



City of Port Moody

Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: April 28, 2021
Submitted by: Climate Action Committee
Subject: CleanBC Better Homes

Purpose

To provide Council with information regarding a resolution passed by the Climate Action Committee proposing the creation of a municipal top-up and heat pump group purchase rebate program under the CleanBC Better Homes program.

Recommended Resolution

THAT the report dated April 28, 2021 from the Climate Action Committee regarding CleanBC Better Homes be received for information.

Background

At the March 22, 2021 Climate Action Committee meeting, the Committee received a presentation from the CleanBC Community Energy Coaches regarding the CleanBC Better Homes program (**Attachment 1**). The Committee passed the following resolutions:

CAC21/006

THAT staff report back with a potential municipal top-up program for the CleanBC Better Homes rebates, and a community education program to promote the Heat Pump Group Purchase Rebate program and the CleanBC Better Homes rebate program.

CAC21/007

THAT the City of Port Moody invite CleanBC to host a webinar for the community;

AND THAT the CleanBC program information be posted on the City website, City social media, and City print publications, with all posts including a link to the Climate Action Plan.

At the April 26, 2021 Climate Action Committee meeting, the Committee received a presentation from the Sustainability and Energy Coordinator regarding the Draft CleanBC Port Moody Municipal Top-Up Rebate Options (**Attachments 2, 3, and 4**). The Committee passed the following resolution:

CAC21/012

THAT Council direct staff to design a Port Moody municipal top-up on the CleanBC Better Homes Program and coordinate administration of the municipal top-up as outlined in Option 1 in the memo dated April 13, 2021 from the Community Development – Policy Planning Division.

AND THAT staff be directed to initiate a heat pump group purchase rebate program under the CleanBC Better Homes Program.

AND THAT up to \$25,400 of funding to support the municipal top-up and heat pump group purchase rebate program be forwarded to Finance Committee to determine a funding source.

Discussion

The CleanBC Better Homes program assists homeowners and businesses in accessing information and rebates related to reducing home energy use and greenhouse gas emissions through retrofits and upgrades. The program is funded by the Province of British Columbia and the Government of Canada under the Low Carbon Economy Leadership Fund, and rebates are administered by BC Hydro and FortisBC.

The CleanBC Better Homes program offers education and outreach opportunities to provide environmentally-friendly information through the development of customized community webinars. The program also allows local governments to offer tailored municipal top-up rebates for local initiatives such as the Climate Action Plan or support the program through media channels by promoting the Heat Pump Group Purchase Rebate.

The development of a CleanBC Better Homes municipal top-up rebate for electric heat pump space heating and electrical service upgrades and participation in the heat pump group purchase rebate program aligns with the Climate Action Plan and offers opportunities to further promote the climate emergency declaration and support climate action initiatives in the City.

Other Options

1. THAT the report dated April 28, 2021 from the Climate Action Committee regarding CleanBC Better Homes be referred to staff for information.
2. THAT the report dated April 28, 2021 from the Climate Action Committee regarding CleanBC Better Homes be referred to staff for action.

Financial Implications

Further information on financial implications would be provided by staff should this report be referred to staff for action.

Communications and Civic Engagement Initiatives

Further information on communication and civic engagement requirements would be provided by staff should this report be referred to staff for action.

Council Strategic Plan Objectives

The development of a CleanBC Better Homes municipal top-up rebate and participation in the GPR program aligns with the following 2019-2022 Council Strategic Plan Objectives:

- broaden the City's sustainability programs; and
- provide leadership in climate change by thinking globally and acting locally.

Attachments

1. CleanBC Rebates, Community Energy Coach.
2. Draft CleanBC Port Moody Municipal Top-Up Rebate Options.
3. Better Homes BC, Home Heating Rebates.
4. Memo, Community Development Department, Policy Planning Division, dated April 13, 2021.

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Report Approval Details

Document Title:	CleanBC Better Homes.docx
Attachments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Attachment 1 - CleanBC Rebates, Community Energy Coach Presentation.pdf- Attachment 2 - Draft CleanBC Port Moody Municipal Top-Up Rebate Options Staff Presentation.pdf- Attachment 3 - Better Homes BC, Home Rebates.pdf- Attachment 4 - Memo, Community Development Department, Policy Planning Division, dated April 13, 2021.pdf
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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