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A Green New Deal for

[Name of Municipality]

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1. Preamble

WHEREAS a Green New Deal is a transformational project that recognizes the urgency of the climate crisis and the scale of what's necessary to tackle it.

WHEREAS a Green New Deal for all will ensure that the transformation is carried out equitably, that it is rooted in climate justice, that it respects the rights of Indigenous peoples, and that it creates well paying, unionized, low carbon jobs.

WHEREAS economic efforts to recover from COVID-19 offer a window of opportunity to launch a just transition, build a sustainable economy, and tackle the climate crisis.

WHEREAS a Green New Deal necessitates adaptive management, consistent monitoring, and transparent communication.

WHEREAS climate science and best practices for mitigating climate change are constantly being updated.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the [name of municipality] solemnly declares a state of climate emergency.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the [name of municipality] develop a new climate emergency plan and review existing official community plans to incorporate the recommendations provided in this document.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this document is a living, working document, and will be updated at least yearly, but amended at any time where needed, to ensure that the best science and knowledge is used to complete the goals.

2. Emissions Targets

WHEREAS the world's scientists, Indigenous peoples, and youth are telling us that we have to change course—and we need to do it quickly. We have to cut our global greenhouse gas emissions by at least half by 2030 if we are going to have a livable planet in the future.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] commit to implementing a local Green New Deal in line with the climate science, outlined in the October 2018 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report, which requires Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions reductions of at least 50% by 2030 and 100% by 2050.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] implement the Kigali Accord, which recognizes the dangers of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), and set targets to reduce them.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] recognize that natural gas is a fossil fuel and that it is not an alternative to renewables.

BE IT RESOLVED that [name of municipality] will continuously and transparently report current emissions levels to the public and make accessible all information related to the current state of emissions in relation to reduction targets.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] recognize that methane is a potent GHG and that targets to reduce methane emissions must be set.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] write a letter to local Members of Parliament, federal election candidates and party leaders, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, and the Prime Minister calling on them to commit to implementing comprehensive climate policy in line with the climate science that requires emissions cuts of at least 50% by 2030 and 100% by 2050.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] call upon the federal government to conduct countrywide public hearings to allow the public to make submissions on what a federal climate policy should include.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] shall ensure a reduction of at least 30% in municipal government emissions by the calendar year 2025, and a 50% reduction in municipal government emissions by the calendar year 2030, relative to such emissions for the base year for municipal government emissions.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] establish a task force with the job of collaborating with the private sector and non-profit sector to realize the necessary emissions reductions.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] emissions reductions shall be achieved through the applicable policies, programs and actions, including methods to ensure equitable investment in environmental justice communities. Such policies, programs, and actions should also preserve a minimum level of benefits for all communities and not result in any localized increases in pollution.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT if [name of municipality] determines that such emissions reduction is not feasible despite the best efforts of city government operations, such office shall report such findings and make recommendations with respect to policies, programs and actions that may be undertaken to achieve such reductions.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] forward this document to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Union of British Columbia Municipalities, and Vancouver Island Coastal Communities.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] adopt an adaptive management approach on evaluating progress annually to ensure that climate goals are met.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] create a transparent report each year that includes emissions reduction data and an evaluation of progress.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] shall encourage and collaborate with other municipalities, regional districts, and First Nations who are interested in a [Green New Deal], or similar legislation.

3. Low Carbon Jobs

WHEREAS low carbon jobs can be considered as jobs that actively reduce greenhouse gas emissions, such as installing clean energy infrastructure or retrofitting buildings, and jobs that naturally emit few greenhouse gasses, such as education, the arts, and childcare.

WHEREAS the job market will need to trend away from polluting and GHG intensive jobs towards low carbon alternatives, and therefore we must ensure that new and displaced workers are given opportunities for skills training and retraining in relevant low carbon sectors.

WHEREAS work is an integral part of life, so jobs should be designed to be more equitable and improve the general quality of life.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] set wages for municipal workers in accordance with a minimum of a living wage and tie it to inflation.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] set conditions for municipal contracts that require employers to pay a living wage to be eligible for municipal contracts and grants.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] implement community benefits agreements to ensure jobs are accessible to all residents regardless of their immigration status.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] direct staff to identify ways for [name of municipality] to support the expansion of unionized, low carbon jobs, including in childcare, health care, education, transit, and arts and culture.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] acknowledge that a just transition is the best way forward, and that [name of municipality] will direct staff to explore options for skills retraining and other similar programs to help with this transition.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] will work together with the commercial and industrial sectors to find ways to provide low carbon jobs.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] will work with North Island College to develop training programs, such as building retrofitting and clean energy installation, enabling new and displaced workers to adapt to the evolving job market.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] advocate for the creation of a provincial and local climate corps. Through working in collaboration with other environmental conservation organizations, [name of municipality] will provide opportunities to engage youth and young adults in the conservation of biodiversity in their communities.

