

## **EXCERPT FROM DRAFT MINUTES**

### **Committee of the Whole meeting held March 11, 2019**

#### **Communications: Agenda Item No. 8(2)**

Letter from Colin Plant, Chair, Capital Regional District Board, dated February 26, 2019,  
Re: Climate Emergency Declaration

#### **Main Motion**

Moved by Councillor Morrison, seconded by Councillor Hundleby:

Whereas the Township of Esquimalt strives to be a green community and recognizes the great importance of our responsibility in caring for our planet's environment as well as our role in taking all necessary local and regional actions related to ensuring the well-being of our planet;  
And

Whereas the Township of Esquimalt further recognizes the importance of our relationships within the region in working together with our neighbours in recognizing, responding to and rectifying the harms to our planet as a result of human caused global warming and climate change;

Therefore be it resolved that Esquimalt Council approves the following:

1. That the Township of Esquimalt declare a Climate Emergency;
2. That the Township of Esquimalt collaborate with the Capital Regional District and other local governments to work towards achieving carbon neutrality within the region by 2030;
3. That the Mayor write a letter of response to the Capital Regional District that the Township has declared a climate emergency and commits to working jointly within the region towards carbon neutrality by 2030;
4. That the Capital Regional District provide the Township of Esquimalt with detailed information regarding specific actions and resources required to make the Capital Regional District's 2030 target possible;
5. That the Mayor write to the Provincial Minister of the Environment, assert the Township's support to help the Province close the 25% emissions gap in the CleanBC Plan, and call on the Province to provide the powers and resources to Local Governments to make the 2030 target possible; and
6. That the Mayor write to the Federal Minister of the Environment, assert the Township's support to help Canada meet its Nationally Determined Contribution target made in the Paris Agreement and call on the federal government to provide the powers and resources to Local Governments to make the 2030 target possible.

**Motion No. 2**

Moved by Councillor Armour, seconded by Councillor Hundleby: That the Main Motion be amended to add at the end of section 4 "...including the actions and resources required to reach their targets of member communities." **Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion No. 3**

Moved by Councillor Helliwell, seconded by Councillor Morrison: That the Main Motion as amended be amended to add a section No. 7 to read "That the Township request pro-bono assistance from West Coast Environmental Law in determining how the Township can accurately track the costs of climate change being incurred by our community." **Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion No. 4**

Moved by Mayor Desjardins, seconded by Councillor Hundleby: That the Main Motion as amended be amended to separate section 1 and defer for discussion until the next Regular Council meeting scheduled for March 18. **Carried.**

**Motion No. 5**

Moved by Councillor Armour, seconded by Councillor Morrison: That the Main Motion as amended be amended to add the the end of section 3 "...and encourages the CRD to move quickly to identify and implement measures to reduce GHG emissions." **Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion No. 6**

Moved by Councillor Armour, seconded by Councillor Brame: That the Main Motion as amended be amended to separate sections 5 and 6. **Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion No. 7**

Moved by Councillor Armour, seconded by Councillor Brame: That the Amendment to the Main Motion as amended be amended to remove sections 5 and 6. **Defeated.**

**Motion No. 8**

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Brame: That the Main Motion as amended be deferred for further discussion of sections 2 to 7 at the next Regular Council meeting scheduled for March 18. **Carried Unanimously.**