



212 rue St-Laurent,
Rosemere, Quebec,
July 9, 2006

Dear Mayor Maxine Wilson,

Attached is a press release dated early June 2006 along with a letter to delegates to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities annual convention and a draft resolution supporting the Kyoto Accord. The letter requested that the delegates to the convention support the enclosed resolution.

The Green Coalition would now like to take this opportunity to request that you pass this resolution at your municipal council level. This initiative was started by the City of Seattle and we hope that with your support we can build upon it in Canada.

Al Gore, in his book, "An Inconvenient Truth", states that global warming is no longer a political issue, it has become a moral issue. Recent polls show that Quebecers, and I believe all Canadians, hold environmental protection among their highest priorities. We know that this is one of your highest priorities too and we know that we can count upon your support.

I would ask that you return an extract of the resolution as it is passed to:

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Sincerely,

Donald W. Hobus
For the Green Coalition

Dear Mayor Maxine Wilson,

Global warming is a serious threat to our well-being and the future of the planet. We hope you, as a municipal representative (and perhaps as a delegate) at the conference of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities will continue to support Canada's commitment to the Kyoto Accord, and will present a resolution to that effect at the conference. A resolution similar to one recently passed by the U.S. Conference of Mayors is enclosed for your information.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities has previously adopted strong policy resolutions calling for cities, communities and the federal and provincial governments to take action to reduce global warming pollution; and

WHEREAS, the Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) the international community's most respected assemblage of scientists, has found that climate disruption is a reality, and that human activities are largely responsible for increasing concentrations of global warming pollution,

WHEREAS, on February 15, 2005, the Kyoto Protocol, an international agreement to address climate disruption went into effect, including a commitment by Canada;

Be it resolved that the FCM urge federal and provincial governments to enact policies to meet Canada's target of reducing global warming pollution levels. We urge municipalities to meet or exceed Kyoto Protocol targets for reducing global warming pollution by taking such actions as:

- (1) Taking an inventory of global warming emissions in City operations and in the community, setting reduction targets, and creating action plans
- (2) Adopting and enforcing land-use policies that reduce sprawl, preserve green space, and create compact, walkable urban communities
- (3) Promoting transportation options such as bicycle trails, commuter trip reduction programs, and public transit
- (4) Increasing the use of clean, alternative energy by advocating the development of renewable energy resources, recovering landfill methane, and supporting the use of waste to energy technology
- (5) Making energy efficiency a priority through building code improvements, retrofitting city facilities with energy efficient lighting and urging employees to conserve energy
- (6) Practicing and promoting sustainable building practices
- (7) Increasing the average fuel efficiency of municipal fleet vehicles, launching an anti-idling program, and converting diesel to bio-diesel
- (8) Evaluating opportunities to increase pump efficiency in water and wastewater systems
- (9) Increasing recycling rates in city operations and in the community
- (10) Maintaining healthy urban forests, promoting tree planting to increase shading and to absorb CO₂
- (11) Helping educate the public, schools, other jurisdictions, professional associations, business and industry about reducing global warming pollution

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Press Release-The Green Coalition

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For immediate release

Green Coalition Backs Kyoto Accord

The Green Coalition, a Montreal based environmental organization, is calling on Canadian Mayors and Municipalities to support the Kyoto Accord and implement it in their jurisdiction, regardless of what the federal government does.

During the conference of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, which will be held in Montreal June 2-5, representatives will have an opportunity to be heard on the environmental question.

Recently, American Mayors responded to the environmental leadership vacuum in Washington by signing the U.S Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, making a commitment to meet the U.S. emissions reduction target in the Kyoto Accord.

Now that Canada has the same environmental leadership vacuum, since the Harper government plans to renege on Canada's Kyoto commitment, it will be up to local governments to take the lead. Municipalities can have a huge impact in implementing strong environmental policies.

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