

Climate Action Technical Advisory Committee 2023 Status Report

RECOMMENDATION

That the Climate Action Technical Advisory Committee 2023 Status Report and Status Report Card be approved and posted to the Regional District of Nanaimo website.

BACKGROUND

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) initiated the Climate Action Technical Advisory Committee (CATAC) in November 2019 in response to the RDN Board's Strategic Plan - Action 1.1. "Strike a Technical Advisory Committee to develop and advance the RDN Climate Change Strategy and recommend immediate action towards adaptation and mitigation."

The Board approved the CATAC's final recommendations for immediate action and strategic supports at the November 9, 2021 Board Meeting (Resolution No. 21-570); directed implementation of strategic supports within all work (Resolution No. 21-437, September 2021); and funded the implementation of the CATAC top 3 priorities within the 2022 budget (Resolution No. 21-435, September 2021). The Board also approved a formal climate action monitoring and reporting structure (Resolution No. 22-323, May 2022) to help monitor progress on implementation of CATAC top priorities and strategic supports. A new, second term CATAC was retained under revised Terms and Conditions (Resolution No. 22-321, May 2022), including a monitoring and implementation advisory role.

The monitoring and reporting structure includes an annual status report on the implementation of CATAC priorities and strategic supports, and a concise Status Report Card. The first annual report and report card have been completed and reviewed by CATAC and are attached here for Board consideration. If approved by the Board, the documents will be posted to the RDN website.

Following the review of the Status Report, the CATAC also reviewed and commented on a proposed 2024 implementation work plan and budget. The 2024 work plan was updated with their recommendations, then submitted in the proposed 2024-2028 draft RDN Financial Plan and a copy attached for information.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

CATAC recommendations for improving implementation, identified in Section 6 of the CATAC Status Report 2022-2023 that were added to the 2024-2028 draft RDN Financial Plan were: additional funding for home energy efficiency and fuel switching rebates in electoral areas (~\$24,500) and funding for youth-oriented programming (\$25,000). Both amounts are funded from the Local Government Climate Action Program Grant, so are not tax funded. The work program will be reviewed through the 2024-2028 RDN draft Financial Plan review.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

Water Security - Understand our water resources and their risks, to manage our water resources effectively and sustainably.

Managing Impacts of Climate Change - Advance priority actions that are identified within RDN Board-approved plans and initiatives.

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ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Climate Action Technical Advisory Committee Status Report 2022/2023
2. Climate Action Technical Advisory Committee Report Card
3. Climate Action Technical Advisory Committee 2024 Implementation Work Plan