



**Council Member Motion  
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 2, 2017**

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**Date:** October 31, 2017

**From:** Councillor Ben Isitt

**Subject:** Advocacy to Government of Canada on Carbon Pricing

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**Background:**

Organizations including hundreds of business and municipalities such as the City of Toronto have signed the attached Open Letter to the Government of Canada on carbon pricing, as advocated by the Citizens' Climate Lobby, calling on the federal government to extend the rising national price on carbon to the year 2030.

Endorsing this policy aligns with the City of Victoria's commitment to "Take Climate Action and Respond to Emergencies" and "Innovate and Lead," advocating for meaningful action by all levels of government to address climate change, and create a predictable and robust framework for individuals and businesses to respond to the regulatory framework necessitated to Canada's commitments in the Paris Accord.

It is therefore recommended that the City of Victoria become a signatory to the Open Letter on carbon pricing, and request that the Mayor write to the Government of Canada on this issue.

**Recommendation:**

That Council:

1. Endorse the Open Letter to the Government of Canada on carbon pricing, calling for an extension of the rising national price on carbon to the year 2030; and
2. Request that the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to the Prime Minister of Canada in support of this policy.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ben Isitt", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Councillor Ben Isitt

Attachments:

1. Open Letter to the Government of Canada