

Background information:

Like many local governments across the province, the Comox Valley Regional District has created long-term growth and sustainability strategies that are action-oriented, with goals and targets to address a multitude of pressing challenges, including transportation, infrastructure improvement and renewal, air quality and climate change adaptation.

These plans and strategies, together with senior government regulations and guidance, commit regional districts and municipalities to a course of action to meet these immense challenges that are intrinsically tied our social, environmental and economic well-being.

While general support, guidance and funding programs have been offered by senior governments, these resources are simply not adequate to implement comprehensive and meaningful climate action plans without placing a tremendous tax burden on our residents and businesses.

In considering the 2021 - 2025 Financial Plan for the Comox Valley Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Service, and in support of the climate change initiatives planned under this service, the CVRD Board approved the motion for submission to AVICC in an effort to help resolve the clear funding gap.