



## COP28 – Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What is the conference that the Mayor will be attending?

Mayor Matrosovs will be attending the 2023 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Dubai. As part of the conference, Mayor Matrosovs will be participating in the COP28 Local Climate Action Summit.

#### *About the COP28 Local Climate Action Summit*

- The COP28 Local Climate Action Summit will be a first-of-its-kind gathering to recognize the critical role local leaders play in reducing emissions, addressing climate risk, and supercharging national efforts to move further and faster on climate progress. Hosted by the COP28 Presidency and Bloomberg Philanthropies, the Summit aims to bring together hundreds of national and subnational climate leaders to transform climate finance, enhance global action, fast-track the energy transition, and strengthen resilience and adaptation at the local level. This Summit is backed by the world-leading networks of local leaders as well as subnational partner organizations, including the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group, the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy, ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), US Conference of Mayors, the Under2 Coalition, UN-Habitat, and others. For information, visit:

<https://www.cop28.com/en/lcas>

#### *About the United Nations Climate Change Conference*

- The 2023 United Nations Climate Change Conference is organized and hosted annually by the United Nations. The conference brings together the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change parties to negotiate and agree to action on how to tackle climate change, limit emissions and halt global warming. For information, visit:

<https://www.cop28.com/en/cop28-faqs>

### 2. Who is eligible to attend the conference?

The 2023 United Nations Climate Change Conference is expected to welcome over 70,000 delegates from around the world, including heads of state and world leaders, non-government organizations, companies, youth groups, and other stakeholders.

### 3. How long will the Mayor be in Dubai for?

Mayor Matrosovs will be flying out of Canada on Wednesday, November 29, 2023 and will be returning on Thursday, December 7, 2023.

#### **4. Who is paying for the trip?**

All expenses for Mayor Matrosovs to attend the conference and summit are being paid directly by C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group. There is no cost to the Town related to travel, accommodation or any other related expenses.

#### **5. How was the Mayor invited to attend and who submitted the nomination?**

Mayor Matrosovs was nominated to attend the conference by the organization 'ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability'. ICLEI nominated 40 members to the C40 Climate Leadership Group for consideration. Of the 40 members nominated, Mayor Matrosovs was selected and was offered an all-expenses paid trip to attend the conference and summit.

The 40 members selected and nominated by ICLEI were based on demonstrated active engagement in Climate Action who could represent the voice of Canadian municipalities in the delegation.

ICLEI was aware of Mayor Matrosovs through her previous work by attending and participating in other events attended or hosted by ICLEI, including the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative Conference, Livable Cities Conference Mayor's Forum, and the National Climate Adaptation Summit.

#### **6. What is ICLEI?**

ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability is a global network of more than 2500 local and regional governments committed to sustainable urban development.

ICLEI is an association governed by its members and the elected ICLEI Regional (RexComs) and Global Executive Committees (GexCom). RexCom elections are held all nine ICLEI regions every three years. CLEI regions generally represent global geographical areas and regions include multiple countries. Following regional elections, each RexCom nominates one representative for the GexCom regional seat. The single ICLEI Global Executive Committee represents ICLEI Members on the global level.

#### **7. Is the Town a member of ICLEI?**

Yes, the Town has been a member of ICLEI Canada since 2009. The Town pays an annual membership cost of \$450.00 Euros (approximately \$672.00 CAD).

For more information on ICLEI Canada, visit: <https://icleicanada.org/>

#### **8. Why is the Town a member of ICLEI and what has the involvement been to date?**

The Town joined ICLEI in 2009. The decision to join was based on ICLEI's national and international connections to bring global issues to small and local municipalities worldwide and to support small and local municipalities in reaching global opportunities for learning and collaboration.

Locally, ICLEI developed Grey County's Climate Change Action Plan and assists the Town and other Grey municipalities with GhG mitigation and adaptation planning.

In addition, the Towns Manager of Sustainability and Solid Waste, Jeff Fletcher, has actively participated with ICLEI Canada and is a current member of the ICLEI RexCom Canada Board of Directors.

**9. What is C40 Climate Leadership Group and why would they pay for the Mayor to attend?**

As provided on their website, C40 Climate Leadership Group is a global network of nearly 100 mayors of the world's leading cities that are united in action to confront the climate crisis. C40's diplomacy and advocacy work supports mayors and cities to engage in global, regional and national political discussions with the aim of enhancing their climate leadership, championing ambitious and equitable climate action and removing barriers to city-level action – all in the spirit of working towards a Global Green New Deal.

C40 Climate Leadership Group is funded and supported by various partners. Additional information and the full list of funders can be found on their website: <https://www.c40.org/funders-partners/>

**10. What does the Mayor hope to accomplish by attending the conference?**

Mayor Matrosovs is eager to participate in the opportunity to provide municipal-level input into national and international policy and agreements. This is in support of the Town's declared Climate Change Emergency, which focused on enhanced and accelerated action on the Town's commitment to protecting the community, economy, and ecosystems from the impacts of climate change. In addition, the Town's Integrated Community Sustainability Plan, adopted in 2022, includes various actions related to climate solutions, collaboration and taking action to address climate change, all of which support the Town's involvement and partnership with ICLEI and the Mayor's attendance at the conference and summit.