**MOTION WITH NOTICE TO CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING OF MAY 9, 2018**

SUBJECT   **Encouraging Robust Implementation of the BC Energy Step Code**

ISSUE

This report provides a recommendation regarding implementation of the BC Energy Step Code by local governments in the Capital Region.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board adopt the following resolution and direct staff to forward copies to CRD member local governments, encouraging favourable consideration and resolutions of support:

> ***Resolution: Encouraging Robust Implementation of the BC Energy Step Code***
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> WHEREAS climate change is one of the greatest challenges confronting communities and the natural environment in the Capital Region and around the world;
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> AND WHEREAS progressive responses to climate change are identified in the strategic plans of the Capital Regional District and member local governments, and mandated by legislation and policy at the provincial, federal and international levels, including commitments enshrined in the Paris Climate Accord to reduce green-house gas emissions (GHGs);
>
> AND WHEREAS green-house gas emissions relating to the operation of buildings constitute the second-highest source of community emissions in the Capital Region;
>
> AND WHEREAS the BC Energy Step Code provides an incremental mechanism to embrace the transition toward more energy efficient buildings, with all local governments in the province required to adhere to the highest level – Step 5 – of net-zero energy ready by 2032;
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> THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Capital Regional District Board encourage all local governments in the Capital Region to implement the BC Energy Step Code in the most robust manner possible within each community, in order to improve the energy performance of new buildings without delay and reduce green-house gas emissions in response to climate change.

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Attachments:
1. Provincial Policy Guide: Local Government Implementation of the BC Energy Step Code