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Item No. 5 Civic Environmental Committee - Fourth Municipal Leaders Summit on Climate Change
File E-7

CIVIC ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 3, 2005, the Civic Environmental Committee recommended that the Mayor of Winnipeg and the City's Environmental Coordinator participate in the Fourth Municipal Leaders Summit on Climate Change to learn about the positive business case for Winnipeg taking action on climate change and how it can enhance our community's triple bottom line.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

CIVIC ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 3, 2005, on the Civic Environmental Committee passed the following motion, namely:

WHEREAS Mayors and senior municipal officials from around the world will gather in Montreal from December 5 to 7, 2005, for the Fourth Municipal Leaders Summit on Climate Change to be held in conjunction with the United Nations first meeting of parties, including Canada, who have signed the Kyoto Protocol which entered into force earlier this year;

AND WHEREAS these Mayors and municipal leaders will share the latest knowledge and best practices in building sustainable cities and communities through greenhouse gas mitigation and adaptation strategies;

AND WHEREAS the City has made a commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emission through Plan Winnipeg Policy 2B-01;

AND WHEREAS concern about the cost and availability of non-renewable fossil fuel imported from outside Manitoba has made it strategically important that the City facilitate development of a community-wide plan to reduce Winnipeg's greenhouse gas emissions as soon as possible;

AND WHEREAS development of this climate change action plan will only succeed if it has the support, understanding and commitment from the Mayor of Winnipeg;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor of Winnipeg and the City's Environmental Coordinator participate in the Fourth Municipal Leaders Summit on Climate Change to learn about the positive business case for Winnipeg taking action on climate change and how it can enhance our community’s triple bottom line;

and forwarded to the Executive Policy Committee.