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## BRIEFING FORM

**SUBMITTED TO:** Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee

**DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:**

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**DATE OF MEETING:** July 7, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Copy of Presentation from Green Build Atlantic

### ORIGIN

May 5, 2011, Environment and Sustainability Committee. Staff was requested to share learnings from Sandhu Johnston's presentation at Build Green Atlantic.

### RECOMMENDATION/ DECISION REQUIRED

(NONE REQUIRED IN THIS CASE, INFORMATION ONLY)

## **BACKGROUND**

On May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Sandhu Johnston, Deputy CAO of the City of Vancouver, was the opening keynote speaker of Build Green Atlantic. His presentation overviewed some fascinating work he has lead in both Chicago and Vancouver. Councillors that attended the presentation requested further information from staff.

Presentation is available at: <http://buildgreenatlantic.org/assets/presentations/Keynote-JOHNSTON-Atlantic-CaGBC.pdf>

In 2009, Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson brought together a group of community leaders holding knowledge and experiences across a range of the most pressing environmental interests our city faces. This group, named the Greenest City Action Team (GCAT), was given an audacious mandate: to figure out what Vancouver needs to do to become the Greenest City in the world by 2020.



The Action Team delivered two reports.

1. Quick Start Actions: <http://talkgreenvancouver.ca/sites/default/files/greenestcity-quickstart.pdf>
2. 10 Long Term Goals: <http://talkgreenvancouver.ca/sites/default/files/Vancouver2020-ABrightGreenFuture.pdf>

The Ten Long Term Goals are:

	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Target</b>
Green Economy	Secure reputation of green enterprise	Double number of green jobs
Climate Leadership	Eliminate dependence on fossil fuels	Reduce community GHGs by 33% from 2007 levels by 2020
Green Buildings	Lead world in green building design and construction	Require all buildings 2020 onward to be carbon neutral and reduce ghg's in existing buildings by 20% from 2007 levels

Green Transportation	Make Walking, Cycling and Transit Option #1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>50% of trips taken by walking, cycling or transit</li> <li>Reduce vehicle kms travelled per resident by 20% from 2007 levels</li> </ol>
Zero Waste	To create zero waste	Reduce solid waste going to landfill or incinerator by 50% from 2008 levels
Access to Nature	Residents enjoy incomparable access to green spaces	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Every person lives within a five minute walk of a park</li> <li>Plant 150,000 trees by 2020</li> </ol>
Lighter Footprint	Living within ecological means	Reduce community ecological footprint by 33% over 2006 levels
Clean Water	Enjoy best drinking water of any major city	Reduce per capita consumption by 33% over 2006 levels
Clean Air	Cleanest Air for any City	Meet most stringent air quality standards and guidelines
Local Food	Global leader in urban food systems	Increase city and neighbourhood assets by 50% over 2010 levels

### **ALTERNATIVES AND ASSOCIATED RISKS**

None

### **IMPACT/BENEFITS:**

None

### **COMMUNICATION ISSUES/OPPORTUNITIES:**

None

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

None

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