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The District of North Vancouver REPORT TO COUNCIL

February 10, 2021

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SUBJECT: UBCM Resolution: Help Cities Lead

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the UBCM Resolution: Help Cities Lead is supported for LMLGA consideration:

WHEREAS building retrofits help drive deep building-sector emissions reductions, respiratory illness reductions, building operating cost reductions, and job creation, yet local governments are currently constrained with existing legislation;

WHEREAS Integral Group modelling has shown that when implemented together, these five actions compliment each other;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT that UBCM prevail upon the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Energy Mines and Low Carbon Innovation (EMLCI), and Attorney-General and Ministry responsible for Housing to move as quickly as possible and in close consultation with local governments to develop and implement the first three measures:

- I. Regulating GHG emissions for new buildings;
- II. Home energy labelling; and
- III. Property assessed clean energy (PACE) enabling legislation;

And also enable local governments to choose, when ready, to opt into the remaining two measures:

- I. Regulating GHG emissions for existing buildings;
- II. Building energy benchmarking and reporting.

REASON FOR REPORT:

Buildings account for 40-60% of municipal carbon pollution (operating emissions) in BC. Many municipalities have aligned policies with Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) science calling for a minimum of 45% reduction in emissions by 2030.

Modelling completed by Integral Group suggests the Province's existing building policies will likely only reduce GHG emissions 16 per cent below 2007 levels by 2030, and reduce them

just 21 per cent by 2050. Integral then modelled all five measures and determined they would together reduce GHG emissions 33 per cent by 2030 and 63 percent by 2050. If the Province is to achieve its 2030 and 2050 targets, it will need to take measures over and above the five being requested. (*source: Help Cities Lead: Impact Modelling of Five Initiatives to Reduce Building Sector Greenhouse Gas Emissions, December 2020.*)

Conclusion:

Provincial policy is preventing local governments from achieving science-based climate targets and must be amended to empower municipalities to align policy with science.

Options:

1. THAT the motion as presented in UBCM Resolution: Help Cities Lead be supported;
or,
2. THAT the motion is not supported.

Respectfully submitted,



Megan Curren
Councillor

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