

Subject: Motion - Endorsement of the Fossil Fuel Non-proliferation Treaty

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**Report to Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste
Management on 21 June 2022**

and Council

6 July 2022

**Submitted on 10 June 2022 by Christopher Zwierzchowski, Committee
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Ward: City Wide

Objet : Motion - Adoption du Traité de non-prolifération des combustibles fossiles

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**Rapport au Comité permanent de la protection de l'environnement, de l'eau et de
la gestion des déchets le 21 juin 2022**

et au Conseil municipal

le 6 juillet 2022

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REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

**That the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste
Management recommend Council:**

- 1. Formally endorse the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty; and**
- 2. Approve that the Mayor, on behalf of Council and the City of Ottawa, send a
letter to the Prime Minister of Canada and the Premier of Ontario urging the**

Canadian and Ontario governments to support the global initiative for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.

RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT

Que le Comité permanent de la protection de l'environnement, de l'eau et de la gestion des déchets recommande au Conseil d'approuver ce qui suit :

- 1. Que le Conseil municipal d'Ottawa adopte officiellement le Traité de non-prolifération des combustibles fossiles; et,**
- 2. Que le maire fasse parvenir, au nom du Conseil municipal et de la Ville d'Ottawa, une lettre signée par lui au premier ministre du Canada et au premier ministre de l'Ontario et exhortant le gouvernement du Canada et le gouvernement de l'Ontario à appuyer l'initiative mondiale du Traité de non-prolifération des combustibles fossiles.**

BACKGROUND

At the 17 May 2022 meeting of the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management (SCEPWWM), Councillor McKenney introduced the following Motion for the Committee's consideration at its next regular meeting:

MOTION N^o SCEPWWM 2022 24-01

Moved by Councillor C. McKenney:

WHEREAS the scientific consensus is clear that human activities, including fossil Staff will take direction from Council as appropriate.

fuel extraction and production, are primarily responsible for accelerating global climate change; and

WHEREAS the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change reported in 2022 that we must halve our greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 in order to have a reasonable chance of limiting global warming to 1.5°C; and

WHEREAS global governments and the fossil fuel industry are currently planning to produce about 110% more emissions by 2030 than what is needed to limit warming to 1.5°C and avert catastrophic climate disruption, and such plans risk undoing the work of our city to reduce GHG emissions through Energy Evolution;

and

WHEREAS changes in the City of Ottawa's climate are already being felt through hotter summers and increased frequency of major flooding events; and

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa declared a Climate Emergency on April 24, 2019 with the purpose of naming, framing, and deepening our commitment to protecting our economy, our ecosystems, and our community from climate change; and

WHEREAS the construction of new fossil fuel infrastructure and expanded reliance on fossil fuels exposes communities to untenable risks to public health and safety at the local and global levels and the time is now to phase-out fossil fuels and build a globally just transition for every worker, community and country; and

WHEREAS a new global initiative is underway calling for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty that would end new fossil fuel exploration and expansion, phase out existing production in line with the global commitment to limit warming to 1.5°C, and accelerate equitable transition plans, which complements the objective of the Paris Agreement; and

WHEREAS endorsing the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty reaffirms the City's commitment to Energy Evolution; and

WHEREAS over 50 cities and local governments globally, including Toronto, Vancouver, and Montreal, have formally endorsed the treaty.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management recommend that Ottawa City Council formally endorse the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council and the City of Ottawa, send a letter from the Mayor to the Prime Minister of Canada and the Premier of Ontario urging the Canadian and Ontario governments to support the global initiative for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.

DISCUSSION

The above was introduced as a Notice of Motion by Councillor McKenney at the SCEPWWM meeting of Tuesday, 17 May 2022, for consideration at the Committee's

next meeting. The Motion will now be before Committee for consideration at its meeting of Tuesday, 21 June 2022.

RURAL IMPLICATIONS

This report was drafted to transmit the above Motion to the Committee for its meeting of 21 June 2022. No specific Rural Implications have been identified. Staff will be available at the Committee meeting if clarification is required.

CONSULTATION

This report was drafted to transmit the above Motion to the Committee for its meeting of 21 June 2022; no public consultation was undertaken in the preparation of this report.

Councillor's Comments (C. McKenney)

Councillor McKenney is aware of this report and will be prepared to speak to it at the Committee meeting.

COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR(S)

This report is city-wide in nature.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE(S) COMMENTS

This report was drafted to transmit the above Motion to the Committee for its meeting of 21 June 2022; no Advisory Committee consultation was undertaken in the preparation of this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal impediments to Committee and Council's approval of the recommendations of this report.

INDIGENOUS, GENDER AND EQUITY IMPLICATIONS

This report was drafted to transmit the above Motion to the Committee for its meeting of 21 June 2022. No specific Indigenous, Gender and Equity Implications have been identified. Staff will be available at the Committee meeting if clarification is required.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

This report was drafted to transmit the above Motion to the Committee for its meeting of 21 June 2022. No specific Risk Management Implications have been identified. Staff will be available at the Committee meeting if clarification is required.

ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

This report was drafted to transmit the above Motion to the Committee for its meeting of 21 June 2022. No specific Asset Management Implications have been identified. Staff will be available at the Committee meeting if clarification is required.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications.

ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS

This report was drafted to transmit the above Motion to the Committee for its meeting of 21 June 2022. No specific Accessibility Impacts have been identified. Staff will be available at the Committee meeting if clarification is required.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

This report was drafted to transmit the above Motion to the Committee for its meeting of 21 June 2022. No specific Environmental Implications have been identified. Staff will be available at the Committee meeting if clarification is required.

TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES

This report was drafted to transmit the above Motion to the Committee for its meeting of 21 June 2022. No specific Term of Council Strategic Priorities have been identified. Staff will be available at the Committee meeting if clarification is required.

DISPOSITION

Staff will take direction from Council as appropriate.