

WHEREAS Global action on climate change is vital for the health of our environment, our communities and our future;

WHEREAS the impacts of climate change as well as the responsibility for mitigation will fall primarily on municipalities, *who according to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities have direct or indirect control over 44 per cent of Canada's GHG emissions;*

WHEREAS Taking action on climate change will also open up tremendous job and business opportunities for Canadian municipalities in the emerging clean-energy economy, both in Canada and abroad;

WHEREAS Canada is at a crossroads, and we need to act now and move forward with solutions to climate change, or risk falling behind other countries that are already re-tooling their economies and creating new jobs;

WHEREAS Canada is currently one of the top ten worst greenhouse gas polluters in the world, but municipalities like ours are ready to work together with all levels of government to take responsible action and make Canada a climate action leader;

WHEREAS Canada will be at the UN Climate Summit in December with other global leaders and has the opportunity to deliver an ambitious, fair and binding international agreement; and

*WHEREAS Halifax Regional Municipality is taking action on global warming by participating in the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Partners for Climate Protection program and demonstrating local leadership on Climate Change by taking action on reducing it's environmental impacts through greener building practices, energy efficiency projects, and a suite of world class best practices related to climate change through an integrated approach to environmental sustainability which include Corporate and Community Energy Plans, a Local Action Plan to Reduce Green House Gas Emissions and an Clean Air Strategy.*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Halifax Regional Municipality send a strong message to the Government of Canada of the importance of a fair, ambitious and binding international climate agreement to the citizens and businesses of the HRM, including:

- *Binding national greenhouse gas emission reduction targets for developed countries of at least 20 per cent below 2002 levels, by 2012; and, a longer term target of 80% below by 2050; and*
- *Commitment to concretely supporting the municipal actions that will meet these targets with effective and efficient funding programs available for projects and initiatives that have the measureable and profound impact on the national emissions inventory.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution sent to the Prime Minister of Canada;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED we encourage municipalities across Canada to join the Halifax Regional Municipality in urging the Federal Government to make every effort to reach a fair, ambitious and binding international agreement on climate change.