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Good morning,

Please find the attached UBCM Resolution on behalf of Saanich Council regarding BC Hydro Projects.

Thank you kindly,

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We acknowledge that the District of Saanich lies within the territories of the lək'wəŋən peoples represented by the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations and the WSÁNEĆ peoples represented by the WJOLÉLP (Tsartlip), BOKEĆEN (Pauquachin), SĪÁUTW (Tsawout), WSIKEM (Tseycum) and MÁLEXEL (Malahat) Nations.

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UNION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA MUNICIPALITIES RESOLUTION REGARDING BC HYDRO PROJECTS – ESTABLISHMENT OF FUNDING FOR CLIMATE ACTION ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION

WHEREAS the *BC Hydro and Power Authority Act* and associated statutes references other Acts within its scope, including the *Climate Change Accountability Act* and *Environmental Management Act*. Various communities have experienced that their operations do not fully comply with these Acts or the Provincial Government's Nature-Based 2030 Climate Change targets to protect land, preserve nature, and reverse diversity loss. Moreover, the Authority does not allocate a budget for adequate eco-restoration in areas where its activities have harmfully impacted biodiversity. Financial support is crucial to the success of hydro projects and the realization of provincial climate change targets;

AND WHEREAS to prepare the Province for the impacts of climate change, it is essential that BC Hydro collaborates with local governments, stakeholders, and landowners. The *BC Hydro Power and Authority Act* must also prioritize ecosystem retention in its mandate to provide affordable power while minimizing environmental impact, restoring biodiversity and in the process support local governments' Climate Action Plans;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities recommend the Provincial Government mandate an amendment to the *BC Hydro and Power Authority Act* to incorporate a budget for Climate Change Ecosystem Restoration as well as technologies that support tree retention and/or re-planting in all its projects, thus demonstrating the Provincial Government's commitment to its Nature-Based 2030 Climate Change targets.