

## DELEGATION APPLICATION Virtual or In-Person

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I/We request to appear as a delegation before:

☒ Council ☐ Committee of the Whole ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the purpose for your presentation and a brief overview, below, and attach a one-page (maximum) outline of your presentation (if more room is needed). Please be specific.

We are applying to present a delegation to MNC Council on September 6th on:

1) The Indoor Air Quality Health Risks re: Natural Gas in the North Cowichan Built Environment (presented by Medical Health Officer for the Cowichan Valley, Dr. Shannon Waters who may need to attend virtually by video conference), and

2) The opportunity to Eliminate those Health Risks & to Reduce the Climate Risks posed by GHG Emissions from the Built Environment - beginning with addressing fossil gas emissions from new construction through bylaws at level 4 (EL4) of BC's "Zero Carbon Step Code" adopted by the province May 1, 2023, as has been done by the City of Victoria and the Municipality of Saanich This second section will be presented by Jane Kiltnei from the Cowichan Climate Hub and Board member, One Cowichan and Valerie Russell, North Cowichan resident and Board member, One Cowichan, who will attend in person. See One Cowichan Blog post: [https://www.onecowichan.ca/bc\\_zero\\_carbon](https://www.onecowichan.ca/bc_zero_carbon) for additional supporting context.

Given the urgency of climate breakdown that we are seeing with heat waves, drought and forest fires across BC and Canada this summer, and the evidence of serious health risks, especially to children, posed by living or working in indoor spaces heated by natural gas, we are asking MNC Council to consider moving forward on a bylaw to decarbonize the built environment to eliminate the health and climate risks of fossil gas in the built environment, starting with new construction. This can be done by adopting Zero Carbon bylaws at level 4 (EL4) of BC's new Zero Carbon Code, which means full electrification with no fossil (methane) gas. We are asking Council to aim for a bylaw where all building permits submitted for Residential (Group C - up to 6 story) on or after September 1, 2024, are required to meet both BC Energy Step Code 3 energy efficiency requirements, and BC Zero Carbon Step Code 4 (all electrification). With all building permits submitted for residential buildings over 6 stories and commercial building (Group D and E) on or after January 1, 2025, required to meet these same Zero Carbon requirements, following in the footsteps of the City of Victoria and the Municipality of Saanich who have already put these bylaws in place effective this year.

Thank you for your consideration.

Will you be requesting a grant or financial assistance? Yes ☐ No ☒

Will you be providing supporting documents to include in the agenda package? Yes ☐ No ☒

How will you be presenting? ☐ PowerPoint ☐ Video ☒ Verbal

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Yes ☒ No ☐

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Funding request (if any) reviewed by Director Financial Services ☐ Yes

Request approved (date) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Meeting \_\_\_\_\_