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Via Email to: [trlm@lakecowichan.ca](mailto:trlm@lakecowichan.ca)

Dear Mayor McGonigle:

**Re: Establishment of Regional Climate Adaptation Advisory Group**

Town of Lake Cowichan is invited to have one or more key representatives sit as members of the new Regional Climate Adaptation Advisory Group anticipated to be launched in June of 2023.

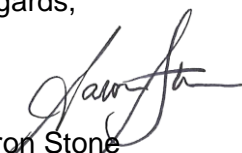
The CVRD Board approved the Regional Climate Adaption Strategy in the spring of 2021 and following that, an implementation framework in the Fall of 2022. The work is summarized in the [Cowichan Adapts Implementation Plan](#). One of the key items of the implementation Strategy the Board approved was the establishment of a Regional Advisory group which will act as a regional hub and peer learning network to enhance collaboration, skill sharing and coordination.

The Climate and Adaptation Advisory group (HUB) will act as a coordinating body between partnering organizations on issues connected to the implementation of the Cowichan Region Climate Adaptation Strategy. The purpose of the group is to enhance collaboration and capacity within the region. This process is also intended as a mechanism to report out and track joint progress on the plan and ensure it stays relevant to emerging issues. Please see the attachment which describes the proposed purpose and role of the advisory group.

At this time, we are asking you to confirm your organization's participation in the advisory group in 2023 to 2026 to support implementation of priority adaptation actions. Please forward the names of identified staff who you would like to participate on behalf of your organization to Mr. Keith Lawrence at [Keith.Lawrence@cvrd.bc.ca](mailto:Keith.Lawrence@cvrd.bc.ca)

We are looking forward to our next steps towards climate adaptation together.

Regards,



Aaron Stone  
Chair

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[Attachment](#) (1)

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