4. Indigenous Rights

WHEREAS Any governmental initiative to advance reconciliation requires consultation, collaboration, and joint management of processes and results. The implementation of free, prior, and informed consent is necessary for any of the following resolutions.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] will implement the Indigenous rights frameworks, the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action, the Calls to Justice from the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and bring municipal operations into compliance with them.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] shall ensure that Free, Prior, Informed Consent from impacted Indigenous peoples has been provided on new development projects, including those perceived as environmentally sustainable, before projects may proceed.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] shall consult with Indigenous peoples on whose territory [name of municipality] resides about applying an Indigenous lens on current and future municipal policies, including ensuring all local applicable treaties are respected.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] shall direct staff to report on options for [name of municipality] to contribute to decolonization and the revitalization of Indigenous languages.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] shall support the K'omoks First Nation in all treaty negotiations and act towards returning land to the ownership or co-ownership of the K'omoks Nation.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] explore opportunities for joint management with the K'omoks First Nation of parks and other environmental assets.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] participate in funding Indigenous-led conservation and financially support the K'omoks Nation to participate in consultation efforts.

BE IT RESOLVED that [name of municipality] consult with the K'omoks First Nation to develop a framework for paying reparations as a tangible commitment to reconciliation and in recognition of the negative impact of settler colonialism on the land and Indigenous People.

BE IT RESOLVED that [name of municipality] should work with the K'ómox First Nation to find tangible ways to honour the deaths of children found at residential school sites through any contributions the K'ómox First Nation may wish to make including, but not limited to, words from the Chief, songs and dances, art installations, official ceremonies, etc.

BE IT RESOLVED that [name of municipality] should play an active role in educating and truth-telling about the legacy of colonialism, missing and murdered Indigenous women, the history and stories of these lands, the history of residential schools and Sir John A Macdonald.

BE IT RESOLVED that [name of municipality] should work with the K'ómox First Nation to identify opportunities for incorporating traditional place names by changing the names of streets or spaces, particularly those named after colonial figures.

5. Equity and Justice

WHEREAS working towards a society that works better for everyone means reducing inequity.

WHEREAS climate change disproportionately affects people who are already afflicted by systemic discrimination.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] shall establish funding for community-led resources that serve women and 2SLGBTQIA+ communities.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] ensure that all future climate adaptation plans are inclusive and recognize the needs of all genders within these processes, so as not to disproportionately and negatively affect any gender.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] shall ensure municipal planning processes and new developments are accessible for people with disabilities. [name of municipality] shall also direct staff to report on the state of accessibility in the municipality, what needs to be done to ensure municipal infrastructure is accessible, and what needs to be done to ensure accessibility is included in climate adaptation plans.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] shall ensure public green infrastructure is affordable and accessible to all residents.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] direct staff to identify where the Comox Valley's transit system is inequitable in access or pricing, and determine steps to fix those issues.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] shall explore options for eliminating homelessness, by providing shelter and other services to the unhoused.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] will direct staff to study the local impacts of the climate crisis on gentrification and to what extent the climate crisis is exacerbating existing patterns of inequality, affordability, structural racism, and housing accessibility, as well as what measures can be taken to prevent further negative impacts on marginalized and racialized communities.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] shall implement existing recommendations made by grassroots organizers to eliminate systemic racism, including anti-Indigenous racism, anti-Black racism, and Islamophobia. This shall include a review of [name of municipality] policies, practices, infrastructure, and other areas over which the municipality has jurisdiction.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] will ensure access to services and jobs and grant these to all residents, regardless of their immigration status, ensuring access without fear.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT police funding be drastically reduced and redistributed towards community health and safety initiatives led by Black, Indigenous, and racialized community organizations.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] recognize affordable housing as a human right and ensure safe, accessible, and affordable housing for all, including those without immigration status.

