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The Honourable David Eby
Premier, Province of British Columbia
Via email: Premier@gov.bc.ca

The Honourable Adrian Dix
Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions
Via email: ECS.Minister@gov.bc.ca

The Honourable Tamara Davidson
Minister of Environment and Parks
Via email: ENV.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Premier Eby, Minister Dix, and Minister Davidson:

RE: CLEANBC INDEPENDENT REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONTINUED FUNDING FOR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CLIMATE ACTION PROGRAM

On behalf of the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board, I write to express strong support for the full implementation of the recommendations contained in the CleanBC Independent Review and to advocate for the continuation of funding for the Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP).

The CRD recognizes the province's leadership in advancing climate action through CleanBC. The review makes clear that CleanBC is working and provides recommendations for achieving emissions reductions while advancing economic development, energy security, and affordability.

Local governments are on the front lines of implementation, however provincial action on policy, regulatory frameworks and sustained investment remain essential to achieving municipal and regional climate goals. We urge the province to fully implement the review's recommendations, particularly those that align with the CRD's renewed Climate Action Strategy 2026 – 2030, including:

- Reaffirming BC's commitment to 100% clean electricity by 2030;
- Continuing and expanding financial incentives for clean heating and cooling technologies and energy efficiency upgrades;
- Requiring regulated utilities and Crown corporations to provide local governments with more detailed data on building energy use and vehicles;
- Reinvesting 100% of revenues generated through residential electric vehicle (EV) charging Low Carbon Fuel Standards (LCFS) credits into transportation electrification incentive programs, including EV, e-bike, and charging infrastructure rebates;
- Implementing standards for 100% efficient heating equipment by the early 2030s, with flexibility that reflects regional climate differences; and

- Continuing to support local governments as key partners in the success of CleanBC through stable, long-term funding program.

In particular, we wish to highlight the urgent recommendation to renew funding for the LGCAP. This program supports the delivery of key provincial priorities across the capital region, including housing supply and affordability, public health, economic growth, emergency preparedness, and infrastructure reliability.

Without continued LGCAP funding, local governments across the capital region face significant delivery risks, including the loss of skilled staff, delays to the implementation of priority projects, reduced ability to leverage senior government funding, and higher downstream costs for the province associated with climate impacts and infrastructure pressures.

The CRD looks forward to continuing to work with the province to advance effective climate action. We respectfully urge the province to fully implement the recommendations of the CleanBC Independent Review and to provide continued long-term funding for the LGCAP.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,



Cliff McNeil-Smith
Chair, Capital Regional District Board

cc: CRD Board
Ted Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer, CRD

