

The following resolution was passed unanimously by Nelson City Council on Dec. 2.

WHEREAS a global reduction in the emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases is necessary to slow climate change and reduce the risks to our economy, human health, the physical environment and quality of life;

WHEREAS human activities have caused a dramatic increase in the amount of carbon dioxide in the earth's atmosphere;

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

WHEREAS national governments from around the world will meet in Copenhagen, Denmark to negotiate terms and conditions of a new global climate agreement; and

WHEREAS mayors and municipal leaders responsible for the well-being of communities across Canada have urged federal and provincial/territorial governments to make climate change a priority;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the City of Nelson 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;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Federation of Canadian Municipalities be urged to rally the support of its membership and send a strong message to the Federal Government of Canada regarding the importance to Canadian municipalities of a world-wide climate agreement.