BE IT RESOLVED [name of municipality] direct staff to find ways to reduce police responding to complaints regarding unhoused people and instead find ways for people qualified in areas specific to the problem to respond.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] train police officers with mental/health de-escalation skills to ensure police wellness checks don't further alienate and endanger people with mental health conditions.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] direct city-funded agencies, boards and services to review their existing policies and practices in order to ensure that everyone has access to municipal services regardless of their immigration status and that they may access these services without fear of discrimination, detention or deportation.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] direct staff to report on how the municipality can ensure full access to quality public services including health care, education, income security, child care, pensions and more for all residents.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] adopt a lens of climate justice and intergenerational equity to all of its decisions as current decisions will directly impact future generations who will bear the brunt of climate change.

6. Land Use and Development

WHEREAS buildings account for approximately 11% of emissions in British Columbia, and proactive development policy can ensure that reducing building emissions is done economically.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] establish building emissions limits, including limits on the use of fossil fuels in individual buildings where applicable, to reduce GHG emissions at a minimum of 50% by 2030 and 100% by 2050. Such limits shall establish:

1. An annual building energy or emissions assessment methodology with demonstrated predictive values that account for key variables influencing building energy use; and
2. Building energy or emissions reduction requirements for city-owned buildings that are required by a date earlier than that required by covered buildings or greater reductions than covered buildings; and
3. Ensure the participation and cooperation of relevant departments.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] shall ensure at minimum a reduction of GHG emissions of 50% by the year 2030 and 100% by the year 2050 for the portfolio of housing initiatives. Such reductions may be met by reducing the total emissions of all housing developments operated by the housing authority of the [name of municipality] as a portfolio, or reducing building emissions for each individual housing development.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] gradually implement the provincial energy step code for all new developments, aiming to reach level 5 by 2030.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] create incentives such as density bonusing, tax reductions, and/or expedited permitting to remove part of the burden of building carbon neutral buildings from developers.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] require that all new commercial developments or renovations include a minimum of one story of residential space.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] require that the construction of new buildings be two stories or taller, excluding family homes and other buildings not within the municipality power to regulate, as increased density housing is more climate friendly.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] ensure urban infill projects do not remove green space, such as forest and wetland, that provides either recreational opportunities, vital habitat, or meaningful GHG sequestration (tonnes CO2).

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] establish a tree canopy maintenance initiative, including protecting mature trees from being cut down during development projects.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] direct staff to identify potential projects which could provide shelter for the unhoused.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] will direct staff to attempt to avoid using concrete in future developments and to use only alternative concrete as defined by project drawdown when concrete is deemed necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] ensure 60% of existing buildings are retrofitted by 2030 and 95% of buildings by 2050, as outlined in the Comox Valley Sustainability Strategy. Further [name of municipality] will prohibit retrofits that install any systems that use fossil fuels, as they aren't an effective solution to the climate crisis when renewable alternatives are available.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] prohibit the installation of plastic turf for non-sports purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] implement a rating system requiring landlords to display building emissions levels, energy use, and water use in a prominent, publicly identifiable location, along with posting the same information on [name of municipality] municipal website.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] will prohibit “renovictions” and “demovictions” and ensure the enforcement of this prohibited activity, including through:

1. Tying rent to the unit, not the tenant, so landlords can't increase rents when tenants move.
2. Amending tenant policies to apply to all forms of rental accommodation in all areas of the municipality and all permits that will result in the temporary or permanent displacement of tenants.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] shall require any new housing developments to be subject to inclusionary zoning so that a minimum of 20% of the new units will be affordable housing units.

7. Governance Processes

WHEREAS corporate influence and capture of regulatory and governance processes undermines climate action.

WHEREAS governments should operate on a fair basis to ensure that everyone in society is represented and that corporate interests do not disproportionately affect legislation.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] will prohibit councillors who have received donations from fossil fuel corporations from sitting on climate or sustainability committees.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] will prohibit councillors who have received donations from development corporations from sitting on planning committees.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] will call on the province to ban corporate donations from the resource extraction sector, including but not limited to the oil and gas, forestry, mining, to elected officials.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] implement a participatory budget for the purpose of better community involvement in municipal finances (i.e laying the groundwork, informing participants, collecting citizen input, processing the input, setting up the vote, communicating the results, finalizing, and implementing).

