



Council Member Motion
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 11, 2019

Date: April 10, 2019

From: Councillor Ben Isitt

Subject: Lobbying Efforts by Big Oil Companies to Deter Climate Action

Background:

A recent report by the nonprofit organization InfluenceMap has documented concerted lobbying efforts by major fossil fuel corporations to deter climate action by governments (attached).

In light of the City of Victoria's strategic commitment to taking climate leadership, and the imperative for action by all levels of government between now and 2030 to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius in order to avoid the worst impacts of climate change, it is recommended that Council receive the report for information.

Awareness of the practices documented in the report can serve to inoculate the City against the risk that misinformation will deter Council and staff from advancing the strategic commitment to climate leadership.

Recommendation:

That Council receive the report *Big Oil's Real Agenda on Climate Change* for information.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Councillor Isitt

Attachment:

1. Influence Map report, *Big Oil's Real Agenda on Climate Change*, March 2019