



**Council Member Motion**  
**For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 28, 2019**

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**Date:** March 27, 2019  
**From:** Councillor Ben Isitt  
**Subject:** Advocacy for Provincial Climate Leadership

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**Recommendation:**

That Council endorses the following resolution and directs staff to forward electronic copies to Members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia on Friday, March 29, 2019:

**Resolution: Advocacy for Provincial Climate Leadership**

WHEREAS the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has warned that humanity has eleven years to take action to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius in order to avoid the worst impacts of climate change;

AND WHEREAS local governments in British Columbia including the City of Richmond, City of Vancouver, City of Victoria, Town of View Royal and Capital Regional District have declared a climate emergency and committed to achieving carbon neutrality by 2030;

AND WHEREAS reducing the consumption of fossil fuels is central to limiting emissions of climate-changing greenhouse gases;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Victoria calls on Members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia to:

- (1) Declare a Provincial Climate Emergency;
- (2) Embrace provincial taxation and natural resource policies that reduce climate-changing greenhouse gas emissions; and
- (3) Vote against the *Income Tax Amendment Act, 2019* and proposed tax subsidies to fossil-fuel corporations, focusing instead on economic incentives to expand renewable and low-carbon sources of employment, revenues and economic development.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ben Isitt".

Councillor Isitt