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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 9, 2016
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: David Shaw, Chair, Environmental Advisory Committee
SUBJECT: Request for Local Government Input – Climate Action and Climate Leadership Plan

At the February 25, 2016 meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee, the committee received a referral from Council pertaining to the request by the Province of British Columbia for Local Government input on climate action and the Climate Leadership Plan.

The committee briefly discussed concepts and ideas that could increase climate activities. Committee members were requested to consider additional ideas and concepts for further discussion at the committee's next meeting.

The committee continued discussion at its April 21st meeting. Following the discussion, the committee made the following recommendation:

That Council forward a letter to the Ministry of the Environment outlining the following input for the BC Climate Leadership Plan and Federal pan-Canadian framework for combatting climate change:

Transportation:

- Increase investment in electric vehicles and charging infrastructure.
- Increase investment and incentives in a variety of forms of transportation, particularly in smaller communities.

Buildings:

- Improve the *National Building Code* to increase energy performance.
- Introduce energy performance bench-marking for buildings, by size and region, and that it include residential, commercial and government agencies.
- Make incentives worthwhile and ongoing for homeowners accessing green infrastructure funding.
- Allow utilities to provide on-bill financing for home energy retrofits.

Forests:

- Continue funding for the growth of urban forests.

Agriculture:

- Update food production regulation and incentives to support small scale agriculture and facilitate access to the marketplace.

Government Operations:

- Provide group buying opportunities for municipalities

Clean Energy Technology Innovation:

- Support pilot projects for technical innovations such as waste streams and renewable energy.

Adaptation and Resilience:

- Provide funding to update aging infrastructure for better resiliency to extreme weather events.

Respectfully submitted,



David Shaw
Chair, Environmental Advisory Committee