



Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor  
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## June 28, 2021 - Vancouver City Council Meeting Minutes

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#### **5:00-6:00 p.m. Public Works New Operations Center Project Update**

*Jennifer Belknap Williamson, Public Works Director, 360-487-7131; Jean Singer, Capital Projects Manager, 360-487-7755; Tim Buck, Operations Manager, 360-487-8261*

#### **Summary**

Staff provided Council with an update on the Public Works Operations Center replacement project, and presented a draft project charter for Council consideration and feedback.

### **COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA MEETING**

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## **Call to Order and Roll Call**

The Consent Agenda meeting of the Vancouver City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor McEnerny-Ogle. This meeting was conducted remotely over video conference.

**Present:** Councilmembers Fox, Paulsen, Lebowsky, Glover, Stober, Hansen, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle

**Absent:** None

Also present on the call were the following: Brian Carlson, Acting City Manager; Jonathan Young, City Attorney; Amanda Delapena, Assistant to the City Council; Brennan Blue, Vancouver Fire Chief; Lisa Brandl, Deputy Finance Director; Jim Demmon, Video Services Manager; Chad Eiken, Community and Economic Development Director; Carrie Lewellen, City Treasurer; Andy Meade, Marshall Center Director; and members of the public.

## **Community Communications (Items 1-6)**

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle opened Community Communication and, receiving no testimony, closed Community Communication.

## **Consent Agenda (Items 1-6)**

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle noted staff had requested Item 2 be remanded for further development prior to Council action.

Council requested Item 4 be pulled for separate discussion.

Regarding Item 4, Councilmember Stober requested staff think about transformational ways the City can use the funds freed up by removing the Columbia Bank parking garage, and potentially other parking facilities currently owned by the City, from City operations, and consider how the funding can be reinvested downtown to drive alternative transportation options.

**Motion by Councilmember Glover, seconded by Councilmember Stober, and carried unanimously to approve Items 1 and 3-6 of the Consent Agenda, and return Item 2 to staff.**

### **1. Marshall Pool Resurface, construction acceptance and release of retainage**

Staff Report 090-21

#### ***Summary***

*The Marshall Pool shell was successfully resurfaced with a durable, long-lasting fiberglass shell.*

*The original construction contract bid was for \$428,180.00 and the final project and construction costs were \$428,180.00.*

*Advanced Pool Coating of Loomis, California, has satisfactorily completed the subject improvement in accordance with the plans and specifications.*

| <b>TOTAL CONTRACT COSTS</b>          |                     |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <i>Labor, Equipment and Material</i> | <i>\$395,000.00</i> |
| <i>Sales Tax (8.5%)</i>              | <i>\$33,180.00</i>  |
| <i>Total</i>                         | <i>\$428,180.00</i> |
| <i>Retainage</i>                     | <i>\$21,409.00</i>  |

Request: Accept the Marshall Pool Resurface project as constructed by Advanced Pool Coatings of Loomis, California and authorize the release of the retainage of \$21,409.00, subject to all documentation required by law.

*Andy Meade, Marshall Center Director, 360-487-7098;  
Justin Surface, Public Works Supervisor, 360-487-8386*

**Motion approved the request.**

2. **Designation of TV ETC and CVTV respectively as the education and government access providers on the Comcast cable system**  
Staff Report 091-21

**A RESOLUTION** relating to cable television and to the designation of the Vancouver Educational Telecommunications Consortium ("TV ETC") as the educational access provider on the Comcast cable system for Vancouver and Clark County.

**A RESOLUTION** relating to cable television and to the designation of Clark Vancouver Television ("CVTV") as the governmental access provider on the Comcast cable system for Vancouver and Clark County.

