



Council Member Motion

For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 4, 2019

To: Committee of the Whole **Date:** March 22, 2019
From: Mayor Helps and Councillor Collins
Subject: **Municipal Survivor Challenge**

BACKGROUND

The District of Highlands Council has challenged all of the AVICC Local Governments to a Municipal Survivor Climate Challenge.

As they lay out in their attached letter:

“The goal of the challenge is to initiate a fun and friendly local government competition with each participating council measuring their average ‘One-Planet Living’ footprint of the Mayor and Council members, who then take steps in their daily lives over the next year to reduce their average footprint.

“Highlands Council believes this fun competition can show community leadership while assisting in education and building local resilience in the face of a rapidly changing climate.”

The calculator they propose to use is: <https://www.footprintcalculator.org>. It’s an online tool that gives the following data based on subjective inputs by individuals:

1. How many Earth’s would be required if everyone lived like that person
2. Ecological footprint (how many hectares of land are required)
3. Carbon footprint (tonnes of CO₂)

The District of Highlands hopes to launch this competition on Earth Day 2019 (April 22) and the competition would run for one year, until Earth Day 2020.

Each council member would determine their personal results prior to April 22, 2019 using the footprint calculator. Council’s average results for the three items above would be calculated and the averaged results would be forwarded to the District of Highlands.

Throughout the year council participants would work towards lowering their initial results. Come Earth Day 2020 the same participants will once again take the challenge and the councils average would then again be forwarded to the District of Highlands, with hopefully improved results. Individual results will not be made public, only council’s average for each of the three categories.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council participates in the Municipal Survivor Climate Challenge and directs staff to calculate Council's averages and send them to the Highland's Corporate Officer before April 22 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mayor Helps



Councillor Collins