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**To: Members of Burlington City Council**

**From: Mayor Rick Goldring**

**Date: June 23, 2016**

**Re: A Resolution to Support a Governance Structure to Implement Climate Change Initiatives and a Community Climate Action Plan Launched by the City of Hamilton**

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The City of Hamilton has invited the City of Burlington to be a partner in the formation of a governance model to be established to address climate change action and mitigate greenhouse gasses.

The Community Climate Change Action Plan Implementation Team will be modelled after the Bay Area Restoration Council (BARC) and the Bay Area Implementation Team (BAIT) where significant work is now underway to clean-up Randle Reef.

City of Hamilton Mayor Eisenberger and I introduced the joint effort on June 21 at the Bay Area Economic Summit held at the Royal Botanical Gardens.

By forming this partnership, I believe the City will benefit from a collaborative approach that will support the climate change initiatives within the City's Strategic Plan, A Healthy and Greener City direction.

I have attached the proposed Resolution for consideration on this matter as well as the Resolution (Appendix 1) to be presented by Mayor Eisenberger to the City of Hamilton Board of Health on July 7, 2016.

Regards,



Mayor Rick Goldring

## RESOLUTION

Please be advised that the Council of the City of Burlington at its regular meeting held on July 4, 2016, endorsed the following resolution:

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 Burlington has a new Strategic Plan which recognizes that climate change is a significant issue and is working with the community and all levels of government towards the goal of making the community net carbon-neutral;

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 Burlington already supports the Hamilton located internationally recognized participatory governance structure known as the Bay Area Restoration Council (BARC) and the Bay Area Implementation Team (BAIT);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON:

- (a) That staff be directed to work with the City of Hamilton 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 Development and Infrastructure Committee;
- (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 support the City of Hamilton's request that the Federal and Provincial Ministries assist with the establishment of the 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;
- (c) That upon the formation of the governance structure for the Community Climate Change Action Plan Implementation Team, the City of Burlington form a partnership with the City of Hamilton to coordinate efforts, with respect to the implementation of the Plan; and,

(d) That staff be directed to report to the Development and Infrastructure Committee annually, respecting the progress of the Community Climate Change Action Plan.

**(e) APPENDIX 1**  
**City of Hamilton Proposed Resolution**

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.