### **Summary**

*The City and County have a cable television franchise agreement with Comcast of Washington, V LLCC that was effective on July 1, 2013. Under the terms of this agreements, Comcast provides channels for Public, Education and Government (PEG) programming and it is the responsibility*

*of the City and County to designate authorized entities to provide programming on those channels.*

*Organizations that are designated as access providers have authorization to broadcast programs over assigned channels on the Comcast cable system. They are also able to apply for annual PEG grants, administered by the City, for equipment and other capital expenses associated with producing and broadcasting programming.*

*TV ETC is a consortium of K-20 educational institutions operated by Educational Service District 112 and is the current educational access provider for Vancouver and Clark County. CVTV, operated by the City/County Cable Television Office, is the current government access provider for Vancouver and Clark County.*

*The City/County Telecommunications Commission ("Commission") recommends organizations to serve as access providers to the City Council, per VMC 5.19.320(7). The Commission met on June 2, 2021, to review designation applications and annual reports and to receive presentations from the applicants. Based on their review, the Commission is recommending re-designation of TV ETC and CVTV, respectively, as the education and government access providers for Vancouver and Clark County.*

Request: Adopt resolutions approving The Vancouver Educational Telecommunications Consortium (TV ETC) as the designated educational access provider and Clark Vancouver Television (CVTV) as the designated government access provider for Vancouver and Clark County on the Comcast and CenturyLink cable systems.

*Aaron Lande, Policy and Program Manager, 360-487-8612*

**Motion returned item to staff for further development.**

**3. Regarding Adoption of the Biennial Progress Report on the Comcast Corporation Vancouver/Clark County Franchise Agreement**

Staff Report 092-21

**A RESOLUTION** adopting the City/County Telecommunications Commission ("Commission") Biennial Report regarding cable television franchise compliance by the cable operator Comcast of Washington V, LLC ("Comcast").

### **Summary**

*The City/County Telecommunications Commission (“Commission”) has prepared progress reports regarding franchise compliance by the cable television operator beginning with completion of the first year of the franchise term, January 1983. This is the fourth Biennial Report since a 10-year franchise agreement with Comcast was adopted in July 2013. The reports have been forwarded to the legislative bodies of the Vancouver City Council and the Clark County Council.*

*As noted in the attached Resolution, the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 (the “Act”), which was amended in 1992 and currently in effect, requires that franchising authorities provide written notice of any franchise deficiencies and that the cable operators be given the opportunity to correct any violations, if such factors are to be considered during the franchise renewal process.*

*The Progress Reports prepared by the Commission clearly meet and exceed the requirements of the Act. Legal counsel advises staff, however, that the legislative bodies of the franchising authorities should take affirmative action in adopting the reports for the reviews to be binding on the cable operator at the time of renewal.*

*As of the date of the Biennial Progress Report, the Commission finds Comcast in full compliance with the terms and conditions of the franchise. The number of customer complaints received by the City/County Cable TV Office regarding Comcast’s service, including but not limited to the company’s high-speed Internet service, increased by 30% when compared to 2017-18. The 2019-20 complaints involved a number of issues, including rates, customer service and technical services.*

Request: Adopt a resolution approving, ratifying, and affirming the biennial report of the Telecommunications Commission (January 2019 – December 2020).

*Jim Demmon, Video Services Manager, 360-487-8706*

**Motion adopted Resolution M-4132 approving the request.**

#### **4. Columbia Bank Parking Garage Disposition**

Staff Report 093-21

### **Summary**

*In 1997, City Council adopted the Esther Short Redevelopment Subarea Plan, predecessor to the Vancouver City Center Vision Plan, which marked the beginning point in the successful revitalization of the downtown core, with Esther Short Park as the central focus. One of the first redevelopment*

*projects in the redevelopment area was the West Coast (now Columbia) Bank Building, built in 2001, which was a six-story, 70,353-square-foot mixed-use building at the southern entrance to the downtown from I-5. The initial development reserved space to the west of the garage for future development, which in 2016 was developed for The Hudson, a three-story, 45,000 square foot office and retail building.*

*The City purchased the garage as a condominium unit (no land) from Broadway Investors for \$3,441,095 in 2001. This was one of several major investments the City made to stimulate development in the Esther Short Redevelopment Area, including the purchase of the Vancouvercenter Parking Garage and construction of improvements to Esther Short Park and nearby streets, utilities and sidewalks. It is estimated that the City's purchase of the garage directly resulted in \$30 million in private capital investment in construction of the two buildings.*

