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**REPORT TO ELECTORAL AREA SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY 01 SEPTEMBER 2010**

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**SUBJECT CLIMATE ACTION PROGRAM – INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING GRANT  
APPLICATION FOR SALT SPRING ISLAND ELECTORAL AREA**

**ISSUE**

To obtain endorsement for a grant application to the Ministry of Community and Rural Development infrastructure planning grant program to develop a Climate Action Plan for the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area.

**BACKGROUND**

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee has set ambitious targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as a part of meeting the legislative requirements under Bill 27. These targets aim to reduce community emissions over the 2007 levels by 15% by 2015, 40% by 2020 and 85% by 2050.

To meet the targets, a comprehensive Salt Spring Island Climate Action Plan is essential.

The proposed plan will build on the community's existing Energy Strategy, engage local government, community groups and the public to develop actions in transportation, food and agriculture, homes, businesses and institutions, land use, renewable energy, community engagement and financing.

It is proposed that the Salt Spring Climate Action Council coordinate the plan's development and implementation. The Council includes representation from local government (Capital Regional District and Islands Trust), from community organizations (Water Council, Earth Festival Society, Agricultural Alliance, Chamber of Commerce) and local residents.

The proposed plan supports local objectives related to solid waste, transportation, food security and air quality. The process aims to include at least 2.5% of the population (250 people) in its development and will include a timeline for achieving reductions and evaluation process for measuring success.

**ALTERNATIVES**

That the Electoral Area Services Committee recommend that the Board:

1. Endorse the grant application to the Ministry of Community and Rural Development infrastructure planning grant program for the amount of \$10,000 to develop a Climate Action Plan for Salt Spring Island.
2. Not endorse the grant application to the Ministry of Community and Rural Development infrastructure planning grant program.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The total budget for the project is \$15,000. The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee and the Institute

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for Sustainability Action and Education will contribute a value of \$5,000 through a combination of cash and eligible in-kind support. The CRD Climate Action Program is also contributing in-kind support to the project through staff time on the coordinating committee. No CRD funding is required; however CRD will be responsible for processing the grant claim.

**CONCLUSION**

An infrastructure planning grant application to the Ministry of Community and Rural Development to develop a Climate Action Plan for Salt Spring Island requires CRD Board approval.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Electoral Area Services Committee recommend that the Board endorse the grant application to the Ministry of Community and Rural Development infrastructure planning grant program for the amount of \$10,000 to develop a Climate Action Plan for Salt Spring Island.



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**COMMENTS**

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