

NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Shepherd re: Clean Air Action Plan

THAT the following model resolution provided by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to encourage the federal government to implement its commitment to clean air be supported by Council:

WHEREAS a high quality of life depends on healthy and sustainable communities;

WHEREAS air pollution threatens quality of life;

WHEREAS exposure to today's concentrations of fine particulate matter, a major component of smog, increases the risk of premature death, asthma attacks, breathing difficulty, lung cancer and heart attacks;

WHEREAS thousands of Canadians die prematurely each year from air pollution;

WHEREAS health costs from air pollution reach \$1 billion dollars annually in Ontario alone, according to the Ontario Medical Association;

WHEREAS Canadians need to be fully informed on the state of the air they breathe;

WHEREAS Canadians need to better understand options for cutting air pollution;

WHEREAS it is known that the pollution causing smog can contribute to climate change, and that taking action on clean air will also help protect the climate;

WHEREAS municipal governments must partner with federal and provincial/territorial governments to develop and implement programs and policies to improve air quality;

WHEREAS the 2001 Speech from the Throne made clean air a priority for the government of Canada;

WHEREAS more scientific research is needed to better understand the link between air pollution and health;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Kelowna City Council call on the Government of Canada to accelerate the delivery of its Clean Air Agenda and specifically focus on the need to develop and implement a comprehensive Clean Air Action Plan that will:

- Advance scientific understanding of the link between air pollution and health;
- Provide financial resources to municipal governments for programs that cut smog and climate pollution;
- Ensure Canadians have access to accurate information on the quality of their air and on action they can take to reduce their exposure and their emissions;
- Ensure significant emission reductions from the transportation sector; and
- Partner with provincial/territorial opposition leaders, community media and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.