



Council Member Motion

For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 23rd, 2025 *(time sensitive)*

To: Committee of the Whole

Date: January 17th, 2025

From: Councillor Gardiner

Subject: Advancing Climate-Resilient Communities

BACKGROUND:

Sierra Club BC, Urban Systems and Habitat Initiative (RUSH), Engage with Nature-Based Solutions (ENBS) and Garry Oak Meadow Preservation Society (GOMPS) are collaborating to apply for [A Municipal Climate Resiliency Grant](#) from Intact Insurance. The group is seeking two years of funding from Intact Insurance to integrate FireSmart and ClimateSmart data into actionable tools, mobilize community participation, and support suitable green infrastructure to enhance climate resilience in the CRD.

The group is seeking a letter of support from the City of Victoria.

A sample letter which may guide the Mayor should this motion be approved is attached.

TIME SENSITIVE:

The partners in this initiative must submit their completed application on January 31 and need to assemble the document elements by January 27.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council ask the Mayor to create a letter in support of a grant application to Intact Insurance for funding to assist the Garry Oak Meadow Preservation Society, the Sierra Club BC, the RUSH Initiative and Engage with Nature-based Solutions in their collaborative initiative directed at integrating FireSmart and ClimateSmart data into actionable tools, mobilize community participation and support suitable green infrastructure to enhance climate resilience in the CRD.

Further, that this Motion be considered at the Council meeting of January 23, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "C. Gardiner", written over a horizontal line.

Councillor Gardiner