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TO: **Mayor & Council**

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FROM: **Sustainability Manager
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FILE: **0450-01**

SUBJECT: **Global Cities Covenant on Climate - "Mexico City Pact"**

RECOMMENDATION

The City Manager's Department recommends that Council:

1. Receive this report as information; and
2. Approve the City of Surrey becoming a signatory City to the Mexico City Pact (i.e., the Global Cities Covenant on Climate).

BACKGROUND

The World Mayors Summit on Climate (WMSC) was held on November 21, 2010 in Mexico City. One of the key initiatives of WMSC was the opportunity for mayors from different regions of the world to sign a voluntary pact (the Global Cities Covenant on Climate or more commonly "the Mexico City Pact"). The objective of the Mexico City Pact is to send a message to the international community on the strategic importance that cities play in relation to the struggle against climate change.

DISCUSSION

The Mexico City Pact (attached as Appendix A) lays out ten actions that signatory cities voluntarily commit to take in relation to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and to adapting to a warming climate. Cities that sign onto the Mexico City Pact also agree to report any actions they take in a new carbon Cities Climate Registry (cCCR). The cCCR is a global mechanism that encourages local governments to regularly and publicly report on their greenhouse gas reduction commitments, GHG emissions inventories and climate mitigation/adaptation actions. The cCCR is intended to promote best practices in local government climate actions and will be operated by the Bonn Center for Local Climate Action and Reporting. The cCCR has two sections:

- **Section 1** is for cities that wish to undertake mitigation and climate change adaptation measures and that, by signing the Mexico City Pact, pledge to take the first steps, such as preparing their emissions inventory, designing and implementing a Climate Action Plan and adopting local legislation that favours GHG emissions reductions, among other measures.

- **Section 2** is for those cities that have climate actions in place, which they wish to be measurable, reportable and verifiable.

Signatories of the Mexico City Pact are requested to enter their climate data (i.e. commitments, performance and actions) in the cCCR within eight (8) months from the date of signing onto the Mexico City Pact. Appendix B lists the current signatory cities (including Vancouver and Delta) to the Mexico City Pact of which there are currently 142.

The City of Surrey climate action plans through the Sustainability Charter are well underway. By being included in the cCCR, the City of Surrey will demonstrate leadership in transparency and accountability in relation to local climate action initiatives.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

The Surrey Sustainability Charter sets out a vision for sustainability in Surrey and acts as the overarching policy document for the City. By signing on to the Mexico City Pact, the City of Surrey will demonstrate its leadership in and commitment to sustainability efforts to combat global climate change, which is one of the fundamental objectives of the Sustainability Charter.

CONCLUSION

The Mexico Pact is a voluntary agreement by which signatory cities commit to take actions in relation to reducing their greenhouse gas emissions (GHG). Cities participating in the Mexico Pact also agree to report their commitments, GHG emissions inventories, and the actions they are taking on a regular basis through the carbonn Cities Climate Registry. The registry is intended to promote best practices in local government climate actions. For the reasons articulated in this report, it is recommended that Council approve the City becoming a signatory City to the Mexico City Pact.



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Appendices

Appendix A – Mexico City Pact

Appendix B – Listing of Current Signatory Cities

Global Cities Covenant on Climate

"The Mexico City Pact"

Acknowledging that cities play a strategic role in the fight against climate change, because they are centres of economic, political and cultural innovation, host to half of the world population, and manage vast public resources, infrastructure, investments and expertise;

Recalling that between 1992 and 2007, whilst the UNFCCC and its Kyoto Protocol were designed, numerous local governments demonstrated leadership and implemented innovative actions to combat climate change at the local level;

Reminding that as today half of the world's population lives in cities; that the International Energy Agency estimates that cities accounted for 67% of the world's primary energy demand and more than 70% of global CO₂ emissions in 2006. With continued urbanisation and urban growth, energy use in cities is projected to increase to 73% of the global total, and CO₂ emissions to 76%, by 2030;

