

## **Motion**

For staff to provide analysis on inclusion of the UN Sustainable Development Goals in the City of Richmond's Annual Report or other annual report basis.

## **Rationale**

The UN has 17 Sustainable Development Goals that can be used to standardize organizations' CSR reports and focus efforts on goals which have maximum impact in achieving truly sustainable activities. The UN SDGs are commonly adopted as best practices at major organizations worldwide and help to communicate each organizations efforts in a consistent and comparable way.

The City of Richmond has adopted the UN IPCC climate targets, has positioned itself as an environmental leader with its plastic bag ban, and is working to reduce inequity and improve residents' well-being. Using the UN SDGs would further help to communicate our efforts and, in turn, Richmond's leadership could inspire other communities to adopt these reporting standards which would help further our collective action on sustainability.

The Richmond Annual Report already includes many, if not all, categories of SDGs. Adoption of the UN SDGs may help to further enhance our report and provide additional organization of corporate activities.

To maximize the effectiveness of using SDGs, some organizations have chosen to adopt FAST goals within each category, which are 'frequently discussed, ambitious, specific and transparent'. In turn, the organization reports annually on their progress on specific actions.

The UN Sustainable Development Goals can be found here: <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>.

OECD on SDGs for cities: <http://www.oecd.org/about/impact/achievingthesdgsincitiesandregions.htm>

Example of the SDGs in a CSR report of Schneider Electric: <https://sdreport.se.com/en/>

Example of the SDGs in an annual report from Vancity:  
[https://annualreport.vancity.com/\\_doc/Vancity\\_2019\\_AR.pdf](https://annualreport.vancity.com/_doc/Vancity_2019_AR.pdf)