

September 11, 2026

File No. 5280-15

Premier David Eby

Hon. Adrian Dix, Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions

Hon. Kelly Greene, Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness

Hon. Christine Boyle, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs

Hon. Josie Osborne, Minister of Finance

Dear Premier Eby and Ministers:

Re: BC Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) - Funding Continuation

At its regular meeting of August 11, 2026, City of Williams Lake Council passed the following resolution:

"That Council authorize a letter be sent from the Mayor to the Premier of BC and relevant provincial Ministers outlining the importance of the Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) funding and the critical need for continuation of this funding program; and further, this letter be shared with local MLAs, NCLGA, UBCM and all BC municipalities and regional districts."

On behalf of the City of Williams Lake, I am writing to urge the Province's continued commitment to the Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP). For more than 15 years, the Province has provided consistent annual climate action funding to local governments, recognizing that municipalities are key to helping the Province meet greenhouse gas (GHG) targets and climate adaptation goals.

The Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) and its predecessor, the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP), have provided a critical and reliable source of dedicated funding enabling municipalities to maintain staff capacity, support community climate initiatives, deliver key GHG reduction and adaptation programs, and leverage other utility funding, including provincial and federal grants. Many of these initiatives directly support the goals of the CleanBC Roadmap and the Climate Preparedness & Adaptation Strategy.

Since 2022, the City of Williams Lake has received \$562,432 and has been able to use this funding to secure additional funds amounting to more than \$190,000 from alternative sources, including the British Columbia Vision Zero in Road Safety Grant Program, BC Active Transportation Network Planning Grant, and the Green Municipal Fund – Safe and Active School Routes program.

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These funds have allowed the City of Williams Lake to complete many different projects that may not otherwise have been accomplished. Some of these projects include the creation of the Active Transportation Network Plan (2025), window upgrades to support energy savings, and the construction of the pedestrian bridge connecting Scout Island and RC Cotton site trail networks with downtown Williams Lake. Additional upcoming projects include the installation of bike racks in the downtown core (2026) and traffic calming measures along Western Avenue (2027).

Municipal budgets are under significant pressure to fund core services and respond to the increasingly costly impacts of accelerating climate changes, including devastating floods, wildfires, and extreme heat. Removing dedicated Provincial climate action funding will create a shortfall that cannot be replaced without significant impacts to local taxpayers.

LGCAP has been the stable foundation that allows local governments to pursue these opportunities. Without it, many municipalities will be unable to apply for competitive grants or deliver community-focused climate programming that supports provincial objectives.

In February 2026, the provincial government released the 2026/27–2028/29 Service Plan for the Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions. The plan does not include funding for the continuation of the Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP); however, to date, no final decision or direction has been communicated publicly by the Province.

The City of Williams Lake respectfully requests that the Province confirm the continued funding of LGCAP and its inclusion in the 2026/27- 2028/29 Service Plan. Should the program not continue, the loss of provincial LGCAP funding would be detrimental to the City's ability (and the ability of all local governments) to continue developing and implementing our climate action program and supporting provincial goals.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response.

Yours truly,



Mayor Surinderpal Rathor

c: MLA Lorne Doerkson, Cariboo Chilcotin
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