
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

SUBJECT: CLIMATE ACTION REVENUE INCENTIVE PROGRAM CANCELLATION

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council write to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, and the Minister of Finance of the Provincial Government to raise concerns regarding cancellation of the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program.

REPORT

The Environment Committee, at its meeting held on 2021 May 20, adopted the above noted recommendation arising from discussion on the cancellation of the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP). CARIP was a conditional grant program that provided funding to local governments that signed the BC Climate Action Charter equal to 100 percent of the carbon taxes they pay directly to support local government operations. The program encouraged investment in climate action. The City received approximately \$373,000 annually as a result of this program.

As of 2021, the program has been cancelled. The Province is shifting the focus from the CARIP program to a program where they have allocated \$11,000,000 in 2021 for planning for compact energy efficient communities. This will require preparing a business case and going through a competition process to obtain the funds and it does not allow for the flexibility to utilize the funds based on City priorities.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor J. Keithley
Chair

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Vice Chair

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