

Councillor Ann Baird's update for Feb 4, 2019

Declaration of a Climate Emergency: I attended the CRD Parks & Environment Committee meeting on Jan. 23, 2019 for the discussions on committee recommendation to the board to Declare a Climate Emergency. After about 20 short presentations from the public the committee had a lengthy debate and then voted unanimously to support the recommendations one of which being to write to all local governments in the region requesting that they also declare climate emergencies and commit to working towards climate neutrality by 2030.

This is the first step. From here the recommendations go to the CRD Board COW (Feb 13th) where the full board will vote on the recommendations.

I have organized a group of 9 councillors from 7 municipalities to make a presentation at the CRD COW on Feb 13th. As a municipal delegation, we will have 10 minutes where one of us will present on behalf of the others. If any Highlands councillors would like to view our document and possibly add their name, please contact me.

Community: As a follow up to the Highlands 25th year celebration, I created a summary from the collected tags that community members left on the poster. On each tag, people wrote down three things they loved about the Highlands. I created a word cloud of all the words. Here are a few photos. Possible Motion: **That these items be forwarded to the Social Sustainability Select Committee to see if they have any recommendations as to what our community could do with this.**





