climate & Energy Change
(Referred by: Council for comments)
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4. WORK PLAN

- (a) Final Recommendations
- (b) Draft Report

5. ADJOURNMENT

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL
Minutes of the Climate Change Select Committee
District North Saanich - 1620 Mills Road
Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Chair	P. Pearson
Councillor	M. Weisenberger (Arr 2:04 p.m.)
Members	N. Balcom
	J. Daines
	A. Daniels
	A. Hubert (Arr 2:04 p.m.)
	A. Osborne
	A. Roberts
	J. Thornburgh

ABSENT:

Member	Mark Brownlie
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ATTENDING:

Director of Planning and Community Services	Anne Berry
Administration	Crystal Gotto

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Councillor Pearson acknowledged that the meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the WSÁNEĆ people.

1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY: A. Daniels
SECONDED BY: A. Roberts

9- CCSC That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) Minutes from the meeting held February 11, 2020

MOVED BY: N. Balcom
SECONDED BY: A. Daniels

10- CCSC That the minutes from the meeting held February 11, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

3 REFERRAL FROM COUNCIL

a) Single Axle Dump Truck Purchase

MOVED BY: N. Balcom
SECONDED BY: J. Thornburgh

11- CCSC That the Committee add "Renewable Fuel Sources" to the list of big topic items.

CARRIED

4 WORK TASK PLAN

a) Discuss motion passed by Council

Councillor Pearson spoke to Councils discussion at the Special meeting of Council held February 24, 2020, regarding "climate emergency", and noted the resolution passed by Council.

The Director of Planning and Community Services spoke in regards to the CleanBC initiatives program and addressed questions from the Committee.

b) Review evaluation criteria

c) Assign small working groups to evaluate

The Committee divided the evaluation criteria among five groups and met in the groups for discussion.

5 NEXT MEETING DATE

The Committee by unanimous consent agreed that the next meeting will be held April 21st, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

6 ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Pearson acknowledged the Director of Planning and Community Services for her guidance in the Climate Change Select Committee process and her work at the district.

MOVED BY: MOVED BY: Councillor Weisenberger

SECONDED BY: SECONDED BY: J. Thornburgh

12- CCSC That the meeting be adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

CARRIED

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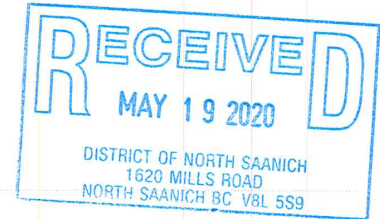
APPROVED AND CONFIRMED

Patricia Pearson
Chair

Curt Kingsley
Director, Corporate Services

Jackie Gretchen

From: Sara De Melo on behalf of admin
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 1:33 PM
To: Crystal Gotto; Curt Kingsley; Jackie Gretchen; Tim Tanton
Subject: FW: Letter to Mayor & Council Re: District of Saanich Resolution - Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy Change
Attachments: 05.13.20-LtrtoMayors-CouncilMotion-GlobalCovenant.pdf



From: Geoff Orr
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 1:15 PM
To: admin <a@northsaanich.ca>
Cc: Tim Tanton <TTanton@northsaanich.ca>; Jackie Gretchen <JGretchen@northsaanich.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Letter to Mayor & Council Re: District of Saanich Resolution - Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy Change

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From: Rachel Mattiuz <Rachel.Mattiuz@saanich.ca>
Date: May 15, 2020 12:39 p.m.
Subject: Letter to Mayor & Council Re: District of Saanich Resolution - Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy Change
To:
Cc:

Good Afternoon,

On behalf of Mayor Haynes, please see the attached correspondence regarding a motion endorsed by Saanich Council on May 11.

Kind Regards,

Rachel Mattiuz

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May 13, 2020

Via Email

Dear Mayor and Council:

Re: District of Saanich Resolution – Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy Change

At their May 11, 2020 meeting, the District of Saanich Council endorsed a motion in support of joining the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy and to encourage other Municipalities of British Columbia to provide their support.

Saanich Council endorsed the following motions:

That Council:

"Join the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy by submitting the commitment letter to the Global Covenant of Mayors Secretariat."

"Direct staff to deliver on the commitments made within that letter and outlined in the report."

"Direct staff to prepare correspondence to all local municipalities in the Province of British Columbia advising of Saanich's support of the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy and encourage all municipalities to support the initiative."

We encourage you to join in this collective potential and work together in combating climate change. Hopefully our combined actions will aid in reducing our ecological footprint and working to a sustainable future to safeguard the health and prosperity of our citizens.

A copy of the signed letter submitted to the Global Covenant of Mayors Secretariat and an excerpt of the May 11, 2020 Saanich Council minutes are attached for your reference.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Fred Haynes', written over a horizontal line.

Fred Haynes
Mayor
Encl.

cc: Saanich Council



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May 12, 2020

Global Covenant of Mayors
c/o Global CoM Secretariat
VIA EMAIL: INFO@IUC-NA.EU

GLOBAL COVENANT OF MAYORS FOR CLIMATE AND ENERGY SUBMISSION LETTER

I, Fred Haynes, Mayor of the District of Saanich commit to the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM), joining thousands of other cities and local governments around the world currently engaged in climate leadership.

