



**Council Member Motion
For the Council Meeting of November 12, 2015**

Date: November 10, 2015

From: Councillor Isitt, Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto and Councillor Loveday

Subject: Climate Leadership in Building Sector

Background:

With the approach of the United Nations Conference on Climate Change, and in the context of British Columbia's ongoing commitment to climate action, a consortium of organizations is advocating for leadership in the development of British Columbia's new Climate Plan, with specific emphasis on energy efficiency in the building sector.

The consortium consists of the BC Advanced Conservation and Efficiency Alliance, the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada BC and Yukon Chapter, the Urban Development Institute Pacific Region and the Pembina Institute. The consortium is working alongside a broader coalition of British Columbia power producers, industry associations, and non-governmental organizations – the Energy Forum – which has issued a Call for Action on Energy and Climate (attached).

It is therefore proposed that the City of Victoria endorse the following resolution as well as the Energy Forum's Call for Action on Energy and Climate.

Motion:

THAT the City of Victoria endorses the following resolution and the Energy Forum's attached Call for Action on Energy and Climate:

"We support the B.C. government's commitment to implement a new Climate Plan.

We expect the plan will include ambitious new actions that lead to:

- a strong economy with opportunities for all British Columbians;
- a province powered by clean energy;
- a more equitable society;
- cleaner air and water supporting healthy communities and ecosystems;
- protection from a changing climate.

We can't afford to delay. Now is the time to lead the transition to a clean energy economy. In this transition, the built environment offers unique opportunities for carbon reductions and economic growth.

As energy and building professionals, trades and businesses, we provide world class products and services to meet customer needs, satisfy regulations and compete in the global marketplace. We are employers, taxpayers, community partners, and leaders in our field.

As local governments, we are committed to the sustainability of our communities. We engage

our citizens and staff to reduce emissions, we foster local economic development, and we prepare for a changing climate.

Together, we are ready to transition to a resilient and efficient building sector. We call on the B.C. government to:

- Set a clear target for the end performance goal for new buildings — for example, for new buildings to be net-zero energy ready by 2030 — and work with stakeholders to develop, within six months of the release of the Plan, a roadmap clarifying the timeline and approach to meet this goal;
- Lead by example by requiring that all new planned public buildings meet this goal starting in 2016, and by setting up an aggressive renovation program for existing public buildings to reduce their carbon emissions by half in the next decade;
- Launch a multi-year incentive program to accelerate market transformation for high performance new construction and deep retrofits, prioritizing affordable housing and high visibility projects;
- Develop financing mechanisms to redistribute incremental costs, e.g. financing through property taxes or utility bills, or loans to strata;
- Ensure the construction and real estate industry, the government and the public have access to energy performance data to monitor progress and provide feedback on policies and behaviour;
- Support integrated land use and transportation planning to encourage location efficient development;
- Strengthen the price signal for efficiency and conservation through rates and carbon pricing;
- Support local governments and resource the Building Safety and Standards Branch to facilitate code changes, streamline approval of innovative solutions through variances or alternative solutions, decrease permitting times and increase code compliance.

By pursuing these opportunities, we can reduce our carbon footprint while saving money, creating local jobs, and opening export markets for B.C.-made components and designs. We can also ensure all British Columbians live and work in buildings that improve community health, happiness, and productivity.”

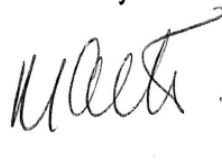
Respectfully submitted,




Councillor Isitt



Mayor Helps



Councillor Alto



Councillor Loveday

Attachment: Energy Forum Call for Action on Energy and Climate

Nov 2, 2015

Call for Action on Energy and Climate

The Energy Forum today released a statement calling for bold action on energy and climate by the British Columbia Government:

We support the B.C. government's commitment to implement a new Climate Plan. We expect the plan will include ambitious new actions that lead to:

- ***A strong economy, with opportunities for all British Columbians;***
- ***A province powered by clean energy;***
- ***A more equitable society;***
- ***Cleaner air and water, supporting healthy communities and nature; and***
- ***Protection from a changing climate.***

We can't afford to delay. Now is the time to lead the transition to a clean energy economy.

The Energy Forum is seeking formal endorsement of this statement from individuals and organizations. A final version of the Call for Action with a list of all supporters will be delivered to Premier Clark prior to the release of British Columbia's draft *Climate Leadership Plan*, expected in late November 2015.

The Energy Forum is a collaboration of British Columbian power producers, industry associations, and non-government organizations that are working together to address the challenges and opportunities presented by the nexus of energy, climate and ecosystems. Our organizations share an interest in promoting environmental stewardship of healthy rivers and abundant salmon as an important means of enhancing social license and overall support for sustainable clean energy development in our Province. The ambitious new actions that the Energy Forum has recommended for inclusion in the Climate Leadership Plan are available at energyforum.ca

For more information on how to lend your support to the Call for Action, please contact: coordinator@energyforum.ca