



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Memorandum of Understanding – City of Toronto and the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group Inc.

Date:	April 1, 2015
To:	Executive Committee
From:	Chief Corporate Officer
Wards:	All Wards
Reference Number:	P:\2015\Internal Services\E&E\Ec15001e&e (AFS #21026)

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek City Council approval of a new Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Toronto and the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chief Corporate Officer recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the Mayor of the City of Toronto to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Toronto and the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group Inc., with terms substantially as set out in Attachment A to this report.

Financial Impact

There are no membership fees or dues required for Toronto to be part of the C40 Network. The only financial cost to the City for participating in the C40 Network will be costs associated with any attendance by the Mayor and/or other City officials at the next C40 Mayor Summit scheduled for November 2016 in Mexico City. The costs of participating in the Mayors Summit will be determined in time for inclusion in the City's 2016 operating budget.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group (C40) is a network of the world's largest cities committed to addressing climate change. The organization was founded in 2005 when the then Mayor of London England, Ken Livingstone brought together 18 mayors from some of the world's largest urban centers to determine how they could work together to cut carbon emissions and lead on global climate action. Toronto was part of those initial discussions and in 2008 then Mayor David Miller became the Chair of the C40, a position he held until November 2010. Michael Bloomberg the former Mayor of New York City became the next chair and held that position until 2014 when the Eduardo Paes, the Mayor of Rio de Janeiro became its current chair.

The C40 network now includes 70 mega-cities with a population of over 500 million citizens and representing about 25% of the world's GDP. These cities are connecting with one another to share best practices, research and learn from one another on feasible actions that can be taken to address climate change in balance with economic opportunities and community viability. The C40 network offers a forum where cities can collaborate, share knowledge and drive meaningful and sustainable action on climate change. Their collective action will result in a reduction of one gigaton in greenhouse gas emissions by the year 2020.

Toronto, which has seen its greenhouse gas emissions drop by 25% by 2012 against 1990 levels is one the leading cities in the C40 network. Toronto's involvement in the C40 network requires renewal and the new, non-binding Memorandum of Understanding outlines how Toronto and the C40 network can support one another in the effort to address climate change.

COMMENTS

Under the new Memorandum of Understanding Toronto agrees to:

- a. Disclose available data on environmental performance, greenhouse emissions and climate risk, where possible, annually to C40 (via the CDP platform where possible).
- b. Update the City Profile on the C40 website and participate in at least two networks that pertain to the City's Climate Action priorities.
- c. In collaboration with C40, post on the C40 website at least two case studies related to its best practices to showcase the City's leadership to its global network.
- d. Attend the bi-annual C40 Mayoral Summit at a senior level (which is scheduled for November 2016 in Mexico City).

The C40 Secretariat agrees to:

- a. Provide on the ground support by virtue of the presence of the C40 Regional Director who will act as an active conduit between the City staff, other cities in the region and across the organization, and the organization.
- b. Facilitate knowledge transfer and Peer-To-Peer exchange with city officials of the C40 global network and also through the C40 Virtual Exchange.
- c. Facilitate and support the participation of the City in existing and future networks relevant to the City's climate change priorities.
- d. Channel support to the City through the C40 Networks, as agreed and detailed in an annual work plan, including research, technical assistance through network partnerships, and collaborative efforts among participating cities.
- e. Help share knowledge about the City's progress and best practices through its C40 website, blogs and press connections.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Memorandum of Understanding: C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group and the City of Toronto.