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His Worship Mayor Fred Haynes
District of Saanich
770 Vernon Ave
Victoria BC V8X 2W7

Dear Mayor Haynes:

Thank you for your letters of May 27, 2021, addressed to the Honourable John Horgan, Premier, the Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, and me, regarding the wind down of the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) and the District of Saanich's request for consistent, non-application funding to replace CARIP.

As you are likely aware, CARIP was introduced, in part, to encourage local governments to sign on to the Climate Action Charter. Since the program launched a decade ago, 187 local governments have signed the Charter, more than 50 local governments have achieved carbon neutrality in their corporate operations, and many others, including the District of Saanich, have taken significant steps toward reducing emissions in their communities. However, we know more can be done. That is why our government is exploring new ways to support local governments in reducing emissions and creating complete, compact, energy-efficient communities.

I appreciate your concerns about wrapping up CARIP, and your feedback for creating an effective replacement program. Our government remains committed to working with local governments to reach our climate goals and make life better for people across British Columbia. We hope to have more to say about local government engagement in the coming months.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,



Josie Osborne
Minister

pc: Honourable John Horgan, Premier
Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy