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Colin Plant, Chair  
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Dear Chair Plant:

Thank you for your letter regarding the wind down of the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP). As this program was administered by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, I am pleased to respond, and I apologize for the delay in responding.

As you are likely aware, CARIP was introduced, in part, to encourage local governments to sign the Climate Action Charter. Since the program launched a decade ago, 187 local governments have signed the Charter, more than 50 local governments, including the Capital Regional District (CRD), have achieved carbon neutrality in their corporate operations, and many others have taken significant steps toward reducing emissions in their communities. However, we know more can be done. That is why our government is exploring new ways to support local governments in reducing emissions and creating complete, compact, energy-efficient communities.

I appreciate your concerns about wrapping up CARIP. Thank you for providing examples illustrating the CRD's use of the grant and feedback for creating an effective replacement program. Our government remains committed to working with local governments to reach our climate goals and make life better for people across British Columbia. We hope to have more to say about local government engagement in the coming months.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,



Josie Osborne  
Minister

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Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy