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To: ["Direct to Mayor and Council"](#)

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Subject: Memo - Climate Plans Update

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Dear Mayor and Council,

The memo is to inform Council that staff will be pausing work to develop the City's next climate plans (Climate Emergency Action Plan and Climate Change Adaptation Strategy), due to the uncertainty and heightened concerns around U.S. tariffs and specifically the negative impacts they could have on Vancouver's residents and businesses. Key points include:

- Staff had been planning to develop new five-year action plans (2026-2030) over the course of this year, with public and stakeholder engagement on the draft actions and longer term adaptation visions slated for this spring.
- The pause in this work is temporary, pending more clarity regarding the tariffs and the overall health of the economy. This means that staff will not be proceeding with public or stakeholder engagement this spring and that new climate plans will not be brought to council in November for approval.
- In the interim, staff will continue to advance climate actions outlined in the Climate Emergency Action Plan and the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy, with a heightened focus on supporting affordability for residents and/or providing economic benefits for local businesses. Some new actions may also be brought to Council if they align with those objectives.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact Josh White at josh.white@vancouver.ca.

Best,

Paul

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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the x m k y m (Musqueam), S wxwú7mesh (Squamish), and s lilw ta (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

MEMORANDUM

March 7, 2025

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Paul Mochrie, City Manager
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FROM: Josh White, General Manager of Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability

SUBJECT: Climate Plans Update

This memo is to inform Council that staff will be pausing work to develop the City's next climate plans (Climate Emergency Action Plan and Climate Change Adaptation Strategy), due to the uncertainty and heightened concerns around U.S. tariffs, and specifically the negative impacts they could have on Vancouver's residents and businesses.

Staff had been planning to develop new five-year action plans (2026-2030) over the course of this year, with public and stakeholder engagement on the draft actions and longer-term adaptation visions slated for this spring.

The pause in this work is temporary, pending more clarity regarding the tariffs and the overall health of the economy. Developing effective policy requires a clear understanding of the local economic context. This shift means that staff will not be proceeding with public or stakeholder engagement this spring and that new climate plans will not be brought to council in November for approval, as had been planned.

In the interim, staff will continue to advance climate mitigation and adaptation actions outlined in the Climate Emergency Action Plan and the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy, with a heightened focus on supporting affordability for residents and/or providing economic benefits for

local businesses. Staff will also look for ways to advance some new actions that are well aligned with these objectives, and will provide an annual update on climate action progress to Council in July.

Please feel free to contact me at josh.white@vancouver.ca if you have any questions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J White', with a stylized, cursive script.

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