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Her Worship Mayor Lisa Helps
and Councillors
City of Victoria
1 Centennial Square
Victoria, BC V8W 1P6

Dear Mayor Lisa Helps and Councillors:

On behalf of the joint Provincial-Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Green Communities Committee (GCC), we would like to extend our congratulations for successfully achieving your goal of corporate carbon neutrality for the 2015 reporting year.

As a signatory to the Climate Action Charter, you have demonstrated your commitment to work with the Province of British Columbia and UBCM to take action on climate change and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in your community and corporate operations.

The work that local governments are undertaking to reduce their corporate emissions demonstrates significant climate leadership and sets the stage for broader climate action in the community. With the recent release of the B.C. Climate Leadership Plan, your leadership and commitment continues to be essential to building on progress already made and ensuring the achievement of our collective climate action goals. For more information about B.C.'s Climate Leadership Plan, please go to:

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2016PREM0089-001501>.

The GCC was established under the Charter to support local governments in achieving their climate goals. In acknowledgement of the efforts of local leaders, the GCC is again recognizing the progress and achievements of local governments such as yours through the multi-level Climate Action Recognition Program. A description of this program is enclosed for your reference.

As a Charter signatory who has achieved Level 1 and Level 2 recognition, and additionally met the goal of corporate carbon neutrality for the 2015 reporting year, you have been awarded Level 3 recognition – 'Achievement of Carbon Neutrality'.

In recognition of your significant achievements, the GCC is very pleased to provide you with carbon neutral branding for use on websites and letterheads. An electronic file with the 2015 logo will be provided to your Chief Administrative Officer. Also enclosed is a 2015 Climate Action Community Carbon Neutral window decal, for use on public buildings.

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Congratulations again on your achievement. We applaud your leadership and wish you continued success in your ongoing commitment to the goal of corporate carbon neutrality, and your efforts to reduce emissions in the broader community.

Sincerely,

Tara Faganello
Assistant Deputy Minister
Local Government Division

Enclosures

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary MacIsaac". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gary MacIsaac
Executive Director
Union of British Columbia Municipalities



GCC Communiqué on the Climate Action Recognition Program

B.C. local governments continue to play a critical role in reducing GHG emissions across the province. In acknowledgment of the ongoing efforts of local leaders, the joint Provincial-UBCM Green Communities Committee (GCC) is pleased to be continuing the Climate Action Recognition Program for B.C. local governments for the 2015 reporting year. This is a multi-level program that provides the GCC with an opportunity to review and publicly recognize the progress and achievements of each Climate Action Charter (*Charter*) signatory.

Recognition is provided on an annual basis to local governments who demonstrate progress on their *Charter* commitments, according to the following:

Level 1: Progress on Charter Commitments

All local governments who demonstrate progress on fulfilling one or more of their *Charter* commitments will receive a letter from the GCC acknowledging their accomplishments.

Level 2: Measurement

Local governments who achieve Level 1 recognition, have completed a corporate carbon inventory for the reporting year, and demonstrate that they are familiar with the Community Energy and Emissions Inventory (CEEI) will receive a 'Climate Action Community 2015' logo, for use on websites, letter head and similar.

Level 3: Achievement of Carbon Neutrality

Local governments who achieve Level 1 and Level 2 recognition and achieve carbon neutrality in the reporting year will receive a 'Climate Action Community – Carbon Neutral 2015' logo, for use on websites, letter head and similar.

To be eligible for this program, local governments will need to complete a Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) Climate Action/Carbon Neutral Progress Survey and submit it online to the Province in accordance with the program guidelines. Determination of the level of recognition that each community will receive will be based on the information included in each local government's annual CARIP report. Additional information on CARIP reporting is available online at: www.cscd.gov.bc.ca/lgd/greencommunities/carip.htm.