

Date: March 21, 2025

To: **Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs**

Name and title: Councillor Garth Frizzell, Chair, Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

Subject: CleanBC Roadmap to 2030 Update

Attachment(s):

1. Report dated February 23, 2024 titled “Background on Clean BC”
2. Draft letter regarding Northern consultation

Recommendation(s):

That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

1. DIRECTS the Chair to send a letter, substantially similar to that attached to the report titled “CleanBC Roadmap to 2030 Update” to the Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions, the Honourable Kelly Greene, Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness, and their deputies Peter Pokorny, Teresa Dobmeier, and Jennifer McGuire.
2. RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report titled “CleanBC Roadmap to 2030 Update” from the Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs, dated 21 March 2025.

Purpose:

This report advances a committee work plan item to draft a letter to the most appropriate Minister indicating that the CleanBC Roadmap should include broad consultation with rural and remote Northern areas.

Background:

The Clean BC Roadmap to 2030 was released by the BC government in October 2021 and aims to lower climate-changing emissions by 40% by 2030.

On March 4, 2024, the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs considered a report titled “Background on Clean BC” (attached for information) which provided details specific to the gas appliance aspect of the program. The report indicated that one of the proposed items in the CleanBC Roadmap is to prohibit the sale and installation of gas water heaters and new gas furnaces and boilers unless installed as part of a hybrid dual fuel system, effective January 1, 2030. Engagement sessions were held on this topic with Indigenous partners and the broader public in early 2024.

Following discussion, the Committee directed Administration to draft a letter to the most appropriate Minister indicating that the CleanBC Roadmap should include broad consultation with rural and remote Northern areas. Since this motion was made, and following the provincial election held in October of 2024, and the new appointments made to the BC Executive Council, the most appropriate Ministers are assessed as the Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions, the Honourable Kelly Greene, Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness, and their deputies, Peter Pokorny, Teresa Dobmeier, and Jennifer McGuire.

Each year, there is a requirement for the government to submit a report to the legislature detailing the annual progress on climate action. The most recent Climate Change Accountability Report details the actions undertaken from April 2022 to March 2023. An updated report has not been released at the time of writing this report.

Discussion:

The draft letter is attached for review and discussion.

Summary and conclusion:

This report advances the committee workplan item to draft a letter indicating that the CleanBC Roadmap should include broad consultation with rural and remote Northern areas.

Respectfully submitted:

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