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Their Worship Mayor Lisa Helps  
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Dear Mayor Helps:

Thank you for your letter of June 8, 2021, noting the value that the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) has provided and requesting engagement regarding a replacement program. I apologize for the delay in responding.

As you know, CARIP was introduced, in part, to encourage local governments to sign onto the Climate Action Charter. Since the program launched a decade ago, 187 local governments have signed the Charter, more than 50 local governments have achieved carbon neutrality in their corporate operations, and many others, including the City of Victoria, have taken significant steps toward reducing emissions in their communities. However, we know more can be done. That is why our government is exploring new ways to support local governments in reducing emissions and creating complete, compact, energy-efficient communities.

I appreciate your concerns about wrapping up CARIP, and your feedback for creating an effective replacement program. Our government remains committed to working with local governments to reach our climate goals and make life better for people across British Columbia. We hope to have more to say about local government engagement in the coming months.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,



Josie Osborne  
Minister