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Capital Regional District
625 Fisgard Street
Victoria, BC V8W 1R7

Atten: Emilie Gorman,
Manager, Legislative Services

Dear Ms. Gorman:

RE: REGIONAL VEGETATION MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

On Monday, January 21, 2019, Councillor Gord Baird presented Council with information regarding a potential joint grant application to UBCM's Community Resiliency Investment Program (2020 intake) from interested CRD municipalities regarding a "Regional Vegetation Management Strategy: A Regional Low Carbon Resilience (LCR) approach to address tree canopy death with respect to fire risk, flood mitigation, and carbon sequestration".

District of Highlands Council passed the following motion:

That staff be directed to write letters to the Capital Regional District and all member Local Governments requesting an indication of their interest in participating in a co-application submitted by the CRD on behalf of its members to UBCM's Community Resiliency Investment Program (2020 intake) for the development of a regional vegetation management strategy to assess the following: forest die-off, recommend alternative fire-resistant vegetation replacements, initiate a pilot project, and use the results to create a regional strategy, model policy and implementation plan,

and further, pending the responses from the CRD and member local governments, request that the CRD convene a meeting of interested parties to develop and submit an application.

The report from Councillor Gord Baird is attached for further information. Should you have any questions please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Tina Neurauter
Corporate Officer

cc: CRD Local Governments (list attached)

- District of Central Saanich – Liz Cornwell
- City of Colwood – Selina Williams
- Township of Esquimalt – Anja Nurvo
- City of Langford – Braden Hutchins
- District of Metchosin – Tammie VanSwieten
- District of North Saanich – Curt Kingsley
- District of Oak Bay – Warren Jones
- District of Saanich – Angila Bains
- Town of Sidney – Sandi Nelson
- District of Sooke – Carolyn Mushata
- Town of View Royal – Sarah Jones

