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Mayor Goldsmith and Council,

Please find attached information about the BC Sustainable Energy Association's *Climate Change Showdown*.

Best regards,

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Dear Mayor and Council,

On behalf of the BC Sustainable Energy Association (BCSEA), please accept my congratulations on your recent electoral success. We recognize that municipal leaders have a great deal of influence over the sustainability of their communities and are in a unique position to support the provincial government's climate action goals, as well as addressing issues such as waste management, reduction of toxins in the environment, and air quality.

The BCSEA is a member-supported, non-profit society with extensive knowledge of the science of global climate change and of the renewable energy and efficiency solutions that can help us respond to this crisis. Our work aims to help British Columbia be a leader in sustainable energy through education, advocacy, and tangible community projects. Our programs encourage energy and economic literacy through the exchange of ideas and technical information. The BCSEA has eight regional chapters and hundreds of members and supporters all across BC.

One of our most successful programs, the **Climate Change Showdown**, is now in its third year. This free, in-class workshop educates middle school students on the positive changes they can make to help mitigate the problem of global warming. The program informs and engages students, along with their families, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and embrace healthier, more sustainable lifestyles. The resulting emission reductions are proven and cost-effective.

We rely on municipal financial support in complement with provincial and foundation funding to bring the Climate Change Showdown to communities throughout the province. Please consider making this program a part of your community climate action strategy for this year.

I will be contacting your staff in the next while to request their support for bringing the **Climate Change Showdown** program to schools in your community. Please contact me if you have questions or suggestions for bringing this program to your community.

Sincerely,



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