



November 19

Dear Mayor Anne Marie DeCicco-Best,

On behalf of the Council of Canadians, we would like to commend your leadership in sending a strong message to the federal government on the importance of an international climate agreement resulting from Copenhagen negotiations this December. The Council of Canadians is one of Canada's largest public advocacy organizations, with members and chapters across the country. We work to promote progressive policies on fair trade, clean water, sustainable energy, public health care, and other issues of social and economic concern to Canadians.

Your city joins other leading cities in Europe and the U.S. that have endorsed the *Stockholm Appeal on Climate Change*. This appeal and the City of London resolution send a powerful statement to national governments to reach an agreement in Copenhagen and affirm local government's mutual climate protection and sustainability desires.

There can be no doubt that the climate crisis demands urgent action at all levels of government - federal, provincial, and municipal - to make the necessary transition to a low carbon future. It is clear that local governments are central to implementing low carbon solutions as well as bear the burden of inaction in the face of the climate crisis.

Thank you for your leadership. We truly hope that other communities will follow your example and are working with our chapters across the country to encourage this.

Sincerely,

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