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Sent via email: crdchair@crd.bc.ca

June 29, 2021

Capital Regional District Board c/o Chair Colin Plant 625 Fisgard Street Victoria, BC V8W 1R7

Dear Chair Plant:

Re: UBCM Resolution on a Replacement B.C. Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program

This letter will confirm that Council, at their meeting held June 21, 2021, considered a report on a Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) resolution on a replacement B.C. Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program and resolved as follows:

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM ask the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy to replace CARIP with a new, consistent, non-competitive funding program

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- 2. Council direct staff to share this report and resolution with the Capital Regional District Board of Directors and other British Columbia municipal elected officials, seeking support for the resolution in advance of the UBCM conference in September 2021."

The report dated June 3, 2021 can be found <u>here</u> and the June 21, 2021 meeting minutes will soon be available on our <u>website</u>.

Sincerely,

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cc:

Saanich Council Sharon Hvozdanski, Director of Planning



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