



**Council Member Motion
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 25 2021**

To: Committee of the Whole **Date:** February 20 2021
From: Mayor Helps
Subject: AVICC Climate Leadership Motion

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Council adopt the following motion and forward it to AVICC.
2. That this matter be forwarded to the daytime Council meeting of Thursday, February 25th.

WHEREAS coming out of a workshop at AVICC in 2019, the Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Climate Leadership Plan (VICC-CLP) steering committee was formed with representatives nominated from each Regional District in the AVICC region to develop a 2030 Climate Action Plan for the AVICC Region;

AND WHEREAS on November 6th 2020, the VICC-CLP steering committee along with faculty and students from the University of Victoria with whom VICC-CLP has been working held a day-long workshop for elected officials and staff in the AVICC region to develop preliminary 2030 Climate Action Goals;

AND WHEREAS in March 2021 the VICC-CLP steering committee will hold two further workshops, one with youth and one with First Nations to ensure that the 2030 Climate Action plan is also grounded in youth experience and Indigenous cultural knowledge;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the AVICC membership endorses in principle the directions laid out in the "Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Climate Action Goals Working Draft" (attached) and requests that the VICC-CLP also grounds the plan in the cultural and land-based knowledge of Indigenous peoples and the experiences of youth;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the AVICC membership requests that the VICC-CLP steering committee present a final plan for the membership's consideration at AVICC 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Helps