*The West Coast Bank Building and adjacent 233-stall parking garage were the subject of a 1999 development agreement between Broadway Investors and the City, approved as Ord. M-3466 on December 29, 1999. The D.A. outlined the City's commitment to purchase the garage for \$3,441,095 and included an exclusive Option to Purchase, whereby the Developer has the express ability to purchase the garage back from the City between December 31, 2016, and December 31, 2021, for the greater of Fair Market Value (FMV) or an established minimum price of \$3,441,095.*

*In 2000 the City issued \$3,476,000 in bonds for this garage. In 2012 the City issued taxable bonds for the portion related to the parking garages. The City makes annual payments of \$246,000 on the debt from the Parking Fund, and approximately \$1,135,200 remains outstanding. The remaining debt would be paid off in late 2025 if no sale occurs. The City expends about \$45,110 annually on maintenance, security and enforcement in the garage, therefore total expenditures are approximately \$291,110. The City collects revenue on monthly licenses and hourly parking. In 2020, the City received approximately \$258,000. While revenues from parking license fees have increased in recent years, the garage operates at a loss of about \$33,110 per year. The two buildings that were built because of the garage have generated approximately \$6,155,530 in total property taxes since 2006 (earliest available data) of which \$1,384,995 was City property tax.*

*On May 19, 2021, Broadway Investors LLC (Purchaser) submitted a formal request to exercise their option to purchase the garage for \$3,441,095 and have requested that the sale transaction be completed no later than July 7, 2021, in order to facilitate a related property transaction. An appraisal by BBG commissioned by the Purchaser estimated the Fair Market Value of the garage at \$2.6 million. A second appraisal by Colliers commissioned by the City estimated the Fair Market Value of the garage at \$3.25 million. Both appraisals are substantially less than the agreed-to minimum price in*

*the development agreement.*

*For a number of years, 80 percent of the parking spaces have been licensed to tenants of both buildings for monthly permit parking. 47 of the spaces have been retained by the City for hourly parking but are seldom used, according to parking staff and the owner of the two buildings. City staff have requested that the Purchaser maintain 25 parking stalls for short-term customer parking until such time as the City determines they are no longer needed, which the Purchaser has agreed to. The City will not have any ongoing maintenance or enforcement responsibilities for these spaces. Additionally, the City will remove and retain ownership of the Park-n-Go signs and parking meters. The City's Parking Advisory Committee and City Center Redevelopment Authority have been informed of the request to exercise the Option to Purchase.*

*In summary, the parking garage has fulfilled the original intent of stimulating redevelopment in the downtown, most of the parking has been historically used by tenants of the two buildings, and the request meets the requirements of the previously agreed-to Option to Purchase, including timing and purchase price.*

Request: Authorize the City Manager to sign the Purchase and Sale Agreement and all related documents necessary to facilitate the sale of the Columbia Bank Parking Garage to Broadway Investors LLC for the amount of \$3,441,095, subject to terms and conditions of the purchase and sale agreement.

*Chad Eiken, Community and Economic Development  
Director, 360-487-7882*

**Motion approved the request.**

**5. Partial Defeasance of 2012C Taxable Limited Tax Refunding Bonds**

Staff Report 094-21

**A RESOLUTION** of the City of Vancouver, Washington, approving the defeasance of a portion of the City's outstanding Limited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds, 2012C (taxable) in the amount of not to exceed \$1,200,000 and authorizing the Chief Financial Officer of the City to perform the requirements necessary on behalf of the City to defease such bonds including the submission of any documentation relating thereto.

***Summary***

*Broadway Investors, LLC notified the City they intend to exercise their option to purchase the Columbia Bank building parking garage as defined in the development agreement, pending Council approval. This parking garage currently has \$1,140,000 outstanding bonds associated with the parking garage.*

*Limited Tax General Obligation bonds were originally issued in 2000 to construct two public parking garages as part of larger developments – VancouverCenter and West Coast Bank parking garages. In 2013 Columbia Bank acquired West Coast Bank, which changed the name of the parking garage to Columbia Bank parking garage. In 2002, the 2000 LTGO bonds were partially refunded, and then in 2012, as part of a larger refunding, the City refunded the parking portion of the outstanding 2002 bonds and issued taxable LTGO Refunding bonds. The 2012C bonds have an average interest rate of 2.6%. The final maturity is 12/1/2025, but the bonds are callable 12/1/2022.*