Noting that since our cities are at increased risk of the devastating consequences of global climate change, particularly affecting the urban poor, many cities around the world, despite limited budgets and capacities, are already developing and implementing local adaptation strategies to address problems caused by climate change, even in the absence of a binding global commitment on adaptation;

Recognizing that since 2007, when national governments embarked on the UN Climate Roadmap, local governments signed the World Mayors and Local Governments Climate Protection Agreement and developed a parallel *Local Government Climate Roadmap* to mirror and influence the on-going work of the Conference of the Parties (COP), with the purpose of seeking recognition for local climate action within global climate governance;

Emphasizing that during COP15 in 2009, when the Copenhagen Accord was announced with national commitments and actions of governments, local governments published the *Copenhagen World Catalogue of Local Climate Commitments*, which identified more than 3,500 voluntary greenhouse gas reduction commitments of local governments in countries of Annex 1 and Non-Annex 1 countries;

Welcoming and seeking synergies with regional initiatives such as the Covenant of Mayors in Europe and the U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement in the U.S.A;

Inviting more cities, local and regional governments to initiate action or accelerate their climate efforts, both in developed as well as in developing countries;

Acknowledging that our local commitments and actions must be measurable, reportable and verifiable in order to attract recognition and support from existing or new multilateral institutions and funding mechanisms;

Considering that the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has determined that reductions in greenhouse gases emissions must limit the increase of global temperatures to less than 2 degrees Celsius by the end of this century;

Gathering on the eve of COP16, at the World Mayors Summit on Climate, in Mexico City on 21 November 2010, we state the following:

WE, THE MAYORS AND LOCAL AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES BY SIGNING THE GLOBAL CITIES COVENANT ON CLIMATE "THE MEXICO CITY PACT", WE COMMIT TO:

1. Reduce our local greenhouse gas emissions voluntarily

We shall promote measures, public policies, laws, plans and campaigns to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases in our cities, taking into account our individual resources and capacities to do so.

2. Adopt and implement local climate mitigation measures designed to achieve our voluntary reduction targets

If we have set targets for reducing GHG emissions, we will adopt and implement measures to achieve them, in areas such as sustainable transportation, proper waste management, energy efficiency, as well as implement low carbon options that help to green our local economies and lifestyles.

3. Develop local adaptation strategies to address the local impact of climate change

We shall design appropriate local adaptation plans and implement climate change adaptation and preparedness measures with operational mechanisms that improve the quality of life of our inhabitants, in particular the urban poor, who are most vulnerable to the harmful impacts of climate change.

4. Register our emission inventories, commitments, climate mitigation and adaptation measures and actions in a measurable, reportable and verifiable (MRV) manner

With a view to launch and follow-up on our commitments, we will enter our climate actions in the **carboⁿn Cities Climate Registry**. Acknowledging our common but differentiated responsibilities in responding to climate change, we agree to make our actions transparent and provide regular information and data so that our efforts can be measured, reported and verified.

5. Seek the creation of mechanisms that allow direct access to international funding for local climate actions

We will seek the development of mechanisms to directly access financing for our registered mitigation and adaptation actions and in doing so, we will seek the support of various national governments and multilateral funding institutions.

6. Establish a *Global Cities Covenant on Climate Secretariat*

We agree that a Global Cities Covenant on Climate Secretariat will be established to follow-up on actions arising from this instrument and to promote the Global Cities Covenant on Climate with other local and regional authorities. We request the Secretariat to undertake all efforts to facilitate cooperation, exchange and expertise on climate mitigation and adaptation among all signatories of the Global Cities Covenant on Climate.

7. Promote the involvement of civil society in the fight against climate change

We will engage our citizens in our actions to address climate change, and will support proposals from civil society that encourage changes in lifestyles that contribute to our local climate actions.

8. Advocate and seek partnerships with multilateral institutions and national governments on our local climate actions

We agree to cooperate actively with each other to advocate support before multilateral institutions and national governments – within the scope of the UNFCCC process and beyond -, to seek recognition and support for our measurable, reportable and verifiable local climate actions, and to implement sub-national, national, regional and multilateral frameworks that are complementary to our climate actions and which may result from multilateral climate negotiations.

