



CITY OF PORT MOODY

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

July 26, 2019

Dear CleanBC Building Innovation Fund Panel

Re: Support for StepWin Building Innovation Fund Grant Application

This letter is in support of StepWin's application to the CleanBC Building Innovation Fund to assist builders and municipalities in British Columbia with Energy Step Code implementation.

On July 9, 2019 Council endorsed an early adoption strategy for the Energy Step Code in Port Moody. Staff are continuing to outline compliance procedures and mechanisms along with assisting in preparing the local building industry for upcoming changes.

StepWin is a Port Moody organization providing a software that offers an opportunity for City staff and builders to streamline Energy Step Code implementation. StepWin software is a platform targeted at single-family builders to address challenges of transitioning from prescriptive building design to performance-based design. StepWin makes it possible to find the best design for each Energy Step Code level, compared to the current time-consuming trial-and-error approach. StepWin software is intended to be used at the early stage of design, as an instrument to meet the municipal Energy Step Code targets. This software is anticipated to save time and costs for builders, homeowners, staff, foster enhanced communication between staff and builders, and create transparency in the design process.

With funding from the CleanBC Building Innovation Fund, StepWin and the City of Port Moody would be able to offer free access to the software for local builders for one year, and work together to ensure success in meeting the City's energy performance requirements, better understand constraints, and learn how builders can be supported in this transition.

The City of Port Moody welcomes innovative tools to simplify the process for City staff and the builders of our community. In addition to the implementation tool offered, StepWin is a Port Moody based organization that contributes to skilled job creation, offers greenhouse gas reduction opportunities, and local economic benefits. The City of Port Moody sees value to staff, the local building industry, and the community by supporting this initiative.

Yours truly,

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