



Date: December 3, 2003

TO: Board Members - Parks and Recreation
FROM: Commissioner Lyndsay Poaps - Parks and Recreation
**SUBJECT: THE CORPORATE CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN
FOR THE CITY OF VANCOUVER**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Board endorse the attached City Council report entitled “The Corporate Climate Change Action Plan for the City of Vancouver”.

POLICY

The Board’s strategic plan has a section devoted to Environmental Stewardship, which notes that the Board “operate in an environmentally friendly manner”.

BACKGROUND

In March 2003, City Council established the Cool Vancouver Task Force to assist the City in the development of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction Action Plans for both the City as a Corporation (this report) and the city as a whole community (future report).

The Park Board was represented on the Cool Vancouver Task Force by Commissioner Lyndsay Poaps and General Manager, Susan Mundick.

DISCUSSION

The report reviews the city’s GHG emissions inventory and forecasts and recommends a variety of actions to reduce emissions by 20% over the period 1990 to 2010. Buildings and fleet are by far the largest emitters, at 50% and 35% respectively, with street and park lighting and traffic controls and corporate waste making up the balance. In total the City’s 1990 GHG emissions was some 46,000 tonnes.

Park Board buildings and fleet make up about 50 % and 20% respectively, of the City’s total building and vehicle emissions.

The report has a wide ranging set of recommendations, many of which require action on the Board's part.

The City will retain an Energy Projects Coordinator and Park Board staff will work closely to conduct audits and make energy saving improvements to buildings.

On the fleet side, staff have been working in downsizing and purchasing more energy efficient vehicles and these objectives will now be pursued more aggressively. Staff also expect to have some of our vehicles be part of the proposed bio diesel program.

The report is largely self explanatory and offers a great deal of detailed information. The success of generating the report is a tribute to the effectiveness of the Cool Vancouver Task Force and the success of implementation now depends on the Board's commitment to the various initiatives.

CONCLUSION

Endorsement of the City report including its recommendations is consistent with the Board's strategic direction and the need wish to reduce corporate emission. Board efforts will focus on buildings and feet.

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