9. Promote partnerships and city-to-city cooperation

We agree to seek active partnerships and promote city-to-city cooperation among all signatories of the Global Cities Covenant on Climate, including sharing information and knowledge, capacity building and technology transfer in all areas relevant to climate mitigation and adaptation.

10. Spread the message of the Global Cities Covenant on Climate and, in particular, encourage and invite other leaders of local and sub-national governments to join our climate actions.

TRANSITIONAL PROVISION:

In the case that signing Mayors require their decision to be processed through other instances of their governments; their signature will be subject to ratification in an 8 months term.

Signed by:

(Name of the authorised representative of the city or local government)

Representing (the city of _____)

Date:

Dec 2010

cCCR Signatory Cities



#	City	Country	Registration Date
1	Buenos Aires	Argentina	21/11/10
2	La Falda	Argentina	21/11/10
3	Rosario	Argentina	21/11/10
4	Santa Fe	Argentina	21/11/10
5	Brussels	Belgium	21/11/10
6	Belmopan	Belize	21/11/10
7	La Paz	Bolivia	21/11/10
8	San Carlos de Santa Cruz	Bolivia	21/11/10
9	Santísima Trinidad	Bolivia	21/11/10
10	Belo Horizonte	Brazil	21/11/10
11	Curitiba	Brazil	21/11/10
12	Diadema	Brazil	21/11/10
13	Manaus	Brazil	21/11/10
14	Porto Alegre	Brazil	21/11/10
15	Rio de Janeiro	Brazil	21/11/10
16	Sao Paulo	Brazil	21/11/10
17	Association of Forestry Municipalities of Cameroon	Cameroon	21/11/10
18	Delta-Vancouver	Canada	21/11/10
19	Vancouver	Canada	21/11/10
20	Coltauco	Chile	21/11/10
21	El Bosque	Chile	21/11/10
22	Graneros	Chile	21/11/10
23	Lautaro	Chile	21/11/10
24	Quilpué	Chile	21/11/10
25	Requinoa	Chile	21/11/10
26	Santiago	Chile	21/11/10
27	Santiago (Metropolitan Area)	Chile	21/11/10
28	Bogota DC	Colombia	21/11/10
29	Gigante-Huila	Colombia	21/11/10
30	Montería	Colombia	21/11/10
31	San Jose	Costa Rica	21/11/10
32	Koprivnica	Croatia	21/11/10
33	Copenhagen	Denmark	29/11/10



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34	Cuenca	Ecuador	21/11/10
35	Pichincha	Ecuador	21/11/10
36	Quito	Ecuador	21/11/10
37	Santa Ana	El Salvador	21/11/10
38	Bordeaux	France	21/11/10
39	Brest	France	21/11/10
40	Ile de France Regional Council	France	21/11/10
41	Communauté d'Agglomération de la Plaine Commune	France	21/11/10
42	Dunkerque	France	21/11/10
43	Grenoble	France	21/11/10
44	Lyon	France	21/11/10
45	Mellac	France	21/11/10
46	Nantes	France	21/11/10
47	Orleans	France	21/11/10
48	Paris	France	21/11/10
49	Guatemala City	Guatemala	21/11/10
50	Nagpur	India	29/11/10
51	Jakarta	Indonesia	21/11/10
52	Jerusalem	Israel	21/11/10
53	Kyoto	Japan	21/11/10
54	Nagoya	Japan	21/11/10
55	Mandera	Kenya	21/11/10
56	Benslimane	Morocco	21/11/10
57	Casablanca	Morocco	21/11/10
58	Essaouira	Morocco	21/11/10
59	Kenitra	Morocco	21/11/10
60	Khouribga	Morocco	21/11/10
61	Meknes	Morocco	21/11/10
62	Ouarzazate	Morocco	21/11/10
63	Rabat	Morocco	21/11/10
64	Settat	Morocco	21/11/10
65	Temara	Morocco	21/11/10
66	Acatzingo	Mexico	21/11/10

