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His Worship Mayor Henry Braun and Councillors
City of Abbotsford
32315 South Fraser Way
Abbotsford BC V2T 1W7

Dear Mayor Braun and Councillors:

On behalf of the joint Provincial-Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Green Communities Committee (GCC), we would like to extend our congratulations for your successful efforts to undertake significant corporate or community-wide climate action to reduce GHG emissions in the 2016 reporting year.

As a signatory to the Climate Action Charter, you have demonstrated your commitment to work with the Province of British Columbia and UBCM to take action on climate change and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in your community and corporate operations.

The work that local governments are undertaking to reduce their corporate emissions demonstrates significant climate leadership and sets the stage for broader climate action in the community. Your leadership and commitment continues to be essential to ensuring the achievement of our collective climate action goals.

The GCC was established under the Charter to support local governments in achieving their climate goals. In acknowledgement of the efforts of local leaders, the GCC is again recognizing the progress and achievements of local governments such as yours through the multi-level Climate Action Recognition Program. A description of this program is enclosed for your reference.

As a Charter signatory who has achieved Level 1 and Level 2 recognition, and demonstrated significant climate action (corporately or community-wide) to reduce GHG emissions for the 2016 reporting year, you have been awarded Level 3 recognition – 'Accelerating Progress on Charter Commitments'.

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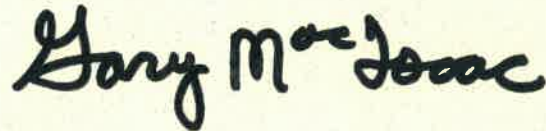
In recognition of your significant achievements, the GCC is very pleased to provide you with climate action community branding for use on websites and letterheads. An electronic file with the 2016 logo will be provided to your Chief Administrative Officer. Also enclosed is a *BC Climate Action Community 2016 – Climate Leader* window decal, for use on public buildings.

Congratulations again on your achievement. We applaud your leadership and wish you continued success in your ongoing commitment to the goal of corporate carbon neutrality, and your efforts to reduce emissions in the broader community.

Sincerely,



Tara Faganello
Assistant Deputy Minister
Local Government Division
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing



Gary MacIsaac
Executive Director
Union of British Columbia Municipalities

Enclosures



GCC Communiqué on the Climate Action Recognition Program

B.C. local governments continue to play a critical role in reducing GHG emissions across the province. In acknowledgment of the ongoing efforts of local leaders, the joint Provincial-UBCM Green Communities Committee (GCC) is pleased to continue the Climate Action Recognition Program (*Recognition Program*) for B.C. local governments for the 2016 reporting year. This is a multi-level program that provides the GCC with an opportunity to review and publicly recognize the progress and achievements of each Climate Action Charter (*Charter*) signatory. Recognition is provided on an annual basis to local governments who demonstrate progress on their *Charter* commitments, according to the following:

Level 1: Demonstrating Progress on Charter Commitments

Local governments who demonstrate progress on fulfilling one or more of their *Charter* commitments will receive a letter from the GCC acknowledging their accomplishments.

Level 2: Measuring GHG Emissions

Local governments that achieve level 1, have completed a corporate carbon inventory for the reporting year and demonstrate that they are familiar with the [Community Energy and Emissions Inventory \(CEEI\)](#) for their community receive a letter from the GCC and a 'BC Climate Action Community 2016' logo, for use on websites, letterhead, etc.

Level 3: Accelerating Progress on Charter Commitments (NEW this year)

Local governments that achieve levels 1 and 2 and demonstrate significant corporate or community-wide climate action to reduce GHG emissions in the reporting year receive a letter from the GCC and a 'BC Climate Action Community 2016 – Climate Leader' logo, for use on websites, letterhead, etc.

Level 4: Achievement of Carbon Neutrality

Local governments that achieve [carbon neutrality](#) in the reporting year receive a letter from the GCC and a 'BC Climate Action Community 2016 – Climate Leader - Carbon Neutral' logo, for use on websites, letterhead, etc.

To be eligible for the *Recognition Program*, local governments must fulfill the public reporting requirements of the [Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program \(CARIP\)](#) including reporting on their progress to carbon neutrality. The GCC will determine recognition levels for the *Recognition Program* based on the information included in each local government's annual CARIP public report. Further information on CARIP and the public reporting requirements is available [online](#).

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