GCoM envisions a world where committed mayors and local governments – in alliance with partners – accelerate ambitious, measurable climate and energy initiatives that lead to an inclusive, just, low-emission and climate resilient future, helping to meet and exceed the Paris Agreement objectives.

Whatever the size or location, the mayors and local leaders committed to GCoM stand ready to take concrete measures with long-term impact to tackle the interconnected challenges of climate change mitigation and adaptation, as well as access to sustainable energy.

To implement this vision, we pledge to implement policies and undertake measures to (i) reduce / avoidⁱ greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, (ii) prepare for the impacts of climate change, (iii) increase access to sustainable energy, and (iv) track progress toward these objectives.

Specifically, within three years of this commitmentⁱⁱ, we pledge to develop, adoptⁱⁱⁱ, use and regularly report on the following:

- A community-scale GHG emission inventory, following the recommended guidance;
- An assessment of climate risks and vulnerabilities;
- Ambitious, measurable and time-bound target(s) to reduce/avoid GHG emissions;
- Ambitious climate change adaptation vision and goals, based on quantified scientific evidence when possible, to increase local resilience to climate change;
- An ambitious and just goal to improve access to secure, sustainable and affordable energy; and
- A formally adopted plan(s) addressing climate change mitigation / low emission development, climate resilience and adaptation, and access to sustainable energy.

The targets and action plans for mitigation / low emission development must be quantified and consistent with or exceed relevant national unconditional^{iv} commitments defined through the UNFCCC (Intended) Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC). The targets and action plans

should be in line with National Adaptation Plans, where these exist; and should be consistent with the principles around energy access and urban sustainability embodied in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

We will explore the allocation of adequate staff resources and institutional arrangements. This includes governance processes, municipal structures and budget allocations to deliver on this commitment and secure continuity.

We acknowledge that there may be additional regional or country-specific commitments or requirements that we commit to follow, and that may be agreed through our city networks or through our direct engagement with local partners of GCoM.

The District of Saanich acknowledges that continued engagement in GCoM and associated Regional or National Covenants, as established, is contingent on complying with the above requirements within established timeframes.

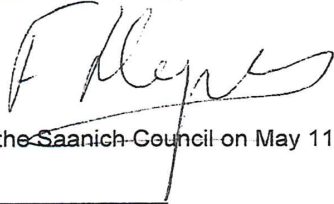
Name and title of person signing this commitment

Mayor Fred Haynes
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114,148 Inhabitants, 103.78 sq. kilometres



Mandated by the ~~Saanich Council~~ on May 11, 2020

ⁱ "Avoid emission" via low emission development

ⁱⁱ Flexibility is allowed to suit differentiated local circumstances and needs.

ⁱⁱⁱ According to the city and local government's procedures

^{iv} Many countries have submitted two sets of NDC targets: unconditional targets, to be implemented without any explicit external support; and conditional targets. The latter are more ambitious than unconditional targets and require external support for their fulfilment. The cities and local governments committing to the GCoM are required to commit at least to the equivalent of their country's unconditional targets, but are encouraged to be more ambitious where possible.

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

1410-04
Report - Council

GLOBAL COVENANT OF MAYORS FOR CLIMATE AND ENERGY MEMBERSHIP

Report of Mayor Haynes and Councillor Brice dated May 1, 2020 recommending that Council:

1. Join the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy by submitting the commitment letter to the Global Covenant of Mayors Secretariat; and
2. Direct staff to deliver on the commitments made within that letter and outlined in the report.

MOVED by Councillor Brice and Seconded by Councillor Plant: "That Council:

- 1. Join the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy by submitting the commitment letter to the Global Covenant of Mayors Secretariat; and**
- 2. Direct staff to deliver on the commitments made within that letter and outlined in the report."**

Council discussion ensued with the following comments:

- The six action areas follow a steady history of Saanich leading in climate change.
- The work can be accommodated within current resources.
- Saanich will be part of the solution.
- The ability to improve reporting across local governments in Canada on progress towards climate change mitigation is appreciated.
- It is concerning that the gesture may be symbolic and could lead to cynicism.
- It is important that the public understands that the current level of resourcing for climate change mitigation is not sufficient to meet the commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Other municipalities are encouraged to commit and collaborate on the initiative.

In response to questions from Council, the Manager of Sustainability stated:

- Many of the commitments outlined in the Global Covenant of Mayors have already been completed.
- Staff are working on implementing the actions within the Climate Action Plan.
- There is a commitment to an ambitious and just goal to improve access to secure, sustainable and affordable energy; this project is underway and will be developed over the summer.
- There is an ongoing commitment to reporting annually.

The Motion was then Put and CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Brice and Seconded by Councillor Plant: "That Council direct staff to prepare correspondence to all local municipalities in the Province of British Columbia advising of Saanich's support of the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy and encourage all municipalities to support the initiative."

CARRIED