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The Honourable Josie Osborne
Minister of Municipal Affairs
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Victoria BC V8W 9E2

The Honourable George Heyman
Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
PO Box 9047 Stn. Prov. Gov.
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RE: BC Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP)

Dear Ministers Osborne and Heyman,

The recent decision to discontinue the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) has the District of Peachland deeply concerned, as this decision will impact our municipality's ability to reach our climate action goals and targets.

The District has used CARIP funding for numerous initiatives including the addition of an Electric Utility Vehicle to the District's fleet, installation of LED street lights, and the development of a Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP) that will aid in improving energy efficiency, reduce green house gas emissions, and foster local green energy solutions.

The Province's decision to end CARIP will have negative implications for communities across BC. The most significant of these is the loss of reliable, consistent, and flexible funding. Without funding through CARIP many communities will be unable to continue the work that they are doing to reach climate action goals and targets as mandated by the Province. While there may be climate-related grants available, now and in the future, they often require an extensive application process, and our acceptance for a grant can not be relied upon or anticipated when planning our climate action goals.

Moving forward, Peachland Council recommends consultation with BC Municipalities in order to development an alternative program with the same consistency and reliability. A simplified process for applying and reporting is also encouraged.

Peachland Council strongly urges the Province of BC to reinstate CARIP until such time as consultation with local governments is complete and an alternate program is established.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cindy Fortin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cindy Fortin

Mayor

District of Peachland

CC: Premier John Horgan
Brian Frenkel, President UBCM
All BC Municipalities