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Her Worship Mayor/ Mairesse Barbara (Barb) Desjardins and Members of Council:

On behalf of the FCM-ICLEI Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) program, I wish to congratulate the Township of Esquimalt for achieving Milestone 2 for community greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Achievement of this milestone signals that your local government has set GHG reduction targets. The Township of Esquimalt has shown bold leadership in addressing these important issues, and we are pleased to share your achievement on the PCP website at fcm.ca/pcp. If you have requested a customized PCP Milestone Trophy for your municipality, you will receive the puzzle pieces symbolizing the milestones your local government has achieved by mail in the next few months.

We look forward to working with you in the implementation of actions, as well as the monitoring of progress and reporting on results for both corporate and community GHG emissions, which form the remaining milestones in the PCP framework. Your efforts, along with those of a growing number of PCP participants, are making a significant contribution to reducing Canada's GHG emissions.

Cost-effective, community-based projects offer significant opportunities for taking action on climate change. In 2018, PCP member municipalities voluntarily reported over 160 projects to reduce GHG emissions, representing over 720,000 tonnes in annual GHG reductions. Along with reducing the impacts of climate change, municipalities saw other community benefits and savings, including \$2.88 million in annual cost savings generated by reducing emissions from streetlights, municipally-owned vehicles and buildings.

PCP members benefit from one-on-one support from the PCP Secretariat and a team of regional climate advisors located across Canada. Visit the program's online networking





platform at pcphub.fcm.ca to connect with FCM and ICLEI staff and the climate advisor in your region and receive support to achieve your next milestone.

Should you have any questions about PCP, our program officer can be reached by telephone at (613) 907-6392 or by e-mail at pcp@fcm.ca.

Yours sincerely,

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