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To: **"Direct to Mayor and Council - DL"**
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Subject: Women4Climate Mentorship Program

Good evening Mayor and Council,

The purpose of this email is to notify you of two opportunities related to the Women4Climate (W4C) Mentorship Program.

1. Council is invited to take part in an engagement process to inform the next iteration of the W4C Mentorship Program (see Background below for further information). If you are interested in sharing your thoughts, please reach out to the project team at the Zero Emissions Innovation Centre (ZEIC) (w4c@zeic.ca) by June 15 to schedule an interview.
2. On Tuesday October 1 from 4:00 to 6:00pm, ZEIC will be hosting a W4C event at the Creekside Community Centre. You are invited to reconnect with W4C alumni and hear about the progression of their climate initiatives since the end of the program. If you are interested, please save the date and watch for a formal invitation to follow in late summer.

Background:

Since 2019, the City of Vancouver has delivered the C40 Vancouver W4C Mentorship Program in partnership with the Zero Emission Innovation Centre (ZEIC). Over four cohorts, the Vancouver W4C Program educated and empowered local women working on community-based climate solutions that contribute to Vancouver's climate goals. In total, 43 mentees lead projects in alignment with the Climate Emergency Action Plan and/or the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy supported by 38 executive level mentors (more details can be found at www.vancouver.ca/w4c)

Last fall, C40 announced plans to wind down the C40 W4C Program in early 2024 and redirect resources to support municipal climate policy in the domains of gender inclusivity and women's leadership on climate action. C40 indicated their decision was based on changes to program funding and misalignment with their typical programming, which focuses on supporting cities rather than communities.

C40's decision provides an opportunity to review the Vancouver W4C Mentorship Program and determine a path forward tailored to our local community and in alignment with Vancouver's [Women's Equity Strategy](#). To this end, the City of Vancouver has partnered with ZEIC to explore a regional Women4Climate Program, run, and funded through ZEIC, that continues to engage the public, industry leaders, and elected officials on critical climate action through integrated, compelling, and equity-centered programming in 2025 and beyond. ZEIC is currently soliciting feedback to inform the next iteration of this Program. Over this period of reflection, ZEIC will also host a series of events to maintain the momentum and strengthen the relationships that have formed over the course of this Program.

Please reach out to josh.white@vancouver.ca if you have any questions about the City's involvement in the Women4Climate Mentorship Program.

Best,
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