

Ann Baird's Council update: June 6, 2022

May 13, 2022 - CRD Climate Action Inter-Municipal Task Force

- Last meeting of this term
- 5 members in attendance from North Saanich, Sidney, Saanich, Victoria, Salt Spring Island, Highlands (10 members absent)
- Update on CRD Climate Action Programs
 - new requisition has been approved.
 - Central Saanich has provided notice to pull out of the service
 - Two focus areas for biggest impact:
 - **Regional electric mobility program:** Focusing efforts on accessing grants to accelerate EV charging infrastructure installation and creating guidelines to support private sector chargers. Recruiting an E-mobility Coordinator to assist with implementation. Launching an e-mobility (EV and e-bike) awareness program (grant funded) to promote both EVs and e- bikes at in-person events through the summer.
 - **Regional energy retrofit program:** Scoping request for proposal for a third party to deliver a region-wide concierge service to support residents navigate and complete retrofits. Aiming for launch in late fall 2022. Bring it Home 4 Climate continues in the interim.
 - These two programs do not account for the increases in embodied carbon emissions associated with them
- Presentation by Robin Webb of CEA (Community Energy Association)
 - Shared highlights from the [BC Mayors Climate Leadership Council](#), [Climate Leaders Playbook](#), and Climate Leaders Institute.
 - [Climate Leaders Institute conference](#) June 8-10.
 - Also note that Embodied Carbon in buildings is a big topic right now including tools that might become available for Local Governments.
- Attendees shared current community updates, initiatives, and priorities with the group related to climate change. Topics relate to:
 - SSI: community composting and firehall upgrade referendum on SSI,
 - Highlands: local area planning, exploration of a new climate reserve fund, Mt. Work Plan consultation, new bike lane,
 - Saanich: PACE financing in Saanich,
 - North Saanich: EV chargers, OCP updates, tree bylaw,
 - Sidney: EV chargers, OCP updates, climate plan update,
 - Victoria: various active transportation projects, free transit program, single use items and deconstruction bylaws in Victoria.