CLIMATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE
FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

A. THAT Council adopt a new City-wide long-term climate target of being carbon neutral before 2050 as a complement to the target of 100 per cent of the energy used in Vancouver coming from renewable sources before 2050.

B. THAT Council adopt a “complete communities” target that by 2030, 90 per cent of people live within an easy walk/roll of their daily needs, and direct staff to report back by Fall 2020 with a strategy and budget to achieve the target (“Big Move #1”).

C. THAT Council accelerate the existing sustainable transportation target by 10 years, so that by 2030, two thirds of trips in Vancouver will be by active transportation and transit, and direct staff to report back by Fall 2020 with a strategy and budget to achieve the target (“Big Move #2”), including a plan to work toward cheaper or free transit for lower income people as council agreed to in the All on Board motion.

D. THAT Council adopt the target that by 2030, 50 per cent of the kilometers driven on Vancouver’s roads will be by zero emissions vehicles, and direct staff to report back by Fall 2020 with a strategy and budget to achieve the target (“Big Move #3”).

E. THAT Council adopt the new target that by 2025, all new and replacement heating and hot water systems will be zero emissions, and direct staff to report back by Fall 2020 with a strategy and budget to achieve the target (“Big Move #4”).

F. THAT Council adopt the target that by 2030, the embodied emissions in new buildings and construction projects will be reduced by 40 per cent compared to a 2018 baseline, and direct staff to report back by Fall 2020 with initial actions and budget to achieve this target including recommendations to remove regulatory barriers to mass timber construction and initial requirements for embodied emissions reductions (“Big Move #5”).

G. THAT Council direct staff to report back by fall 2020 with 2030 GHG emission reductions targets that can be achieved by the “negative emission” restoration of natural forest and coastal ecosystems in the City of Vancouver. That the report also indicate opportunities to work with local First Nations, Metro Vancouver and other local municipalities to set a GHG emission reductions target and budgets for 2060 to “remove the appropriate amount of carbon pollution annually to deal with the regional negative emission requirements as per the IPCC report” (“Big Move #6”).
H. THAT Council direct staff to begin implementing the Accelerated Actions as described in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated April 16, 2019, entitled “Climate Emergency Response”, and report back to Council with an overall progress report by May 2020; and

FURTHER THAT City staff be directed to engage with the City of Vancouver’s respective Union Locals, who represent our 10,000 plus employees, to work jointly on industry best practices for accelerated actions under ‘Sustainable Commuting’ in the immediate and medium term.

I. THAT Council direct staff to proceed with the development of a carbon budgeting and accountability framework for corporate and city-wide carbon pollution that meets the objectives described in the Administrative Report dated April 16, 2019, entitled “Climate Emergency Response”.

J. THAT Council direct staff to proceed with the formation of the Climate and Equity Working Group according to the objectives, process, timelines, participants and budget described in the Administrative Report dated April 16, 2019, entitled “Climate Emergency Response”.

K. THAT Council direct staff to proceed with the development of Vancouver’s next environmental plan, Greenest City 2050, which will incorporate the work from the Administrative Report dated April 16, 2019, entitled “Climate Emergency Response”, as well as broader environmental sustainability objectives, and report back on the recommended strategy that will be integrated and coordinated with the City-wide Plan.

L. THAT Council direct staff to integrate the six (6) Big Moves as described in the Administrative Report dated April 16, 2019, entitled “Climate Emergency Response” into the development of the City-wide Plan recognizing there will be further development and refinement of the Big Moves which will be informed by and coordinated with City-wide planning.

M. THAT Council direct staff to develop local renewable energy targets and accelerated actions, including for solar hot water and photovoltaic solar panels that can reduce energy costs of heat pumps and mitigate risks of hydro-electricity outages.

N. THAT Council acknowledge the necessity of working with partners and stakeholders, including non-profit organizations and industry leaders, to achieve the ambitious targets recommended in the Administrative Report dated April 16, 2019, entitled “Climate Emergency Response” and “6 Big Moves;”

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to consult with and work with these groups to discuss any implications and impacts, including budgetary; and

FURTHER THAT Council acknowledge the possibility that some of the resources may need to be reprioritized or adjusted and targets recommended in the “6 Big Moves”, contained in the above-noted report, to respond to issues including affordability and/or livability in the midst of the City of Vancouver’s Emergency Response to the overdose crisis and the housing and affordability crisis.
O. THAT Council direct staff to incorporate robust resident engagement on the Climate Emergency Response framework and its Big Moves components as part of the upcoming City-wide planning process, in order to support livability and vibrant and complete communities.

P. THAT Council direct staff to share the Administrative Report dated April 16, 2019, entitled “Climate Emergency Response” and recommendations with Metro Vancouver, the Vancouver Park Board and Vancouver School Board for the purpose of asking them to formally express support for the strategy, and consider ways that the respective bodies can support the Big Moves and recommendations.

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