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Attn: Climate Change Specialist - Jennifer Aldcroft

We are seeking your expertise as the North Cowichan Climate Change expert, please see our inquiry below.

1: We requested documentation and supporting information from North Cowichan regarding the declaration of a climate emergency. The response we received indicated council has not specifically created a definition for the "climate emergency". As the local expert, would you please provide clarification regarding the definition of a "climate emergency", as well as supporting information related to North Cowichan specifically being in a climate emergency?

2: North Cowichan policies still operate through a climate lens. Will you please forward your evidence, data, correspondence, or other documents to support this continued declaration, as well as data that was used to declare a climate emergency in 2019 please? We have requested this information from staff previously, but they did not have that data available.

3: Our understanding of the intention behind the declaration of a climate emergency is to provide focus and direction toward 'net zero'. A term used to describe carbon emissions.

- Please define 'Net Zero'.

- Do we have data suggesting what the global impact may be from these local initiatives?

- How much will it cost taxpayers to achieve net zero from within North Cowichan?

- What portion of global emissions are North Cowichan residents responsible for?

- If we achieve these goals by the 2050 target, how much will global temperatures change?

For context, we are seeking to understand an individual's contribution to the overall effort of achieving net zero and the relationship with local initiatives. Any insight you could offer as to how this will be achieved, the cost to achieve it, and what that change would be to the global efforts would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Joseph Enslow,
Adrienne Richards

On behalf of COAP Inc.

We represent business owners, homeowners, renters, retirees, and workers in North Cowichan, Ladysmith, and The Cowichan Regional District