*If Council authorizes the sale of the Columbia Bank parking garage, staff recommends Council provide authorization to set aside a portion of the proceeds of the sale of the garage, and pay off \$1,140,000 of outstanding bonds associated with the garage, pay accrued interest associated with the garage debt, plus pay the professional service fees associated with the defeasance. These professional service fees are estimated to be less than \$10,000.*

*The bond resolution allows the ability to defease up to \$1.2 million to provide flexibility for reinvestment rates associated with purchasing securities to place in escrow. Part of the proceeds from the sale of the garage will be transferred to an escrow agent to pay the outstanding debt service payments through the call date of 12/1/2022. The resolution also delegates authority to the Chief Financial Officer to perform the requirements to defease the bonds.*

Request: On Monday June 28, 2021, adopt a resolution authorizing the partial defeasance of the 2012C Taxable LTGO Refunding bonds.

*Carrie Lewellen, Treasurer 360-487-8482*

**Motion adopted Resolution M-4133 approving the request.**

## **6. Approval of Claim Vouchers**

Request: Approve claim vouchers for June 28, 2021.

**Motion approved claim vouchers in the amount of \$3,967,745.64.**

## **Vancouver Fire Department Update**

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle took a point of personal privilege and invited Vancouver Fire Chief Brennan Blue to provide Council and the community an update on fire activity related to the extreme heat conditions.

Chief Blue noted there had been 14 vegetation fires in Clark County, about half of which were within the Vancouver city limits, including one that involved a house. He stated the home was located in the 18,000 block of Evergreen Highway. Chief Blue stated there had also been a massive increase in EMS calls on June 28, which surrounding jurisdictions had also experienced. He stated VFD had proactively staffed up in anticipation of increased calls for service.

Regarding fireworks activity for the upcoming Independence Day holiday, Chief Blue stated the county's fire chiefs had met to discuss potentially banning fireworks throughout the County where they are still legally allowed under normal circumstances, but Clark County was resistant to the idea. He cautioned that fire department staff would not be able to be everywhere and answer every call on the 4th, and urged residents to self police their activities.

Regarding the City's water resources, Acting City Manager Brian Carlson stated the City's water was doing well, in a testament to the City's investment and re-investment in the system over time. He stated demand had been up, but had not met the City's all-time usage record.

## **Community Forum - see general protocol above**

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle opened the Community Forum and received the following testimony:

- Sibhana McEwan, Advocacy and Equity Director for Council for the Homeless, thanked local churches and organizations for opening cooling centers and providing support for members of the community in need of shelter from the heat.
- Glen Yung, Vancouver, urged the City to put more emphasis on improvements to sidewalks throughout the City.
- Jean Avery, Vancouver, urged the City to take steps to make the Waterfront

more inclusive and affordable for all community members.

- Cathryn Chudy, Vancouver, urged the City to adopt the strongest Climate Action Plan as possible.
- Don Steinke, Vancouver, encouraged building standards and developments be designed to accommodate rooftop solar options.
- Alona Steinke, Vancouver, expressed concerns regarding natural gas companies' public relations campaigns to discourage local residents from supporting cities efforts to phase out fossil fuel energy sources.
- Teresa Hardy, Vancouver, urged the City to take interim steps prior to formally adopting a Climate Action Plan to address climate change and carbon emissions, such as preserving and increasing the tree canopy and open spaces in the city.

There being no further testimony, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle closed the Community Forum.

## Adjournment

7:03 p.m.

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Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor

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Natasha Ramras, City Clerk

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**From:** [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)  
**To:** [Delapena, Amanda](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Comment for Citizen Forum: 6/28  
**Date:** Thursday, June 24, 2021 9:29:44 AM

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**From:** Jean M. Avery <jeanmavery@gmail.com>  
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From: **Jean M. Avery** <[jeanmavery@gmail.com](mailto:jeanmavery@gmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, Jun 21, 2021, 6:03 PM  
Subject: Comment for Citizen Forum: 6/28  
To: Jean M. Avery <[jeanMAvery@gmail.com](mailto:jeanMAvery@gmail.com)>

Good evening, Madam Mayor and Councilors. Today I would like to share my views about the waterfront.

Recently, I was at a business meeting in one of the new towers on the waterfront. After the meeting, I strolled through the waterfront park. I'm trying to find the words for what I felt that day:

"Civic pride"? Yes, because Vancouver is experiencing a revival. But also "personal accomplishment" -- because I know that citizen activism to defeat the oil terminal made this possible.

I now have some suggestions to make the waterfront accessible and affordable for all citizens of Vancouver:

1. Offer free parking.
2. Think about family-friendly budgets. Why are there not simple eateries -- or food trucks?
3. Provide an electric trolley that offers free rides to the waterfront for those without cars or folks with walking limitations.
4. Going further, consider expanding a downtown trolley service to include other popular destinations -- such as the Fort, the Air Museum, Marshall House, the downtown library, and Esther Short Park.

Downtown and the waterfront belong to all of Vancouver's citizens. Please do more to make the waterfront inclusive and affordable for all.

Thank you.

Jean M. Avery  
Vancouver resident

To: Vancouver City Council and Staff  
Citizen Forum Comment/Cathryn Chudy/June 28, 2021

I grew up with five sisters, and my mother was fond of a home-grown reminder when there was something quite obvious that she wanted to be sure we recognized. She would say to us, “It’s as plain as the nose on your face”. We could not really argue with that.

The past year has challenged the Pacific Northwest with wildfire smoke that filled our air and affected our lungs and our breathing, and cost some of us our homes, followed by a massive ice storm in the region that brought some areas to a standstill, took some of our tree canopy and brought widespread damage. Now we are in the grip of a massive heat wave bringing extreme record-breaking temperatures that are unprecedented, again affecting our health and well being. We are experiencing an historic and unrelenting drought. And the threat of wildfires now stalks us in June instead of arriving in late summer as it has previously.

It’s as plain as the noses on our faces that something serious is happening to us. “Climate change is loading the weather dice against us” says Katherine Hayhoe, a climate researcher and the chief scientist for the Nature Conservancy. “We always have a chance of extreme heat, particularly in the summer. But as the world warms, we see that summer heatwaves are coming earlier, lasting longer, and are becoming hotter and more intense.”

We can do our best to stay cool and endure the heat as it bears down on us. But the larger picture, catastrophic climate change and what to do about it, to slow or mitigate the worst effects that scientists predict if we only do “business as usual,” is in the hands of our elected representatives. Federal, state and local elected representatives will determine the course we take in addressing climate change seriously, which means reducing greenhouse gas emissions as much and as soon as we can. As our local Columbian recently noted: “Dealing with the current and coming crisis will require more effective guidance from elected officials.”

We are getting a taste of the consequences our children will face in their future if the decisions you make are not strong enough or delayed for too long. The news this weekend has been filled with the devastating catastrophe in Florida, the collapse of an apartment building that we now learn had been assessed and determined to have “major structural damage” back in 2018 and the actual work to begin repairs has just begun. Residents were told in a meeting in November 2018 that the building was “not in bad shape” and were not told the details of the engineer’s report by city officials. They are now most likely paying the price of delay and inaction.

I appreciate the values you discussed at your January retreat that put climate change as one of the top priorities for you to pursue this year, and for the work that is underway to arrive at the strongest emissions reduction policies to serve our community and ensure the health, safety and well being of our children as their future unfolds. It should be as plain as the noses on our faces that the strongest possible climate action plan is not something that can be sacrificed to business as usual” or unnecessary delay. Inaction for whatever reason, will have costs that our children and grandchildren pay dearly for in their lifetimes, and you have the keys to their future in your decision-making hands. Please keep that in mind with each action you take and decision you make going forward.

**From:** [Don Steinke](#)  
**To:** [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)  
**Subject:** Don Steinke's draft testimony for June 28, 2021  
**Date:** Monday, June 28, 2021 11:48:50 AM

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To the Vancouver City Council June 28, 2021, Hello everyone, I'm Don Steinke

There are many exciting developments regarding clean energy, and your Climate Action Plans. Today, I'll discuss energy supply.

Last year in California, solar panels produced 30,000 Gwh of energy which is 6 times as much as Bonneville dam produces. Solar in California is only beginning to ramp up. Beginning last year, every new home in California is required to have some solar panels.