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] implement an online consultation forum to be used by the administration to collaborate with citizens and stakeholders on various projects where it is possible to submit and discuss ideas on projects the city is working on.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] implement and fund a regional climate citizen assembly with the representation of a diversity of perspectives to act as an advisory body for current and future climate policies and initiatives. This citizen council must include a diversity of voices such as scientists and professionals, 2SLGBTQIA+people, Black, Indigenous, and People of colour, youth, seniors, people with disabilities, and houseless people.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] play an active role in addressing the misinformation and radicalization crisis and participate in the creation of community dialogues and conflict resolution to decrease the sense of alienation and resentment of various community members.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] lobby the provincial government to decrease the voting age to 16 years old for municipal and provincial elections to allow more youth voices to participate in politics that directly impact their future.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] adopts a framework that recognizes the limits to growth and advocates for the planning of a stable-state economy that measures wealth with indicators other than GDP that include values assessing well-being.

8. Zero-Waste

WHEREAS the earth's resources are limited and resorting to landfills is both ecologically damaging and a waste of resources and energy.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] put into action a Zero-waste strategy that aims for a global diversion of 90% of waste by 2025. This means that waste will be avoided, reused, composted, recycled or valued instead of being landfilled. These reduction targets are ongoing to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill each year.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] promotes the reduction of consumption of goods before recycling, particularly single-use plastics, styrofoam, and other materials that are difficult to recycle.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following overall strategy will be used to achieve the goals and targets of the Zero Waste strategy in all [name of municipality] operations (this includes but is not limited to construction, procurement, events, teaching, cooking and meetings):

1. Increase the extent and convenience of recycling and leftover food collection infrastructure, filling gaps in collection systems and making existing systems more convenient for users.
 - a. Establish multi-stream waste sorting and collection infrastructure and communications across the community by the end of 2022.
 - b. To adapt to constant changes in recycling services and materials, maximize flexibility in the design of infrastructure and programs.
2. Implement effective and consistent communications and outreach activities, along with improved infrastructure and desired practices.
3. Test major changes, whether in infrastructure, communications or otherwise, through pilot projects prior to wider deployment, to maximize implementation success.
4. Improve performance monitoring, in particular by addressing gaps and uncertainties related to waste data collection, and allowing better monitoring of progress against goals and targets.
5. Continue to design and implement strategies to reduce waste generation, primarily through changes in purchasing and reuse systems.
6. Explore opportunities for leadership in research, community collaboration and partnerships.
7. Use the unit-level operational sustainability planning process to integrate key zero waste actions and measures into the strategic plans of [name of municipality] operational units.
8. Collaborate with environmental associations, schools, municipalities and other external stakeholders on program development, communications and research.

9. Transit and Transportation

WHEREAS the transportation sector is the second-largest contributor of GHG pollution in Canada, representing 23% of total emissions.

WHEREAS municipalities and areas do not exist alone and are all interconnected regions of the Comox Valley Community. In recognizing this, a successful transit ecosystem should require input from all concerned parties.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] shall commit to ensuring that transit in [name of municipality] remains public and that it is operated and maintained by [the municipality's transit system] and will oppose threats to public ownership, operation, maintenance and local control of transit within the [name of municipality].

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] will begin to phase out transit fares and shift to a system of free and accessible public transit within three years.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] ensure that the local transit system provides users with adequate ways to access parks and other green infrastructure.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] will ensure future transit vehicle purchases are electric and will begin phasing out non-electric transit vehicles.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] put caps on the number of ride-hailing vehicles licensed, and giving electric vehicles the growing share of them, as well as exempting EVs from various ride-hailing fees and giving their drivers priority access at hotspot pickup and drop-off locations.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] position charging stations constructed for buses in locations that could potentially be used to support the electrification of other forms of heavy transportation, such as commercial trucks.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] change building codes in apartments and condos to require that many or all parking spots include plug-in capacity.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] direct staff to look into ways to increase and improve on an active transport system.

10. Energy and Electricity

WHEREAS reducing energy use in existing homes is an integral part of meeting the GHG reduction target but there are financial barriers for homeowners to participate in energy efficiency retrofit programs.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] shall establish a by-law that all new developments of three stories or higher must include installation of renewable energy systems such as to-scale solar, wind, and/or geothermal.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] shall establish and install renewable energy systems, such as to-scale solar, wind, and/or geothermal, on all municipal facilities.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] reject any new fossil fuel infrastructure, exploration and/or extraction in its jurisdiction.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] direct staff to produce a study of the projected impacts of potential spills from existing and proposed fossil fuel projects in or near its jurisdiction.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [municipality or school board] will prohibit fossil fuel advertising on its property, including advertisements on transit stops and vehicles.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] conduct a study on the total energy use of the municipality, in order to have an understanding of where we are using oil and gas so that we can decrease such consumption.

