

City of North Vancouver resolution on United Nations Climate Change Summit in Copenhagen

FROM: MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, 141 WEST 14TH STREET, NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C., ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2009 AT 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor D.R. Mussatto
Councillor P.J. Bookham
Councillor R.C. Clark
Councillor R.J. Fearnley
Councillor R.G. Heywood
Councillor C.R. Keating
Councillor M.L. Trentadue

8. United Nations Climate Change Summit in Copenhagen – File: 4000-07

Report: Chair, Climate Action Task Force, and Environmental Coordinator, November 18, 2009.

Moved by Councillor Heywood, seconded by Councillor Keating

PURSUANT to the report of the Chair of the Climate Action Task Force and the Environmental Coordinator, dated November 18, 2009, entitled “United Nations Climate Change Summit in Copenhagen”:

WHEREAS global action on global warming is vital for the health of our environment, our communities and our future;

WHEREAS taking action on global warming includes investing in public transit and building healthy, pedestrian-friendly neighbourhoods;

WHEREAS taking action on global warming will also open up tremendous job and business opportunities for Canadian municipalities in the emerging clean-energy economy;

WHEREAS the City of North Vancouver is committed to doing its part to halt climate change through a variety of policies and programs including an update of our Climate Action Plan and a new Sustainable Official Community Plan;

WHEREAS Canada is at a crossroads, and we need to act now and move forward with solutions to global warming, or risk falling behind other countries that are already re-tooling their economies and creating new jobs;

WHEREAS Canadians are currently among the top 10 worst global warming polluters on the planet, but municipalities like ours are ready to work together with all levels of government to take responsible action and make Canada a climate action leader;

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; and

WHEREAS Canada will be at the UN Climate Summit in December with other global leaders and has the opportunity to deliver an ambitious, fair and binding international agreement;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of North Vancouver supports an ambitious, fair and binding international climate agreement at the UN Climate Summit in December;

RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada with an encouragement that Canada show leadership at the UN Climate Summit in December by delivering an ambitious, fair and binding international climate agreement; and

RESOLVED THAT the City of North Vancouver promote our support for an international climate agreement through the City's web site and community advertisements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY