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Mayor and Council
Central Saanich Municipal Council
1903 Mt Newton X Road
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Dear Mayor and Council,

We are writing to encourage the Municipality to pursue the development of a Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (PACE) to incentivize building retrofits, as targeted in the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) 2018 public report. It should also be available for upgrades to new development.

As you may know, the PACE model is an innovative mechanism for financing energy efficiency and renewable energy projects on both private and commercial properties. This valuable program, which many other cities and provinces in Canada and throughout North America are already utilizing and promoting in some form, is an effective way to make financing these improvements accessible to many more property owners who may not have the resources to finance them on their own. We support the introduction of property assessed clean energy programs and hope that the District of Central Saanich will join the City of Port Moody in encouraging the development of such a program in British Columbia.

The Central Saanich Community Association asks that the District call upon the Provincial Government to facilitate the development of a legislative framework that would enable British Columbia municipalities to develop and offer PACE programs to help ensure that regions throughout the province can adopt this innovative program.

We also ask that the Mayor of Central Saanich send a letter to PACE Alberta supporting PACE Alberta's funding request to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) for development of federal template legislation.

We thank you for your consideration and hope to hear back from you soon.

Sincerely,

Celeste Zimmer
Chairperson
Central Saanich Community Association