



RESOLUTION 0159-2013
adopted by the Council of
The Corporation of the City of Mississauga
at its meeting on September 18, 2013

0159-2013 Moved by: Chris Fonseca

Seconded by: Jim Tovey

WHEREAS Canada is seeing a dramatic increase in extreme weather events;

AND WHEREAS there are very few, if any, stormwater systems in Canada able to withstand the intensity of the storms occurring across Canada on a more frequently basis such as (Toronto August 2005, Mississauga August 2009, Winnipeg April 2011, Calgary June 2013, and West-Central GTA July 2013;

AND WHEREAS the Greater Toronto Area alone has had five extreme weather events over the last decade with rain intensity greater than the 100 year design storm;

AND WHEREAS before 1990, only three Canadian disasters exceeded \$500 million in damages, in the past decade alone, nine surpassed that amount;

AND WHEREAS in the first 6 months of 2013, Canada has experienced two weather related disaster events estimated to be responsible for damages in excess of \$1 billion with only one half of the damages covered by insurance;

AND WHEREAS weather-related water damages are now the leading cause of property losses and the highest percentage of residential insurance claims;

AND WHEREAS Canadian municipalities are on the front line of climate adaptation and mitigation policies, strategies and leadership;

AND WHEREAS recent disastrous extreme weather events across Canada have made climate change top of the public agenda and most notably on the urgency to adapt our communities' core infrastructure to a changing climate for the protection of Canadians and their communities, and the collaborative roles that all levels of government must play;

AND WHEREAS FCM Federal and Municipal programs Green Municipal Fund and Partners for Climate Protection have aided municipalities with capacity building tools to address climate mitigation, adaptation, and have proven economic benefits locally, regionally, provincially and nationally;

AND WHEREAS Canada is the only G8 country where people cannot buy insurance for overland flooding;

AND WHEREAS this Motion has been endorsed by the City of Mississauga's Environmental Advisory Committee at its meeting of September 10, 2013;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Mississauga requests the Federation of Canadian Municipalities urge the federal government to incorporate climate change adaptation and mitigation principles within the Build Canada Fund; establish a permanent natural disaster relief fund; and provide sustainable funding for infrastructure to address residential and business flooding;

AND FURTHER that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario request similar endorsement of all their members in good standing;

AND FURTHER that this resolution be forwarded, for immediate attention and action to: the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Stephen J. Harper, as well as Canada's Minister of Finance, the Honourable James M. Flaherty, and all local members of Parliament.

Carried