11. Drinking-Water and Wastewater

WHEREAS water management is a fundamental component of municipal operations and should be carried out in an optimally sustainable fashion so as to mitigate climate change and be adaptable to its consequences.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] recognizes and affirms that access to water and sanitation services are fundamental human rights.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] will implement climate adaptation plans for water and wastewater services, as well as other public utilities, to bolster the protection of municipal water sources from extreme weather events.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] will refrain from shutting off water and wastewater services in any residence where residents have an inability to pay their bills, and furthermore that [name of municipality] will make every effort to work with the resident to remediate the debt.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] will call on the federal and provincial governments to enshrine the human rights to access water and sanitation in federal and provincial law.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] will call on the Government of Canada to develop a federal plan of action to implement the human rights to access water and sanitation.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT where access to municipal tap water exists, single-use bottled water will no longer be sold in municipal facilities, from municipally-owned or municipally administered concessions, or from vending machines in public facilities.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT single-use bottled water will no longer be purchased and provided at municipal meetings, events or work performed outdoors where access to municipal water exists.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the availability of water jugs with municipal water will be increased at municipally organized meetings and events.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff develop an implementation schedule with timelines that include an assessment of access to tap water at municipal facilities.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] oppose privatization in any form of water and wastewater

treatment infrastructure and services, including through public-private partnership or short-term service contracts, and resolve to keep these services publicly financed, owned, operated and managed.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] lobby the federal government to fulfil its responsibility to support municipal infrastructure by investing in national water and wastewater infrastructure fund that would address the growing need to renew existing water and wastewater infrastructure and build new systems, and that would only fund public projects.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] will explore options for greywater recycling to help create a more sustainable water management system.

12. Food Security

WHEREAS current food supply chains increase the vulnerability of local food systems in case of interruptions.

WHEREAS climate change poses an active risk to food security both globally and locally.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the [name of municipality] support local farmers and food producers in adopting climate-resilient practices and meeting the demands for a resilient local food system.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the [name of municipality] remove the barriers that prevent community members from growing their own food and encourage bee-friendly plants.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the [name of municipality] increases the number of community gardens and financially support the maintaining of these gardens by qualified and paid people.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] promotes the cultivation of fruit trees and local edible plants on its properties.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] establish a bylaw where all new buildings must include the installation of green roofs, including roof gardens.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] establish a program to address the food security of all members of the community.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] produce a report on the climate vulnerability of its food supply system and determine a way to reduce this impact.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] encourage food services and local businesses to take into account the impact of selected foods on the environment, favouring foods with a lower carbon footprint such as plant and plant-based foods.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] encourage food services to prioritize locally produced and organically produced foods.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] take measures to reduce food waste in its operations and events involving food.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] provide educational opportunities on reducing food waste in the community.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] explore options for reducing food waste, such as preventing supermarkets and other food retail from throwing out food that is still edible, and creating a program to reroute food waste so that it doesn't end up in landfills.

13. Health

WHEREAS health services are essential for every member of society, and serious barriers exist for health services that reduce equitable access to these services

WHEREAS climate change is an active risk to the health of current and future generations.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] put in place an action plan to limit the impacts of climate change on the health of community members, such as heatwaves, forest fires, air quality, pollution, floods, displacement of populations, food insecurity and disease.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] address the negative, continuing, and disproportionate impacts of climate change on the physical and mental health of community members, particularly young people.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] create spaces and community events that honour and allow for the grieving of the losses due to climate change.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] lobby the provincial government for increased access to mental health resources and access to qualified professionals.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] address the ongoing overdose crisis and advocate for action from the provincial and federal governments.

