



Office of Mayor Charlie Hales
City of Portland

REPORT TO COUNCIL

DATE: February 5, 2015

TO: City Council

FROM: Mayor Charlie Hales

SUBJECT: Accept presentation from the UNESCO Chair on Education for Sustainable Development at City Council on February 11, 2015

I am pleased to submit for your consideration a presentation from Charles Hopkins, the UNESCO Chair for Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), in collaboration with the Greater Portland Sustainability Education Network (GSPEN). This presentation will update the City Council on current sustainability opportunities related to Portland's designation by the United Nations as a Regional Center of Expertise (RCE).

Charles Hopkins holds the UNESCO Chair on Reorienting Teacher Education to Address Sustainability, focusing upon the development of an international network of teacher preparation institutions collaboratively working on the reorientation of teacher education to address sustainable development. Hopkins is also a senior advisor to UNESCO's Transdisciplinary Project, Educating for a Sustainable Future and the Chair of the Education for Sustainable Development Working Group of UNESCO Canada's Man and the Biosphere Committee (MAB).

UNESCO launched the new Global Action Programme, which was formerly signed by the U.N. at the end of December. UNESCO is looking to RCEs to help implement the five priority action areas. The details are outlined in the attached document.

As collaborative networks across sectors, the RCEs strive to help regions meet their sustainability goals through formal, nonformal, and informal education efforts. They will present ideas to the City Council and discuss what role the City can play in collaborating on education, awareness campaigns, and training in meeting the following particular initiatives:

- Formal education- What do our citizens need to know about sustainability for the health and well-being of our community? How do we collaborate with schools and universities, many of whom are already GSPEN members?
- Nonformal education- As partners with a variety of groups and coalitions in our region, how can we help facilitate efforts with the city, non-profits, and civic organizations to increase social impact?

- Informal education- How do we engage the media in sustainability messaging campaigns?

This is an excellent opportunity to learn about UNESCO's efforts to forward sustainability education, outreach and awareness. In addition, we look forward to partnering with GSPEN to offer guidance on next steps and increase our collective impact for a more sustainable future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charlie Hales". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Charlie" and the last name "Hales" clearly distinguishable.

Charlie Hales

Mayor of Portland

Agenda No.
~~REPORT~~ PRESENTATION
 Title

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 United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

<p>INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Mayor Hales/Commissioner Fritz</p>	<p>CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>FEB 06 2015</u></p>
<p>COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</p> <p>Mayor—Finance and Administration - Hales</p> <p>Position 1/Utilities - Fritz <i>And Fritz</i></p> <p>Position 2/Works - Fish</p> <p>Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman</p> <p>Position 4/Safety - Novick</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LaVonne Griffin-Valade Auditor of the City of Portland</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>[Signature]</i> Deputy</p> <p>ACTION TAKEN: FEB 11 2015 PLACED ON FILE</p>
<p>BUREAU APPROVAL Bureau: Office of Mayor</p>	
<p>Prepared by: Rachael Wiggins Date Prepared: 2/5/2015</p>	
<p>Financial Impact & Public Involvement Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>City Auditor Office Approval: required for Code Ordinances</p>	
<p>City Attorney Approval: required for contract, code, easement, franchise, charter, Comp Plan</p>	
<p>Council Meeting Date February 11, 2014</p>	

AGENDA
<p>TIME CERTAIN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Start time: <u>2:45 PM</u></p> <p>Total amount of time needed: <u>30 min</u> (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p>
<p>CONSENT <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>REGULAR <input type="checkbox"/> Total amount of time needed: _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p>

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:	
	YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	1. Fritz	
2. Fish	2. Fish	
3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman	
4. Novick	4. Novick	
Hales	Hales	

No VOTE TAKEN