What about when the sun doesn't shine? Last year, the 8Minute solar company signed a deal with Los Angeles to provide 400 megawatts of solar power, with 1,200 megawatts of battery storage for about \$30 per megawatt hour.

That's less than the \$37 per megawatt hour that BPA charges.

We have a high voltage direct current line between The Dalles Oregon and Los Angeles. We import energy from Los Angeles or export it to them depending on price.

Although utility scale solar is the cheapest to install, rooftop solar reduces the need for transmission upgrades. The new state building code requires builders to earn 6 energy points to get a permit. They get points for solar, heat pumps, and extra insulation. They start with a negative 1 point if they install gas.

All builders should be encouraged to design roofs and wiring with solar in mind. Why isn't that obvious to everyone? Rooftop solar should be part of our climate action plan. We have the highest demands for power when the sun shines the most.

The cost of electricity from the dams is forecast to go up and the cost of solar is forecast to come down.

Who's going to sign up for long term power from BPA?

If a few key customers head for the exits, the remaining customers will face rate increases to make up the cost of those departing customers.

"In any business, a shrinking customer base is a death spiral. The best way for BPA to survive, says economist Steve Jones, is to get rid of its weakest assets. The worst of the lot, he figures, are the four lower Snake River dams because they don't produce much power.

Idaho Congressman Simpson and the Nez Perce tribe want those dams removed to restore salmon to abundance there.

**From:** [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)  
**To:** [Delapena, Amanda](#)  
**Cc:** [Lande, Aaron](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Reduce CO2 emissions  
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Hi Amanda,  
Can you forward to council?

Kerry

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**From:** Jack Nugent <jackandvirginia9@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Reduce CO2 emissions

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Honorable Vancouver City Council members,  
I know you are working hard to address climate change. I commend you for banning future large fossil fuel projects, but you must do more.  
Buildings account for 40% of annual fossil fuel carbon dioxide emissions (CO2). If you can reduce those emissions to zero you will make a huge impact on reducing CO2 emissions. Currently developers are using natural gas for all new constructions. I urge you to ban the use of natural gas for all new construction. Natural gas is a dirty fuel. The infrastructure needed to transport natural gas tends to leak methane which is 86 times the global warming effect of CO2 for the first twenty years. We need to transition off of fossil fuels and switch to green energy as soon as possible. Countless cities across this nation are banning the use of natural gas in all new construction and I urge you to do the same. Our children and grandchildren are counting on you to do the right thing. I know developers and the natural gas industry will fight this. But you must do the right thing and protect future generations from extreme climate change. You hold their future in your hands.  
Virginia Nugent  
2600 NE 142nd St.  
Vancouver WA 98686  
360-573-1672

**From:** [Kristin Edmark](#)  
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Topic: City of Vancouver Climate Roadmap should be Bold to achieve meaningful change as quickly as possible.

Submitted by: Kristin Edmark, 7611 NE 296<sup>th</sup> Way, Battle Ground, WA 98604, (360) 666-1285

Please make climate action Bold; act as quickly as possible. As news comes out that the climate is changing more quickly than previously thought and as more people and businesses are being affected, we need your leadership in Clark County to make meaningful steps toward a transition away from fossil fuels. The most Bold plan possible is necessary to make meaningful change quickly enough. We need to reduce emissions now.

Please do everything you can to begin steps which can be started now. Require developers to insulate buildings and provide electricity-ready all electric future and vehicle charging. Work with the PUD to encourage electric vehicle charging and use. Maintain tree canopy especially at development sites.

Please do everything you can to encourage electricity in new buildings. Buildings account for between 29-40% of greenhouse gas production. Permitted heating using methane will either contribute to greenhouse gas production for decades or force costly conversions later. Buildings containing fracked methane gas heating have less healthy air and are more dangerous. Once built, electricity is expected to be increasingly more economical than methane heating. The Roadmap contains the goal reading: "Phase out natural gas use in new and existing construction with solutions tailored to different building, ownership and use types." Please keep this goal a strong priority.

Thank you for your excellent work; thank you for developing the Climate Roadmap.