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CVRD signs on to province-wide program to foster deep residential emissions reductions

Duncan, BC – The Cowichan Valley Regional District has joined nine regional and municipal governments across British Columbia to receive up to \$400,000 in funding to reach significant carbon emission reduction targets. The Transition 2050 Residential Retrofit Acceleration Project, and initiative offered through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program (MCIP), is expected to benefit communities across the Cowichan region with support, planning and training.

The CVRD will be one of ten local governments using this grant to build a network of communities with long-term plans and projects that contribute to a low carbon transition by 2050, in alignment with the targets of the Paris Agreement. Participating municipalities will undertake commitments to deep emissions reductions through peer learning, strategic planning and operational implementation, while leveraging lessons learned from communities facing similar challenges.

"The time for action is now," said Ian Morrison, Chair of the Cowichan Valley Regional District. "We have already started to see significant climate impacts in our region. Lowering emissions to help reduce impacts in our communities is a complex process and will require a coordinated effort with our partners across British Columbia."

By embedding climate goals into the diverse facets of municipal planning and sharing new information with their peers, communities of all sizes can provide greater environmental, economic and social value for Canadians over the long term.

Transition 2050 is available through MCIP, delivered by FCM and funded by the Government of Canada.

For more information on the Transition 2050 initiative, please visit:
fcm.ca/en/programs/announcing-transition-2050-partner-grant-recipients

For more information on the CVRD's climate projects, please visit
www.cvrd.bc.ca/climate

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