



**City of Kingston
Report to Council
Report Number 25-103**

To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Paige Agnew, Commissioner, Growth & Development Services
Resource Staff: Julie Salter-Keane, Manager, Climate Leadership
Date of Meeting: March 4, 2025
Subject: Kingston Climate Summit, ICLEI Canada

Council Strategic Plan Alignment:

Theme: 2. Lead Environmental Stewardship and Climate Action

Goal: See above

Executive Summary:

ICLEI Canada, in collaboration with the City of Kingston, has successfully secured \$250,000 in funding from the Echo Foundation and the Trottier Family Foundation to host a Climate Summit in Kingston this June. The Echo Foundation and the Trottier Family Foundation will donate the funds to the City of Kingston, which will then partner with ICLEI Canada to organize and execute the summit. This event aims to address climate change challenges and foster collaboration and action at the local level.

The Kingston Climate Summit will bring together over 300 participants from local community members, regional, and provincial sectors, to discuss and develop strategies for climate resilience and adaptation. By working together, ICLEI Canada and the City of Kingston hope to create a more sustainable and resilient future for the region. A key goal of this gathering is to see organizations, businesses, and community leaders unite to support working together toward strengthening community resilience.

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Recommendation:

That Council approve a 2025 budget amendment for \$250,000 for the Kingston Climate Summit to be funded from the Echo Foundation and Trottier Family Foundation sponsorship.

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Authorizing Signatures:

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY COMMISSIONER

**Paige Agnew, Commissioner,
Growth & Development Services**

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY CHIEF

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

**Lanie Hurdle, Chief
Administrative Officer**

Consultation with the following Members of the Corporate Management Team:

Jennifer Campbell, Commissioner, Community Services	Not required
Neil Carbone, Commissioner, Corporate & Emergency Services	Not required
David Fell, President & CEO, Utilities Kingston	Not required
Ian Semple, Acting Commissioner, Transportation & Infrastructure Services	Not required
Desirée Kennedy, Chief Financial Officer & City Treasurer	

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Options/Discussion:

ICLEI Canada, in collaboration with the City of Kingston, has successfully secured funding from the Echo Foundation (a private charitable organization with their environment grant focused on Eastern Canada) and the Trottier Family Foundation (was established to create meaningful impact that improves the lives of Canadians), to host a Climate Summit in Kingston this June. This event aims to address climate change challenges and promote sustainable practices within the community.

Echo Foundation and the Trottier Family Foundation will donate the funds to the City of Kingston, which will then partner with ICLEI Canada to organize and execute the summit. This collaboration leverages the expertise and resources of both ICLEI Canada and the City of Kingston to create a comprehensive and impactful event.

The Climate Summit will bring together a diverse, cross-sectoral audience to drive collective action and local investment in climate action. A key goal of this gathering is to see organizations, businesses, and community leaders unite to support working together toward strengthening community resilience.

The Kingston Climate Summit will draw inspiration from the highly successful Montreal Climate Partnership, which has become a model for mobilizing communities across Canada. A cornerstone of this initiative is the annual Montreal Climate Summit, a platform for sharing results, celebrating commitments, and inspiring new action.

The Kingston Climate Summit program will be designed to foster collaboration and action at the local level. Program elements will include:

- A plenary session highlighting the importance of local partnerships for climate action;
- Panel sessions focusing on key topics such as: implementation, financing, communications, moving from planning to implementation;
- Smaller workshops would give delegates an opportunity to dig into more specific and substantive issues related to climate action; and
- Worktables set up throughout the venue will offer an opportunity for a variety of organizations to set up and share their commitments to climate action and identify opportunities to continue to collaborate with the Climate Leadership Working Group.

The long-term impact of the Climate Summit will be seen in the advancement of Kingston's sustainability efforts and the creation of a more resilient and environmentally friendly community. By working together, ICLEI Canada and the City of Kingston aim to create a legacy of climate action and sustainability in the region.

Climate Risk Considerations

Engaging the community in climate action initiatives is essential for building resilience. While the Climate Summit will take place over one day and a half, its impact will be felt beyond this time

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frame. The momentum gathered during this event, will help accelerate the continuation of local action in Kingston by a variety of organizations.

Indigenization, Inclusion, Diversity, Equity & Accessibility (IIDEA) Considerations

ICLEI Canada will incorporate IIDEA considerations into the Climate Summit that will create a more inclusive, equitable, and resilient community. The benefits of this approach extend beyond the event itself, fostering a culture of inclusivity and equity that can positively impact future initiatives and policies.

Financial Considerations

The \$250,000 for the Kingston Climate Summit will be funded by the Echo Foundation and the Trottier Family Foundation. The City had not anticipated holding this event when the budget was being considered.

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Other City of Kingston Staff Consulted:

Lana Foulds, Director, Financial Services

Exhibits Attached:

None