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67	Acotepec	Mexico	21/11/10
68	Aguascalientes	Mexico	21/11/10
69	Amixtlan	Mexico	21/11/10
70	Ayotlán	Mexico	21/11/10
71	Camerino Z. Mendoza	Mexico	21/11/10
72	Mexico City	Mexico	21/11/10
73	Cancun	Mexico	21/11/10
74	Chalma	Mexico	21/11/10
75	Chahuities	Mexico	21/11/10
76	Chihuahua	Mexico	21/11/10
77	Cintalapa de Figueroa	Mexico	21/11/10
78	Coyoacán	Mexico	21/11/10
79	Cuatro Cienagas	Mexico	21/11/10
80	Chiconamel	Mexico	21/11/10
81	Chetumal	Mexico	21/11/10
82	Hidalgo	Mexico	21/11/10
83	Lazaro Cardenas	Mexico	21/11/10
84	Lerdo	Mexico	21/11/10
85	Luvianos	Mexico	21/11/10
86	Paso del Macho	Mexico	21/11/10
87	Santiago Apostol	Mexico	21/11/10
88	San Cristobal de las Casas	Mexico	21/11/10
89	San Juan Lachao	Mexico	21/11/10
90	San Juan Guichicovi	Mexico	21/11/10
91	San Martin Hidalgo	Mexico	21/11/10
92	Santa Catarina Sachatao-Ixtlan	Mexico	21/11/10
93	Santa Lucia del Camino	Mexico	21/11/10
94	Santiago Papasquiaro	Mexico	21/11/10
95	Sierra Mojada	Mexico	21/11/10
96	Tecalitlan	Mexico	21/11/10
97	Tepetlaoxtoc	Mexico	21/11/10
98	Tlaxatepec de Benito Juarez	Mexico	21/11/10
99	Totolap	Mexico	21/11/10



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100	Villa de Zaachila	Mexico	21/11/10
101	Yurécuaro	Mexico	21/11/10
102	Zimapan	Mexico	21/11/10
103	Zacatecas	Mexico	21/11/10
104	Wellington	New Zealand	21/11/10
105	Amuwo Odofin Local Government	Nigeria	21/11/10
106	Chaclacayo	Peru	21/11/10
107	107. Chanca	Peru	21/11/10
108	Comas	Peru	21/11/10
109	Lima	Peru	21/11/10
110	Santa Rosa	Peru	21/11/10
111	Trujillo	Peru	21/11/10
112	Albay	Philippines	21/11/10
113	Ligao City	Philippines	21/11/10
114	Lisbon	Portugal	21/11/10
115	Comerio	Puerto Rico	21/11/10
116	Pitesti	Romany	21/11/10
117	Dakar	Senegal	21/11/10
118	Nioro du Rip	Senegal	21/11/10
119	Saint Louis	Senegal	21/11/10
120	Cape Town	South Africa	21/11/10
121	121. Cape Wineland	South Africa	21/11/10
122	Dr JS Moroko Local Municipality	South Africa	21/11/10
123	Johannesburg	South Africa	21/11/10
124	124. Matlosan	South Africa	21/11/10
125	125. Gwangj	South Korea	21/11/10
126	Jeju	South Korea	21/11/10
127	Suncheon	South Korea	21/11/10
128	Yeonsu-Gu	South Korea	21/11/10
129	Barcelona	Spain	21/11/10
130	Deputation of Barcelona	Spain	21/11/10
131	Mataro	Spain	21/11/10
132	Karlstad	Sweden	21/11/10



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133	Malmö	Sweden	21/11/10
134	Taipei City		21/11/10
135	Istanbul	Turkey	21/11/10
136	Entebbe	Uganda	21/11/10
137	Montevideo	Uruguay	21/11/10
138	San Carlos	Uruguay	21/11/10
139	Burnsville & US Conference of Mayors	USA	21/11/10
140	Des Moines	USA	21/11/10
141	Los Angeles	USA	21/11/10
142	North Little Rock	USA	21/11/10