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Halton Hills joins Compact of Mayors network

The Town of Halton Hills has joined leading municipalities around the world as a member of the Compact of Mayors network.

The Compact of Mayors, which was launched at the 2014 United Nations Climate Summit, is described as the largest cooperative global effort to address climate change, consisting of a network of mayors and municipal officials.

Its members champion actions related to both climate change mitigation (reducing greenhouse gas emissions) and climate change adaptation (actions to adjust to a changing climate.)

At present, about 450 municipalities worldwide are members, representing a population of about 400 million people.

The Compact of Mayors supports networking and collaboration between leading municipalities tackling climate change. According to the Compact of Mayors, municipalities can make a significant impact on climate change through local action since 70 per cent of the world's greenhouse gases come from urban areas.

Mayor Rick Bonnette said, "Once again,

the Town is demonstrating that it is a leader in sustainability and climate change action.

There are many benefits of becoming a member of the Compact of Mayors. The Town's profile will continue to be elevated globally by being a part of a high-profile network of global leaders; highlighting municipal efforts and bringing them to the attention of national governments; providing recognition for collective impact on climate change; raising investor confidence by reducing risks due to climate change and demonstrating climate change preparedness; and taking action at the local level while addressing the global climate challenge.

Objectives of the Compact of Mayors strongly align with Town Council's priorities, especially those of the Strategic Plan, Community Sustainability Strategy and the Mayor's Community Energy Plan.

There is also alignment with the Town's work with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities through the Partners for Climate Protection Program, and the priorities and funding opportunities being offered by the provincial and federal governments.



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