

Council Member Motion For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 22, 2017

Date: June 16, 2017

From: Councillor Ben Isitt

Subject: UBCM Resolution: Local Partnerships for Energy Efficiency Retrofits

Recommendations:

That Council endorse the following resolution and directs staff to forward copies to UBCM member local governments, as well as the Provincial ministers responsible for Climate Action, Finance and Housing, requesting favourable consideration:

Resolution: Local Partnerships for Energy Efficiency Refrofits

WHEREAS local governments across North America are partnering with other levels of government to provide incentive programs to property owners to save money and reduce the environmental impact of buildings, including incentive programs funded through local service charges to support the installation of solar energy technology options for solar photovoltaic, solar hot air and solar hot water;

AND WHEREAS municipal local improvement charges in British Columbia cannot currently include the provision of cost recovery for municipal services on private property;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of British Columbia work with local governments, First Nations governments and the federal government to introduce robust incentive programs to support residents, property owners and property managers in improving energy efficiency of buildings to address climate action and housing affordability objectives;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province of British Columbia enact legislation to allow the cost recovery of municipally-financed green energy technologies on private properties through municipal local improvement charges.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Isitt