



For the Committee of the Whole Meeting April 11<sup>th</sup> 2019

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**Date:** April 5, 2019

**From:** Mayor Helps and Councillor Isitt

**Subject:** Amendment to AVICC Climate Emergency Declaration Motion

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### **Recommendation**

That Council endorse the proposed amendments to AVICC Resolution 16 Climate Emergency Declaration submitted by the Sunshine Coast Regional District. The deletions are struck through and the additions are in red:

WHEREAS the impacts of climate change in the form of extreme weather events, wildfires and drought are occurring at an accelerated rate and with growing frequency throughout BC and are creating major financial, social and environmental costs which are largely being borne by local governments and the residents they serve;

AND WHEREAS there is an urgency for action but a lack of resources and coordination to support local governments in their ability to adapt to and mitigate the ongoing effects of climate change, especially with respect to infrastructure upgrades, repairs and maintenance, and emergency preparedness measures:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be urged to declare a province-wide Climate Emergency and to assist local governments in achieving carbon neutrality by 2030 and a 45% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and a 100% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 as per the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change October 2018 report. ~~in order to emphasize the critical imperative for immediate action and to assist with province-wide collaboration and coordination of resources that will support local governments~~

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the President of UBCM communicate to the Provincial Minister of the Environment local government'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 do so.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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Mayor Helps

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Councillor Isitt