



DISTRICT OF METCHOSIN

File No. 0400-10

December 8, 2022

Dear Mayor and Council,

RE: The District of Metchosin Declaration on the Climate Emergency and Biodiversity Crisis

At its December 5th, 2023, Regular Council meeting, the District of Metchosin Council adopted the following Declaration on the Climate Emergency and Biodiversity Crisis:

WHEREAS, Climate change and the planetary biodiversity crisis are real, human caused, and global emergencies that requires immediate, rapid and large-scale cuts in GHG emissions, and

WHEREAS, British Columbia has experienced flooding disasters with loss of livestock and wide-spread destruction of infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, British Columbians have died in landslides and catastrophic damage has been done to BC's highway infrastructure following climate-related atmospheric river rainfall events, and

WHEREAS, There are ninety four bird species that are highly vulnerable due to climate change in British Columbia alone, and

WHEREAS, Six hundred British Columbians lost their lives in a climate-related heat dome and the Town of Lytton burned to the ground, and

WHEREAS, Rural communities worldwide often face immediate and severe consequences of climate change, and

WHEREAS, Municipal governments can and should make decisions and adopt policies (including budgets and bylaws) that will accelerate and significantly increase the scale of GHG reductions both of the District itself and of the broader community, and

WHEREAS, Municipal governments can and should make decisions and adopt policies that will prepare the community and mitigate climate change and negative climate related events,

BE IT RESOLVED, on this 5th day of December in the year 2022, that the District of Metchosin:

1. Recognizes the global Climate Emergency and Biodiversity Crisis
2. Will promptly adopt a Climate Action Plan to inform future decision-making and adaptive measures
3. Commits to make decisions and adopt policies accordingly

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The District of Metchosin Council encourages neighbouring municipalities to continue to make critical decisions and implement policies and programs towards achieving a carbon neutral capital region and improving our regional resiliency to climate change.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. T. Little, Ph.D.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Marie-Térèse Little, Ph.D

Mayor

cc: CRD Municipalities
Larisa Hutcheson, General Manager
CRD Parks and Environmental Services