

Town of Caledon joins global covenant

The Town of Caledon has committed to the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy.

The Town has joined almost 7,500 cities and local governments, representing more than 680 million people around the world, to take action on climate change.

"I am very proud and excited that the Town will join the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy," Mayor Allan Thompson said. "This program provides additional resources and guidance that staff can align their efforts with, as the Town continues to implement policies and programs that help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for the impacts of climate change."

Within three years of commitment, members must progress through four stages. They include Commitment; Inventory; Target Creation; and Action Plan Development.

The Town has already made significant progress on each stage in undertaking and completing key initiatives, such as:

? Having a full-time Climate Change Specialist on staff to facilitate climate change mitigation and adaptation initiatives;

? Updating the community-scale greenhouse gas (GHG) emission inventory;

? Undertaking a climate change risk and vulnerability assessment to better prepare for the future impacts of a changing climate;

? Mapping residential energy use against building age/type to identify savings opportunities (with funding from the Ministry of Energy).

This membership benefits the Town in many ways, such as providing additional resources, sharing information with a larger municipal network and providing a framework and process for the Town to align efforts with and report against.

For more information on the Town's Climate Change Action Plan, visit www.caledon.ca/climate or e-mail environment@caledon.ca