

March 29, 2021
Sent via Email

To British Columbia Municipalities,

RE: Helping Cities Lead Campaign

On March 2, 2021 Port Moody City Council passed the attached resolution.

I am writing to you today on behalf of Port Moody City Council, requesting your endorsement for the Help Cities Lead Campaign. Endorsing the Help Cities Lead Campaign is an opportunity to support an advocacy campaign related to building greenhouse gas emissions reductions in British Columbia. Supporting this campaign will result in completing an action related to advocacy under the Buildings focus area in the 2020 Climate Action Plan.

The Help Cities Lead campaign presents a suite of climate policy initiatives that support emissions reductions from new and existing buildings in British Columbia. I have included a copy of the Council report dated January 25, 2021 from the Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division regarding Endorsement of Advocacy Campaign Help Cities Lead to provide further information on this topic.

Taking on climate change and making a difference will take the dedication and commitment of all levels of government and the support of BC municipalities.

We hope that you will join our City in endorsing the Help Cities Lead campaign, showing support for a very important legislative change to expand climate action powers in order to meet very important targets in reducing greenhouse gas emissions in British Columbia.

Sincerely,



Mayor Rob Vagramov
City of Port Moody

Attachment:

1. Resolution from the City of Port Moody – Helping Cities Lead Campaign



City of Port Moody
Council Resolution
March 2, 2021

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Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT Council formally endorse the Help Cities Lead campaign as recommended in the report dated January 25, 2021 from the Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division regarding Endorsement of Advocacy Campaign “Help Cities Lead”, and take the following actions:

- a) *write a letter to the following provincial ministers to voice support for the five policies detailed in this report:*
 - *Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy;*
 - *Minister of Municipal Affairs;*
 - *Minister of Energy, Mines, and Low-Carbon Innovation;*
 - *Minister of Finance; and*
 - *Attorney General and Minister responsible for Housing;*
- b) *request a meeting with the Ministers listed above;*
- c) *write a letter to Metro Vancouver requesting regional endorsement of the campaign;*
and
- d) *write letters to all BC local governments asking them to endorse the campaign;*

AND THAT Council authorize staff to participate in activities supporting the Help Cities Lead campaign, including information sharing presentations to other municipal Councils.