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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

July 28, 2026

The Honourable David Eby, Premier
The Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions
The Honourable Kelly Greene, Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness
The Honourable Christine Boyle, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs
The Honourable Brenda Bailey, Minister of Finance

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Dear Premier Eby, Minister Dix, Minister Greene, Minister Boyle, and Minister Bailey:

RE: Support for Continued Local Government Climate Action Program Funding

On behalf of the Village of Slocan Council, I am writing in support of the District of Saanich's request that the Province of British Columbia confirm consistent, continuous funding for the Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP).

Local governments are essential partners in achieving provincial climate mitigation and adaptation objectives. Programs such as LGCAP provide flexible, predictable funding that allows communities of all sizes to plan, staff, and implement practical climate action initiatives that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, strengthen local resilience, and protect residents from the increasing impacts of extreme weather, wildfire, flooding, and heat.

For small and rural communities like Slocan, stable climate action funding is especially important. Limited tax base and staff capacity can make it difficult to pursue competitive grant opportunities, complete required planning and reporting, or advance multi-year projects without a reliable funding foundation. LGCAP helps address these barriers by supporting locally appropriate actions and enabling communities to leverage additional funding where available.

We share Saanich's concern that allowing LGCAP funding to lapse would create uncertainty for local governments that are already planning future budgets, staffing, and climate resilience work. Many climate initiatives require long-term planning and sustained implementation. Interruptions in funding risk delaying important work, reducing local capacity, and weakening progress toward provincial climate goals.

We respectfully urge the Province to renew and maintain LGCAP as a predictable, low-barrier funding program for B.C. local governments and Modern Treaty Nations. Continued investment in this program will support community-specific climate action, strengthen resilience, and reinforce the Province's partnership with local governments in protecting residents, infrastructure, and local economies.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter. We look forward to continued collaboration with the Province on climate action and preparedness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jessica Lunn', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Jessica Lunn
MAYOR

CC: District of Saanich Council
UBCM Member Municipalities