



## Memo to Council

### From the Office of Councillor Amy Lubik

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Date: March 9, 2021

Subject: Request to Advocate for Community Climate Action Planning Funding

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In the last month, Port Moody has heard the cost of our climate justice and equity lead climate action plan. More recently we have also advocated to the provincial government for some of the necessary legislative powers to make significant strides towards achieving our and other local governments' GHG emissions goals through support for Helping Cities Lead. We know that it will cost more not to do anything. We also know that small local governments will be at greater risk because of limited revenue sources and low tax bases. There are currently grants available to help with mitigation and adaptation; however, they are accessible to only a small number of communities, particularly those that have staff capacity to write the grant applications, and they are not available for a sustained amount of time.

This resolution is an addition to the Helping Cities Lead advocacy, to ask that the BC government commit to sustained financial supports to be the entire province to meet the targets presented in CleanBC. A background is provided (**attachment 1**).

Suggested Recommendation:

**WHEREAS a total of 493 municipalities across Canada adopted Climate Emergency Declarations, and in British Columbia as of early 2019 dozens of municipalities have done so, and the need to develop clear actionable Community Climate Action Plans is urgent;**

**AND WHEREAS it has been demonstrated that collaborative, cooperative planning and financing processes increase the efficiency and maximize the impacts of the investments that all levels of government are making in assisting communities to develop and implement Community Climate Action Plans with bold actions and clearly articulated targets that respond to the increasingly urgent and inequitable needs of adapting to and mitigating climate change impacts;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that LMLGA through the Union of BC Municipalities request that the provincial government commit to providing sustained financial support for local community climate action planning that serves to meet the targets set out by the goals of CleanBC and implement responses to climate impacts throughout British Columbia.**

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Attachment:

1. Helping Cities Lead Briefing Summary