

October 29, 2018

Patrick Wruck  
Commission Secretary  
BC Utilities Commission  
c/o Colin Norman  
FortisBC  
Via email: colin.norman@fortisbc.com

**Re: City of Kelowna support for FortisBC Inc.  
2019 – 2022 Demand Side Management Expenditures Plan Application**

Dear Mr. Wruck,

The City of Kelowna supports FortisBC Inc.'s (FBC) application to the BC Utilities Commission to increase their Demand Side Management Expenditures from 2019 to 2022 for their electric utility.

In Kelowna, buildings are responsible for 49 per cent of the community energy expenditures.<sup>1</sup> FBC's proposal to increase its funding to be consistent with BC energy objectives and demand side measures regulation will help Kelowna achieve one of its ten main goals of its Official Community Plan to "improve energy efficiency and performance of buildings<sup>2</sup>." Further, the measures will also help deliver on the City's Community Climate Action Plan actions to support transition to the Energy Step Code and incentives to encourage existing building stock to become more energy efficient.<sup>3</sup>

Specifically, if the Demand Side Management Expenditures 2019-2022 proposal is accepted, it will:

- Aid the City in delivering on its Healthy Housing Strategy by increasing support for low-income households through more and higher valued rebates, free product installations and building envelope improvements;
- Support the City in implementing the BC Energy Step Code in the community through rebates for home builders and support for builder and contractor education and training;
- Assist the City with the development and implementation of a Community Energy Retrofit Strategy (as identified in the Community Climate Action Plan) through expanding incentives to encourage adoption of technologies that reduce energy; and
- Help reduce the City's corporate energy use and deliver on the goals and objectives of the City's Corporate Energy and GHG Emissions Plan through rebates offered to improve building energy efficiency.

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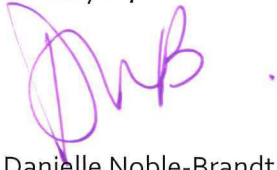
<sup>1</sup> City of Kelowna, 2018. [Our Kelowna as We Take Action, Kelowna's Community Climate Action Plan](#). Pg. 24

<sup>2</sup> City of Kelowna [2030 Official Community Plan](#), page 1.3

<sup>3</sup> City of Kelowna, 2018. [Our Kelowna as We Take Action, Kelowna's Community Climate Action Plan](#). Pg. 26

The City of Kelowna encourages the BC Utilities Commission to accept FBC's 2019-2022 application. The City looks forward to continuing to work with FBC to continue to advance energy conservation in Kelowna.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'DNB', with a small dot at the end.

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