

Legislation Text

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Motion with Notice (Helps-Taylor-Tait) - Climate Emergency Declaration

[While the following recommendation was heard by the Parks & Environment Committee, it is added to the agenda prior to adoption of the 2019-2022 Board Priorities as per the direction given at the January 30, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting.]

That the Parks & Environment Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:

1. That the Capital Regional District Board declare a Climate Emergency;
2. That the CRD take a leadership role to work towards achieving carbon neutrality in the region by 2030;
3. That the Board Chair write to all local governments in the region requesting that they also declare climate emergencies and commit to working towards climate neutrality by 2030;
4. That staff be directed to submit a Letter of Intent for the \$1 million Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions Theme Partnership Program by the deadline of February 15 2019, to address the question: "How can the Capital Region achieve carbon neutrality by 2030?"
5. That the CRD Board Chair write to the Provincial Minister of the Environment, assert the CRD's support to help the Province close the 25% emissions gap in the CleanBC Plan, and call on the Province to provide the powers and resources to Local Governments to make the Region's 2030 target possible;
6. That the CRD Board Chair write to the Federal Minister of the Environment, assert the CRD's support to help Canada meet its Nationally Determined Contribution target made in the Paris Agreement and call on the federal government to provide the powers and resources to Local Governments to make the Region's 2030 target possible.

[The original motion was amended at the meeting to include the following:]

7. That staff be directed to report back to the committee on specific actions and resources that could be included in future correspondence to senior levels of government.

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