

NOTICE OF MOTION
SUPPORT FOR FAIR AND BINDING INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON
CLIMATE CHANGE

WHEREAS climate change is one of the most serious environmental, economic and social justice threats we face today on the planet; and

WHEREAS the impacts of climate change as well as the responsibility for mitigation will fall primarily on municipalities; and

WHEREAS the City of Burnaby has undertaken notable steps locally to protect and improve the environment and have consistently advocated for action to reduce emissions; and

WHEREAS scientists and environmental groups across Canada have endorsed the Kyoto Plus principles as a minimum standard for reducing climate emissions; and

WHEREAS world leaders are meeting on December 7th, 2009 in Copenhagen, Denmark to negotiate terms and conditions of a global climate agreement for the period after 2012; and

WHEREAS visible expressions of public support are essential to enable the federal government to take bold action and reach agreement in Copenhagen; and

WHEREAS an international climate agreement that is ambitious, fair and binding will help ensure that Canadian communities and citizens are ready to meet the challenge of global warming and build a prosperous future.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Burnaby City Council urge the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to rally the support of its membership and send a strong message to the Federal Government of Canada of the importance to the citizens and businesses of a world-wide climate agreement; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the City of Burnaby urge the Prime Minister of Canada to constructively contribute to the achievement of a world-wide climate agreement; based on principles of global equity and scientifically-established emissions reduction targets.

SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR SAV DHALIWAL
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