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Chair and Directors
Committee of the Whole

Re: Climate Emergency

As the Electoral Area Director for Electoral Area ‘B’ of the Comox Valley Regional District, I request the board to consider the following:

WHEREAS the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities has adopted a resolution requesting the provincial government to declare a province-wide Climate Emergency in order to emphasize the critical imperative for immediate action and to assist with province-wide collaboration and coordination of resources that will support local governments and communities in their ability to adapt and manage ongoing change;

AND WHEREAS the impacts of climate change are significant and are being experienced locally as well as globally and require significant action to mitigate as well as adapt;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Comox Valley Regional District Board formally recognize the Climate Emergency;

AND FURTHER THAT the CVRD’s response to the climate emergency be considered as part of the upcoming board strategic planning session with discussion to include:

- an approach to monitor and report on the impacts of climate change as well as progress toward greenhouse gas reductions;
- the establishment of a regional climate action committee;
- methods of ensuring climate action is considered as part of CVRD programs and projects; and
- sufficient resources are available to implement climate action initiatives.

Sincerely,

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Director