

Schedule A: Letters of Support



Interior Health
Every person matters

March 27, 2018

Ms. Michelle Kam
Sustainability Coordinator
City of Kelowna
1435 Water Street
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Dear Ms. Kam,

RE: Letter of Support – 2018 Community Climate Action Plan

I am pleased to offer support to the City of Kelowna for its 2018 Community Climate Action Plan.

Interior Health is interested in local government initiatives that address climate change. As the climate changes, there are potentially negative impacts on human health through changes to the air quality, drinking water, and food sources. Local government planning and policy actions have a role to play in adapting to and mitigating climate change in their communities.

Transportation represents a high percentage of greenhouse gases (GHG) emitted within a community. This plan highlights that moving community members to low carbon transportation options such as biking, walking, and transit can potentially reduce GHG by a significant percentage. Active transportation impacts health by increasing physical activity and reducing the risk of obesity and the development of chronic diseases. Creating an environment where the healthy choice is the easiest choice will improve health, and contribute to the sustainability of our health care system.

The Climate Action Plan, in conjunction with the Official Community Plan, has the potential to beneficially impact the health and quality of life of current and future citizens of Kelowna.

Sincerely,

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Ms. Michelle Kam
Ms. Tracy Guidi
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City of Kelowna

Re: Support for City of Kelowna Community Climate Action Plan, Energy Section

Dear Michelle and Tracy:

FortisBC shares the City's goal of encouraging people to reduce natural gas and electricity consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.

To that end, we've financially supported and worked with the City of Kelowna's Policy and Planning Department over the last year to help develop the Energy Section of its Community Climate Action Plan. After closely reviewing several iterations of the Plan, we feel the recommendations are achievable and lay an important foundation to meeting these goals.

Many components of the Energy Plan recommend collaboration with FortisBC to further develop and enhance energy reduction programs for the Residential and Industrial, Commercial and Institutional sectors. We want to assure you that FortisBC fully supports this cooperative approach and will assist the City, its residents and commercial sector to achieve these reduction goals.

Sincerely,

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Public Policy Manager