

Mayor invited to conference in Chicago for town's leadership in sustainability

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Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette will be representing the town at Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy in Chicago early next month.

According to a town release, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel extended the invitation to Bonnette based on Halton Hills' leadership in sustainability - which the town has been internationally recognized for in the past.

"The short visit will see Halton Hills represented on an international stage - an occurrence happening more frequently as the town's reputation for sustainability practices grows," read the release.

"I'm delighted for the opportunity to partici-

pate," said Bonnette. "I think this is a real indicator that we are doing something very right in our little town. The fight against climate change goes beyond geographical boundaries and I am so proud of the work that staff has done and the support that council has provided."

The meeting will focus on how municipalities and cities can help reduce emissions agreed to during the Paris Climate Agreement, which the federal government in the United States under President Donald Trump recently pulled out of.

A number of cities and states across the U.S. have decided to honour the agreement and meet their agreed to targets despite the Trump administration's decision to drop out



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Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette will head to Chicago to represent the town at an international conference of mayors on sustainability and climate change.

of the pact agreed to by virtually all nations across the world.

"Mayors will have the opportunity to indicate participation and support for climate change initiatives by signing a global covenant which outlines a number of commitments," said town reps.

According to the town's release, those commitments will include:

- Emissions reductions

as a percentage of their respective cities' communities emissions in line with or greater than their respective nations' national commitments to the Paris Agreement

- The quantification of emissions in their respective cities consistent with standards and best practices in measurement
- Implementation of local actions that are projected to lower carbon emissions by 2020
- Cooperation with other cities to advance state, provincial and federal policies that enable city to reach their commitments
- Partnership through existing city-focused climate organizations (Global Covenant, C40 Cities Leadership Group, Climate Mayors, Urban Sustainability Directors Network, ICLEI, etc.)

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Back row: Cindy McDonnell, Ken McDermot, Sharon Deaves, Kathleen Dills, Victoria McDonald, Dr. Kiran Cherla, Rina DeGrazia, Colleen Peters, Christine Ellison; **Front row:** Trevor Buttle (Treasurer), Heather Kaufman (Vice Chair), Marc Henein (Chair), Allan Kogon (Past Chair); **Absent:** Mandy Armstrong-Rogers, Marie Carney, Art Skidmore

Meet our new Executive Director!

The Foundation is pleased to introduce Sandra Taylor as our new Executive Director. Sandra comes to Georgetown following a nine-year post at KCI (Ketchum Canada Inc.) as a Senior Consultant.

Sandra brings with her a wealth of experience in organizational development and fundraising, having acted as campaign director for several successful multi-million dollar campaigns for hospitals across the country.

Please join us in welcoming Sandra!



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On November 23, 2017, we celebrated the support of our donors at our annual Donor Recognition & Inspire Awards reception.

THANK YOU to our three Inspire Award winners for your dedication to the Foundation and for inspiring your fellow community members to support local healthcare. Congratulations!

Winners (pictured clockwise): Robbie MacIvor; The Glen Tavern; Paul C. Armstrong Insurance Brokers Inc.



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If you are looking to get involved in our fundraising efforts, join a committee or simply want more information, please call Sandra Taylor, Executive Director in the Georgetown Hospital Foundation office at **905-873-4599**.