Memorandum

To:	Climate Action Committee	File #:	614835
From:	Staff	Date:	July 7, 2017
Subject:	Advocate for Upgrades to School Air Conditioning		

As the Climate Action Committee (CAC) workplan is still in draft and has not been approved by Council, staff are requesting expedited review and approval from the CAC for the resolution presented below at the May 29, 2023 meeting of the CAC. The expedited timeline is due to timing and deadline of June 30, 2023 to send resolutions to UBCM to be included in this year's convention. The motion is a recommended action from the Extreme Weather Resilience Plan which was adopted by Council in September 2022.

Motion:

THAT the Climate Action Committee recommends that Council endorse and submit the following resolution to UBCM:

Whereas the BC Coroners Service attributes 526 deaths to the extreme heat events experienced in southern BC between June and August 2021;

And whereas the Province of BC completed a Preliminary Strategic Climate Risk Assessment for BC in 2019 that found that extreme weather events will continue to worsen across the province in coming years including heat waves;

And whereas some middle and high schools could be used as emergency, disaster or extreme weather shelters:

Therefore be it resolved that the UBCM advocate to the Ministry of Education to increase funding and advocate for policy changes to school districts with facilities capable of being used as emergency, disaster or extreme weather shelters to implement and increase resiliency measures including but not limited to mechanical cooling.