14. Carbon sinks and biodiversity

WHEREAS nature-based solutions are essential in reducing GHG emissions and ensuring those changes are reliable for future generations.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] protect and restore carbon sinks, particularly the ocean, land forests, meadows, kelp forests, eelgrass beds, soils, wetlands, and waterways.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] evaluate the monetary contribution of natural assets and account for ecosystem services in its budgets.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] does not cut any trees on its properties other than for security reasons or for new construction. If a tree is cut, the [name of municipality] will have to plant and maintain as many trees that have been cut.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] put in place plans to remove invasive plants and restore ecosystems by planting native plants, species with a high carbon sequestration potential, and species resilient to a changing climate.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] work with the K'ómoks First Nations to protect carbon sinks and ecosystems and establish a co-management strategy with financial support for First Nation led conservation efforts.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] establish an action plan for protecting ecosystems and biodiversity hotspots.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] establish an action plan for urban reforestation and ecological restoration of ecosystems on its properties and parks. These plans will be created and implemented by consulting environmentalists and biologists.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] investigate and advocate for the potential of kelp aquaculture along with the [name of municipality] shorelines as a way to mitigate the impacts of storm surge, sea-level rise, and protect marine biodiversity.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] ban pesticides and chemicals with a negative impact on the environment, especially bees.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] ban the sale of peat moss, which is a heavy emitter of GHGs.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] work with garden centres and nurseries to ban the sale of invasive and noxious weeds and promote the sale of indigenous, high carbon sequestering, and climate-resilient plants.

15. Revenue Generation

WHEREAS User fees disproportionately affect lower-income households and lead to greater inequality and social exclusion. They can also be administratively expensive to collect and are often not a very effective way of managing usage or consumption.

WHEREAS Property taxes are generally regressive but can be made more progressive by increasing commercial rates.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] will direct staff to assess municipal revenue generation options available through progressive taxation that increases taxes on corporations and the wealthy in order to finance a local Green New Deal.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] will increase commercial rates and charge higher rates for higher-valued residential properties, including both the property transfer tax and the school tax on residential properties valued over \$2 million.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] apply higher land transfer tax rates for higher-valued properties to make the tax more progressive.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] direct staff to assess the current development charges to identify areas where the full costs of new developments and urban growth are not currently applied.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] will reject private sector financing whether provided through public-private partnerships (P3s), the Canada Infrastructure Bank, or other mechanisms. [name of municipality] recognizes that these are not revenue sources and thus not solutions to the local government revenue challenges since any loans or investments made by private companies will eventually have to be paid back from public funds or by the public through higher user fees.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] request that [the province or territory] share carbon pricing and cannabis tax revenues with the municipality as the municipality also bears many of the costs in these areas.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] requests that the province establish a municipal financing authority to significantly reduce the cost of borrowing and provide other valuable services to municipalities.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] identify whether the province has made available diverse revenue and financing sources, including business taxes, area improvement taxes, amusement and advertising taxes. If these revenue and financing sources are available, [name of municipality] will direct staff to identify opportunities for applying them. If these revenue and financing sources are not currently available, [name of municipality] will request that [the province or territory] make them available.

16. Climate Adaptation

WHEREAS climate change already interferes with quality of life and risks are projected to increase over time.

WHEREAS climate policies tend to focus on mitigation, resulting in a gap for climate adaptation funding and policies.

WHEREAS efforts that combine mitigation and adaptation will be necessary to create a sustainable future.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the [name of municipality] produce a research report on the impacts of climate change on [name of municipality] and present recommendations to increase the resilience of the community. The impacts studied by this report should include, but are not limited to: agriculture, marine and terrestrial ecosystems and biodiversity, health, infrastructure, land use planning and development, change in hydrology (melting ice, precipitation, floods and droughts), forest fires and air quality, rising sea levels and rising temperatures.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] put in place an action plan to ensure the [name of municipality] adaptation to climate impacts, including, among other things, community education, engagement, and collaboration on the subject.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] consult with community members, particularly ones vulnerable to climate change, to put in place an immediate emergency climate adaptation action plan in preparation for expected heat waves, poor air quality, crop failure, and health concerns.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] put in place a short and long term emergency preparedness action plan that increases community resilience in case of current and future climate impacts and natural disasters such as forest fires, flooding, drought, health emergencies, earthquakes, tsunamis, and conflict.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] lead a community education and support effort to promote safe heatwaves and poor air quality practices such as installing heat pumps, air purifiers, cooling stations, and forest-fire safe practices.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] put in place policies to promote managed retreat from flood plains and other areas vulnerable to flooding and sea-level rise to protect local infrastructure and operations.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of municipality] lead a community education effort to increase awareness of climate-related risks and emergency preparedness to increase community resilience. Such an effort should take place through communications, art installations, information panels, information pamphlets, and other means of communication.



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