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### **Top 10 – again: Campbell River among Vancouver Island municipalities selected to help reach significant carbon emission reductions targets by 2050**

The City of Campbell River is one of nine local governments on Vancouver Island working together with a common goal of reducing carbon emissions through a focus on deep residential energy retrofits.

In collaboration with not-for-profit City Green and the Home Performance Stakeholder Council, the City of Campbell River is a partner in the Transition 2050 Residential Retrofit Acceleration Project, which has been up to granted \$400,000 in funding from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to help participating communities reach significant carbon emission reduction targets. Other local government project partners include the Comox Valley Regional District, Regional District of Nanaimo, Cowichan Valley Regional District, City of Victoria, District of Saanich, Central Saanich, Capital Regional District and Township of Esquimalt.

Transition 2050 partners will build a network of communities sharing similar barriers to carbon reduction, and work together to find innovative solutions. City Green is one of ten organizations across Canada that has been selected by FCM to build a network of communities and support them as they develop long-term plans and projects contributing to a low carbon transition by 2050 in alignment with the target date as set out by the Paris Agreement.

*“Municipalities are responsible for 60 per cent of the country’s transportation networks, water systems, and other public infrastructure – and up to half of Canada’s carbon emissions are under the direct or indirect influence of municipal governments,”* says Amber Zirnhelt, the City of Campbell River’s manager of long range planning and sustainability. *“Local action, such as embedding emissions reduction into city planning and sharing new information with other communities can help local governments plan for climate challenges and provide valuable services for residents over the long term.”*

The Transition 2050 Residential Retrofit Acceleration Project is focused on government and industry collaboration to accelerate energy and carbon reduction strategies and projects to double the carbon emission reductions achieved from residential (Part 9 building) retrofits in program communities by 2021. The program will also establish a clear path to achieving medium-term and 2050 targets for home energy retrofits.

*“The Residential Retrofit Acceleration Project includes developing a collaborative government and industry peer network to assess barriers and determine best practices for promoting significant home energy retrofits. Outcomes will include a strategy document to guide participating local governments in their energy retrofit reduction strategies, and two pilot programs focused on encouraging consumer uptake of air source heat pumps, and innovations for complete home energy retrofits that result in significant emissions reductions,”* says Peter Sundberg, Executive Director of City Green.

This program complements the City’s Power Down Campbell River program which offers \$150 rebates for home energy evaluations, and \$2,000 rebates for conversion of oil or natural gas to air source heat pumps. For more information on the City’s rebates and Provincial incentives, visit <https://efficiencybc.ca/>

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Link to FCM news release: [https://fcm.ca/en/news-media/news-release/ten-organizations-selected-help-canadian-municipalities-reach-significant?utm\\_source=fcm-connect-en&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=mcip-t2050](https://fcm.ca/en/news-media/news-release/ten-organizations-selected-help-canadian-municipalities-reach-significant?utm_source=fcm-connect-en&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=mcip-t2050)

Link to the Home Performance Stakeholder Council <http://homeperformance.ca/>

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