



# The Corporation of the District of Central Saanich

## REGULAR COUNCIL REPORT

For the Regular Council meeting on Monday, August 8, 2022

**Re:** Province of BC Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP)

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### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to introduce the new Provincial Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) which replaces the previous BC Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) program as a funding source to support local government climate action initiatives.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The District previously participated in the Province's Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) which was a program that provided a grant to local governments equal to the carbon tax paid by the local government. In order to attain the grant benefit, the District was required to report on its corporate emissions and climate action/environmental actions annually and make CARIP reports available publicly.

In May 2021, the provincial government announced that it was ending CARIP and on May 31<sup>st</sup>, Council passed a motion that directed staff to send a letter to the Minister stating the need for an immediate replacement program to enable Central Saanich (and all B.C. municipalities) to continue to deliver strong climate action to our communities.

### **DISCUSSION:**

In May 2022, the Provincial Government announced a new program, Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) that will provide predictable, annual, long-term funding to local governments (and Modern Treaty Nations) to implement local climate action to help reach climate targets and prepare for the impacts of a changing climate (Attachment 1). Similar to CARIP, this program is available to local governments that have signed the Climate Action Charter and measure and report on their corporate greenhouse gas emitted, beginning the second year of the program (2023).

The LGCAP will provide funding to Central Saanich to support local climate initiatives aligned with the CleanBC Roadmap and the Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Strategy. The District will be required to attest that funding will be dedicated to climate action, report on their actions to reduce emissions and prepare for climate impacts, and ensure the equivalent of 20% or more of the funds received through the LGCAP program are matched by the District. Beginning this year, the District will receive 100% of these funds (\$145,082) which are to be spent no later than March 31, 2025. The receipt and use of these funds will be identified as part of the 2023 Budget process and deliberated by Council next year. Receipt and use of these funds will also be disclosed in our Annual Financial Statement Notes.

**IMPLICATIONS:****Financial/ Resource**

The transition from CARIP to LGCAP will provide approximately an additional \$130,000 climate action funding to the District.

**CONCLUSION:**

The provincial government introduced its new funding program, Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) that will provide consistent, annual funding for the District. The transition from the CARIP to LGCAP program will provide an additional \$130,000 annually in funds to support climate action in the District. Projects to be supported by the program will be brought forth as part of the 2023 budget process.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

Appendix A: Letter to Central Saanich CFO - Local Government Climate Action Program.