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

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 in central to limiting emissions of climate-changing greenhouse gases;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT 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,

Councillor Isitt