



## Staff Report

**Report Title: Global Covenant of Mayors (GCOM) Achievements**

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**Department: Community Services**

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### **Attachments:**

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### **Recommendation:**

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number CS-2021-04-19 prepared by Mike Fair, Director of Community Services

### **Background:**

Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM) is the largest global alliance for city climate leadership, built upon the commitment of over 10,000 cities and local governments. The Global Covenant of Mayors Canada Showcase Cities Initiative is a collaboration between the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), ICLEI Canada, the Global Covenant of Mayors Secretariat and the International Urban Cooperation Project supported by funding from the European Union. The initiative combines two leading domestic climate programs, the Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) program and Building Adaptive and Resilient Communities (BARC), with the leading global climate program.

### **Discussion:**

The Township of Huron-Kinloss was among twenty-five municipalities across Canada that successfully completed an intensive pilot focusing on local climate action. In August 2019, Township of Huron-Kinloss was selected to join the first Showcase Cities cohort led by the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy (GCoM) Canada. Benefits included staff receiving free support to spur climate action at a local level.

Municipalities are on the front lines of climate change, and through this pilot project which included technical support, training, exclusive networking opportunities and access to tools and resources, to advance climate action objectives. As a result, the Township of Huron-Kinloss was recently acknowledged for achieving the Mitigation Badge, Adaptation Badge, and Compliance Badges.

This accomplishment could not have been achieved without the contributions of all the volunteers, organizations such as Grey-Bruce Public Health, Maitland Valley Conservation Authority, all Huron-Kinloss Council, and champion Councillor Lillian Abbott, and Mayor Mitch Twolan. Special thanks to all staff that supported the Climate Change Energy Plan and the multiple meetings required to raise awareness for all staff to include making decisions going forward with a climate change and energy lens.

The badges and accomplishments attached will be posted on the Municipal website, and a press release issued. We bring this forward for information purposes.

**Financial Impacts:**

None at this time.

**Strategic Alignment / Link:**

We are an environmentally conscious community that are good stewards of our natural environment.

By protecting our natural assets

By using our resources wisely

By being aware and taking responsibility

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

Mike Fair

**Approved By:**

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer