

City of Whitehorse Resolution- November 23, 2009

It was duly moved and seconded

WHEREAS the City of Whitehorse is striving to be a self sustaining community that is a leader in energy conservation and innovation and one that maintains and conserves wilderness spaces for future generations; and

WHEREAS the City of Whitehorse recognizes that climate change is a present and increasing challenge for the North, and

WHEREAS the City of Whitehorse needs to address increased risk of flood damage as a result of ice jams and spring runoff; increased risk of forest fire; and increased strain on infrastructure that is taxed by a changing climate; and

WHEREAS municipalities across Canada recognize that they have a responsibility and the potential to address climate change, but they need the federal government to show leadership on the issue;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Whitehorse urge the Canadian Government to adopt greenhouse gas emission targets that meet or exceed the minimum targets recommended by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Fourth Assessment Report: reduction of 25% by 2020 and 80% by 2050 based on 1990 levels; and

THAT the City of Whitehorse encourage the Government of Canada, in partnership and collaboration with provinces, territories, First Nation governments and municipalities, to develop and implement an effective national plan to meet these targets and adapt to the impacts that now appear inevitable.

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