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MEMORANDUM

Date: June 19, 2019 File: 0120-06
To: Council
From: Councillor Cameron and Councillor Gambioli
Re: **Notice of Motion regarding Declaration of Climate Emergency**

Notice of the following motion regarding "Declaration of Climate Emergency" will be given at the June 24, 2019, regular Council meeting. At the July 8, 2019, regular Council meeting, after the proposed motion is moved and seconded, discussion on the proposed motion may be held.

Take notice that at the July 8, 2019, regular Council meeting, Councillor Cameron, with Councillor Gambioli as seconder, will move:

WHEREAS the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has recommended emissions reduction targets of 45 per cent below 2010 levels by 2030 and 100 per cent below 2010 levels by 2050 in order to limit global warming to no more than 1.5 C above pre-industrial levels;

AND WHEREAS these emissions reduction targets are not being met at the national, provincial or local level in Canada and Canadians have some of the highest per capita emissions worldwide;

AND WHEREAS the most recent scientific evidence indicates that climate change is accelerating and increasing in severity and extent, including in Canada;

AND WHEREAS the impacts of climate change will be felt in all communities across Canada, including West Vancouver, if significant emission reductions are not made;

AND WHEREAS West Vancouver is already facing significant costs to deal with the impacts of climate change, including sea level rise, storm water management and forest fires;

AND WHEREAS a growing list of jurisdictions around the world have recently declared or officially acknowledged the existence of a global climate emergency;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- (1) Council recognizes that climate change constitutes an emergency for the District of West Vancouver; and
- (2) Staff be directed to report back within 90 days regarding:
 - i. actions the District is presently taking to reduce GHG emissions (corporate and community) and to meet the District's climate targets;
 - ii. actions the District is presently taking to *adapt* to climate change (corporate and community) and their costs;
 - iii. actions that comparable municipalities are taking to reduce their GHG emissions; and

iv. additional actions that the District could take in the short, medium and long term (corporate and community) to further reduce GHG emissions.



MOVER: Councillor Cameron



SECONDER: Councillor Gambioli

Information Supporting the Notice of Motion

Given the growing awareness of the impact of climate change, over 600 jurisdictions worldwide have, to date, declared a climate emergency, including:

- the City of Vancouver
- the District of North Vancouver
- the City of Ottawa
- the House of Commons of Canada
- the City of London, England
- the United Kingdom House of Commons; and
- the Irish government.

A climate emergency declaration is an acknowledgement of the seriousness of the threat, and a call for action. It is crucial that all jurisdictions take whatever actions they can to address this challenge.