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MAYOR RECOGNIZED FOR LEADERSHIP IN SUSTAINABILITY VIA INVITATION TO CHICAGO

HALTON HILLS, ON – Key leaders with shared interests, discussing best practices is the basis for an invitation from one head of Council to another. In early December, Mayor Rick Bonnette will be attending the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy, and the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group at the invitation of Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel. 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.

“I’m delighted for the opportunity to participate,” said Mayor 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.”

Reducing emissions and meeting the goals of the historic Paris Agreement are fundamental to the upcoming gathering. 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, among them:

- 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.)

Earlier this year, staff gave presentations on sustainable planning in Wenjiang, China – an event that was co-organized by Halton Hills and its sister city.

About the Town of Halton Hills

The Town of Halton Hills, with a population of approximately 60,000, consists of two urban centres, Georgetown and Acton, the Halton Hills Premier Gateway employment area, three hamlets – Glen Williams, Stewarttown and Norval – and several smaller settlements. Halton Hills has long been recognized for its natural beauty, active agricultural community, high quality of life and proximity to major centres, including Brampton, Mississauga and Toronto. The Town is ranked as one of the top small communities in Canada by a national magazine.

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