

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Council: June 22, 2016

MOVED BY MAYOR EISENBERGER.....

Community Climate Change Action Plan Implementation Team

WHEREAS, the Government of Canada's intent is to protect communities and grow our economy by making significant new investments in green infrastructure and clean technologies as well as to endow a \$2 billion Low Carbon Economy Trust to fund projects that reduce carbon that will "support projects in clean energy that can be commercialized, scaled up, and exported";

WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario has a Five-Year Climate Change Strategy and has introduced legislation, which aims to formalize a cap-and-trade system and invest those funds into green projects to reduce the amount of greenhouse gas pollution;

WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario has already announced in 2015, the Green Investment Fund that commits \$325 million to projects that will fight climate change;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has developed a Community Climate Change Action Plan, which directs priority actions that will mitigate greenhouse gases, adapt to the risks associated with climate change and will help make Hamilton a resilient and prosperous community in the face of climate change;

WHEREAS, taking action on climate change will be beneficial to the Hamilton Harbour / Burlington Bay area and will complement the work on greenhouse gas reduction by the City of Burlington;

WHEREAS, in order to successfully implement the Community Climate Change Action Plan, a formalized governance structure is necessary; and,

WHEREAS The City of Hamilton already has an internationally recognized participatory governance structure known as the Bay Area Restoration Council (BARC) and the Bay Area Implementation Team (BAIT);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to develop a governance model similar to the Bay Area Restoration Council and the Bay Area Implementation Team, in collaboration with staff from the Federal and Provincial offices of the Ministries of Environment and Climate Change, and report back to the Board of Health;

- (b) That the Mayor correspond with The Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, and The Honourable Glen Murray, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, to request that the Federal and Provincial Ministries assist the City of Hamilton with the establishment of City of Hamilton's Community Climate Change Action Plan Implementation Team in identifying the appropriate Federal and Provincial government staff, private sector and community representatives to provide expert advice and financial resources toward the action on climate change, within the funding guidelines for the Low Carbon Economy Trust; and, the Five-Year Climate Change Strategy;
- (d) That upon the formation of the governance structure for the Community Climate Change Action Plan Implementation Team, the City of Hamilton seek a partnership with the City of Burlington to coordinate efforts, with respect to the implementation of the Plan; and,
- (e) That staff be directed to report to the Board of Health annually, respecting the progress of the Community Climate Change Action Plan.