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## **Mount Pearl Joins Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy Showcase Cities Pilot in Canada**

*The City of Mount Pearl was among twenty-five municipalities across Canada selected for an intensive pilot with the leading global climate initiative*

**Mount Pearl, NL** – The City of Mount Pearl was selected to join the first Showcase Cities cohort led by the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy (GCoM) Canada. Over the next year, the municipality will receive intensive support to help reduce their greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and adapt to climate change.

Municipalities are on the front lines of climate change, and through this pilot project which includes technical support, training, exclusive networking opportunities and access to tools and resources, Mount Pearl will advance their ambitious climate action objectives.

“We make decisions every day that impacts the future of our City, and that future is one where Climate Change is no longer a far away concept, but a real concern,” said Mayor Dave Aker. “We have taken the steps necessary, through completing a full emissions inventory, to understand our footprint and create a Climate Change Action Plan. Through this program, we will have access to resources and support to help us deliver on it.”

Municipalities are leading the way on low-carbon solutions—from building retrofits to green transit fleets. And with municipalities influencing half of Canada’s GHG emissions, scaling up local solutions is key to meeting Canada’s climate targets. Include what your municipality aims to achieve through this program

The Global Covenant of Mayors Canada is a collaboration between FCM, ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability, the Global Covenant of Mayors Secretariat and the International Urban Cooperation Project supported by funding from the European Union.

“Together we are creating ambitious plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and preparing our communities for the impacts of a changing climate,” said Megan Meaney, Executive Director of the Canada office of ICLEI.

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. The GCoM Canada is piloting this approach, which will build on FCM and ICLEI’s more than 25 years’ experience in delivering climate change programs in Canada.

### About the Global Covenant of Mayors Canada partners

The [Federation of Canadian Municipalities](#) is the national voice of municipal governments, with nearly 2,000 members representing more than 90 per cent of the Canadian population.

[ICLEI- Local Governments for Sustainability](#) is an international association of local governments committed to sustainability.

The [International Urban Cooperation \(IUC\)](#) programme is part of a long-term strategy by the European Union to foster sustainable urban development in cooperation with both the public and private sectors.

The [Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy](#) (GCoM) is the largest global alliance for climate leadership, uniting a global coalition of nearly 10,000 cities and local governments. By 2030, GCoM cities and local governments could collectively reduce 1.3 billion tons of CO2 emissions per year. That's the equivalent of taking 276 million cars off the road.

### Associated links

[FCM and Global Covenant of Mayors announce climate action pilot project](#)

Backgrounder: [GCoM Canada](#)

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