



February 14, 2019

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

Atten: Ben Isitt  
Chair, Parks and Environment Committee

Dear Director Isitt,

Please include the following motion on the Feb. 27th Parks and Environment Committee agenda:

**Whereas** the CRD Board Priorities include:

- 1) Nurturing partnerships and effective governance, leveraging resources, and extending its impact to more communities to achieve greater outcomes.
- 2) Working collaboratively to address multi-jurisdictional issues that impact the wellbeing of the region's residents.
- 3) Exploring more comprehensive regional coordination of emergency services, including an assessment of regional hazards, risks and vulnerabilities.

**And Whereas** tree canopy death, wildfire risk, flood mitigation and carbon sequestration are pressing issues in the CRD.

**And Whereas** UBCM's Community Resiliency Investment Program (2020 Intake) offers 100 % funding of \$100,000.00 per each participating local government and First Nation to mitigate wildfire risk and allows flexibility for fuel and vegetation management across all land designations, including First Nations land and private land.

**Therefore Be It Resolved** that CRD staff be directed to apply for UBCM's Community Resiliency Investment Program Grant (2020 Intake) as a regional project on behalf of interested local member governments and First Nations to address tree canopy death with respect to fire risk, flood mitigation, and carbon sequestration.

And further that:

1. The CRD convene a meeting of interested parties to develop the scope and parameters for the grant application submission and that;
2. The CRD draws upon professionals working within related fields to help inform and guide the development of the scope for the application.

Sincerely yours,

Mayor Ken Williams

