



Council Member Motion
Council Meeting of April 11, 2019

Date: April 10, 2019

From: Mayor Helps and Councillor Isitt

Subject: Late Motion to AVICC Convention – Subsidies to Fossil Fuel Companies

Background

The Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Conference is being held in Powell River April 12 -14, 2019. There is process for late resolutions to be added that requires a 60% majority vote of delegates for a late resolution to be considered. The purpose of this report is to propose a late resolution for Council to consider, and if approved, submit it to the AVICC requesting it be put forward to the membership to consider debating.

Recommendation

That Council endorse the following motion and submit to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities as a late resolution for consideration at the 2019 Convention:

WHEREAS the Federal government recently released a scientific report that reveals that Canada is warming at twice the global rate, the Provincial government recently approved a \$5.35-billion package of tax incentives for a \$40-billion LNG Canada megaproject, supported by \$1.275 billion from the Federal government, and, according to a 2015 report by the International Monetary Fund, the annual Federal government subsidy to the fossil fuel industry is \$46 billion;

AND WHEREAS the funding formula for local governments has changed little since 1867 with local governments receiving roughly 8 cents of every tax dollar leaving them unprepared for the emerging and significant costs of mitigation and adaption to climate change;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM call on the Provincial government to end all subsidies to fossil fuel companies and to invest the money instead in climate change mitigation and adaptation activities being undertaken by local governments in a predictable and regularized funding formula and that the UBCM through the FCM call on the Federal government to end all subsidies to fossil fuel companies and to invest the money instead in climate change mitigation and adaptation activities being undertaken by local governments in a predictable and regularized funding formula.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mayor Lisa Helps

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Councillor Isitt