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Climate Emergency Declaration

Premier John Horgan
Premier of the Province of British Columbia
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Via e-mail: premier@gov.bc.ca

Dear Premier Horgan:

RE: CLIMATE EMERGENCY - PROVINCIAL LEADERSHIP

On February 13, 2019, the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board unanimously declared a climate emergency and reaffirmed its leadership role working toward achieving carbon neutrality by 2030. Since that date, nine capital region municipalities have joined numerous other BC local governments in declaring climate emergencies and are seeking greatly accelerated climate action from all levels of government.

To achieve drastic greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions within our community and support efforts to limit the global average temperature rise to below 1.5° C, the CRD requests that the Province fully implement the Province of BC's CleanBC Plan to achieve 75% of its emissions targets by 2030, and:

- a) establish a province-wide energy benchmarking for commercial and institutional buildings;
- b) establish a provincial time-of-sale energy labelling program for residential and commercial buildings;
- c) develop and implement leading low-carbon fuel standards;
- d) develop and support local government adoption of a building retrofit code, with both energy and GHG performance standards, and provide a provincial-scale financing mechanism for households to support deep energy retrofits;
- e) establish technical standards for all new publicly-funded (local government) construction to ensure consistent high-energy performance and low-carbon criteria are incorporated into facility design;
- f) align grant program specifications (housing, infrastructure) with building-related policies and other building and infrastructure best practices;
- g) establish technical standards for all new publicly-funded construction (at all levels of government) to ensure consistent high-energy performance and low-carbon criteria are incorporated into facility design; and
- h) provide a framework for stratas to support electric vehicle charging in buildings.

The CRD also requests that the Province provide robust and consistent data to support regional, municipal and neighbourhood GHG emissions and energy planning efforts. As such, the CRD recommends that:

- a) utilities provide neighbourhood scale/building type disaggregated data;
- b) Insurance Corporation of British Columbia provide all vehicle km/make/model/fuel economy information by municipality; and
- c) the Province develop fulsome and frequent community energy and emissions inventories.

We are also keen to participate in provincial planning efforts planned over the next two years that will close the existing 25% GHG emissions gap across the sections that are directly within local government's scope of influence or control.

The Capital Regional District will continue to show leadership and support our region in taking accelerated climate action. We encourage the Province to deliver on its climate commitments as soon as possible. We look forward to working closely on key climate action efforts to achieve our collective goals.

Sincerely,



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Chair, Capital Regional District Board

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