



## **Council Member Motion**

**For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 8, 2018**

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**To:** Committee of the Whole **Date:** February 5, 2018  
**From:** Mayor Helps, Councillors Isitt & Loveday  
**Subject:** AVICC Motion re: Climate Accountability for Fossil Fuel Companies

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### **BACKGROUND**

At the October 12, 2017, Council Meeting Council requested by motion that “the Mayor formulate [the Climate Accountability Letter motion] into a motion for Committee of the Whole and upon approval forward to the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities (AVICC) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) for consideration at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention.”

This recommendation is a response to Council’s request.

### **AVICC Motion re: Climate Accountability for Fossil Fuel Companies**

WHEREAS communities in British Columbia face a range of impacts from climate change, including sea-level rise, increased coastal erosion, prolonged summer drought, and increased winter precipitation;

AND WHEREAS communities are required to consider these impacts in infrastructure planning, construction and maintenance, as well as to mitigate the financial impacts of these costs on residents and businesses given the limits of local government revenue raising to property taxes and utilities;

AND WHEREAS while the precise amount of increased costs due to the increase in work on infrastructure due to climate change is not yet quantified, local governments in British Columbia are almost certainly already paying significantly increased costs and those amounts will only increase;

AND WHEREAS fossil fuel companies have played a major role in the creation of climate change, making hundreds of billions of dollars in selling products which cause climate change with the 20 largest fossil fuel companies having contributed – through their operations and products – to approximately 29.3% of greenhouse gases in the global atmosphere today;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the AVICC write a Climate Accountability Letter to the 20 fossil fuel companies outlining the types of costs that communities are incurring and expected to incur due to climate change, and requesting that the companies pay their fair share of those impacts.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that AVICC forward this motion to UBCM and to FCM and request that those local governments write Climate Accountability Letters on behalf of their member local governments.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mayor Helps



Councillor Loveday



Councillor Isitt