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Zero-Emission Vehicle Awareness Initiative
Clean Fuels Branch
Natural Resources Canada

Dear Natural Resources Canada Clean Fuels Branch,

On behalf of the Township of Esquimalt I am pleased to provide this Letter of Support to the City of Victoria and the District of Saanich in support of their application for your Zero-Emission Vehicle Awareness Initiative grant. I have reviewed the project scope and general proposal developed by the City of Victoria and the District of Saanich and agree in principle with the objectives of their proposal for the grant submission.

The Township of Esquimalt, in addition to the regional district, municipalities and electoral areas in the Capital Region, is committed to reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions as outlined in our Official Community Plan. We are currently working on our Climate Action Plan and vehicle electrification and access to public charging stations have already been recommended as key components to reducing GHG emissions.

The resources that the City of Victoria and the District of Saanich have proposed for this grant will compliment our existing work to increase the adoption of EVs in our municipality and the Capital Region and highlight the expanding regional network of EV chargers that we have contributed to.

We are excited to support this grant application because we see many benefits to our community including increasing the number of public chargers available to those living in existing multi-family buildings that cannot be easily retrofitted. Additionally, highlighting the regional network of EV chargers will invoke confidence to both residents and visitors alike that there are EV charging options that will suit their travel needs.

Sincerely,

Mayor Barbara Desjardins
Township of Esquimalt