

CITY OF REVELSTOKE

RESOLUTION

MOVED BY: Councillor Johnston

SECONDED BY: Councillor Gibbs

WHEREAS the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has observed that global average surface temperature has increased over the 20th Century by about 0.6 degrees Celsius, that snow cover and ice extent have decreased, that global average sea level has risen and ocean heat content has increased:

WHEREAS the IPCC concludes in its 2001 Third Scientific Assessment that “there is new and stronger evidence that most of the warming observed over the last 50 years is attributable to human activities”;

WHEREAS the IPCC projects that global average temperature will increase between 1.4 to 5.8 degrees Celsius by 2100 if current trends in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions continue;

WHEREAS federal and provincial costs related to extreme weather events in Canada increased from \$500 million in 1980-1984 to \$5.3 billion in 1995-1999, exclusive of municipal costs not yet measured on a national basis;

WHEREAS greenhouse gases (carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide), released from burning coal, oil and natural gas and from cutting trees and clearing land for agriculture and development, are the primary cause of climate change;

WHEREAS the Government of Canada ratified the Kyoto Protocol in December 2002, committing Canada to reducing GHG emissions by six per cent below 1990 levels by 2012;

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability have established Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) to provide a forum for municipal governments to share their knowledge and experience with other municipal governments on how to reduce GHG emissions;

WHEREAS over 120 municipal governments across Canada representing more than 50 per cent of the population have already committed to reducing corporate and community GHG emissions through PCP;

WHEREAS PCP participants commit to working towards reducing GHG emissions in municipal operations by a suggested target of 20 per cent below 1994 levels, and a suggested target of six per cent reductions below 1994 levels throughout the community within ten years of joining the PCP initiative;

WHEREAS PCP is based on a five-milestone framework that includes completing GHG and energy use inventories and forecasts for community and corporate sectors, setting a GHG reduction target, developing and implementing a local action plan and monitoring the plan; and

WHEREAS municipal investments in building retrofits, community energy systems, water conservation, renewable energy technologies, waste reduction, landfill gas capture, fleet management and public transit reduce operating costs, help maintain community services, protect public health and contribute to sustainable community development while cutting GHG emissions contributing to climate change;

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Revelstoke communicate to FCM its support for PCP and its interest in participating in PCP.

MOTION: CARRIED

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed by the Council of the City of Revelstoke on May 8, 2006.



L. Ross McPhee
Director of Corporate Administration

June 1, 2006
Date Signed