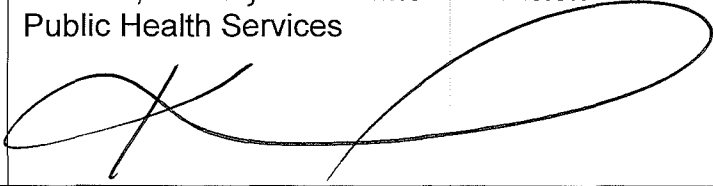




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INFORMATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members Board of Health
DATE:	February 22, 2019
SUBJECT:	Update and Invitation to Bay Area Climate Change Summit
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
SUBMITTED BY:	Kevin McDonald Director, Healthy Environments Division Public Health Services
SIGNATURE:	

CITIES IN ACTION: BAY AREA CLIMATE CHANGE SUMMIT 2019

On behalf of the Bay Area Climate Change Office and the Centre for Climate Change Management at Mohawk College we would like to formally invite the Mayor and all Council members to attend the CITIES IN ACTION: Bay Area Climate Change Summit 2019 taking place at the Royal Botanical Gardens March 25 – 27, 2019.

Registration will be free for the Mayor and all Council. To register for free please use the Promotion Code: **climate2019**.

The Summit is planned for three days with a free community event the evening of March 25, 2019. Registration includes a tiered costing approach, with bursaries available to students/retirees/general public where the price is a barrier for attending.

Please visit the Summit’s website at: <https://citiesinaction.mohawkcollege.ca/> for more information on the agenda, speakers and to register.

The aim for the Summit is to inspire climate action; to focus on real advancements that are being taken against climate change and leave attendees with tangible actions they can take in their own organization or home. The audience will be comprised of leaders from many sectors including government, academia, business, NGOs, practitioners and concerned citizens. The Summit is meant to inspire “Climate Hope in Action” and is built on the following themes, one for each day of the Summit:

- Climate and Economy;
- Energy and Community;

OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

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- Transportation and Health; and,
- Youth and Climate Change.

Background

Council at its meeting of June 22, 2016 approved the Mayor's motion directing staff to create this regional governance model that replicates the successes of the Bay Area Restoration Council. This announcement, along with the announcement of the creation of the Centre for Climate Change Management at Mohawk College took place at the 2017 Bay Area Economic Summit where the Cities of Hamilton and Burlington committed to creating a regional climate change collaborative.

The consultation work to create this governance model was carried out over several months in 2018, and included public meetings and workshops, an online survey, over 30 interviews with representatives of critical organizations and institutions in both communities, and pop-up events throughout Hamilton and Burlington. This process reached over 1000 citizens and 32 organizations.

The Bay Area Climate Change Council (BACCC) was formed following this extensive community engagement and includes key organizations across Hamilton and Burlington. The Bay Area Climate Change Office (BACCO) is comprised of staff from the cities of Hamilton and Burlington and Mohawk College which supports BACCC. For more information on the governance model and a list of BACCC and BACCO members please see Appendix "A", attached to this update, or visit Mohawk College's website at <https://www.mohawkcollege.ca/centre-for-climate-change-management-at-mohawk-college-0/bay-area-climate-change-office-bacco>.

The BACCC with support from BACCO is developing a strategic three year work plan with specific recommended actions. The intent is to present this work plan to Municipal Councils in 2019 which will include specific funding requests following the Climate Summit.

For further questions please contact Trevor Imhoff, Senior Project Manager – Air Quality and Climate Change at Trevor.Imhoff@hamilton.ca or (905) 546-2424 Ext. 1308.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix "A" to Information Update: Update and Invitation to Bay Area Climate Change Summit – Governance Structure