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**VANCOUVER ISLAND CLIMATE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT A SUCCESS
Vancouver Island elected officials meet on Practical Solutions for Climate Action**

(CAMPBELL RIVER) – Eleven mayors, councillors, and regional district directors from across Vancouver Island gathered in Campbell River on October 11th to map out how to work together to meet the targets each has to reduce energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions, and ultimately save money in their communities around Vancouver Island.

“Climate action is simply the right thing to do. We shared practical experience on what climate action has worked on Vancouver Island,” said Mayor Cornfield. Mayor Cornfield co-organized the event as part of his role as a member of the BC Mayors Climate Leadership Council.

Summit participants agreed to continue to share practical experience and to collaborate on exploring including the role of trees in climate action including conservation covenants, climate change adaptation, low speed electric vehicles and the human dimension of climate action. “It is really all about people,” said Mayor Cornfield.

Several mayors, councilors, and regional directors were unable to attend the meeting but have expressed strong interest in ongoing involvement. The leaders in attendance agreed that they would like to continue to work collaboratively and to meet again in the spring when the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities has its annual general meeting.

The Vancouver Island Climate Leadership Summit was organized by Community Energy Association on behalf of the BC Mayors Climate Leadership Council with funding from the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions (PICS) and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation’s BC Region. The BC Mayors Climate Leadership Council is composed of ten mayors from across BC who have stepped forward to assist and mentor other local government officials on climate action.

The Community Energy Association is a non-profit society that assists local governments on climate action.

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Background

Invitations were sent to all mayors, councilors, and regional directors on Vancouver Island. Participants in the Climate Leadership Summit in order of last name:

First Name	Last Name	organization
Barry	Avis	Town of Qualicum Beach
Charlie	Cornfield	City of Campbell River
Vic	Goodman	Rivercorp
Roy	Grant	City of Campbell River
Edwin	Grieve	Comox Valley RD
Fred	Hunt	Hornby Island Trustee
Norm	Kirschiner	Sayward
Tony	Law	Hornby Island Trustee
Brenda	Leigh	Strathcona RD
Bruce	Lloyd	Village of Port Alice
Bev	Parnham	District of Port Hardy
Khris	Singh	BC Government
Mary	Storrey	City of Campbell River
Amber	Zirnhelt	Campbell River