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Great News! Vancouver's ambitious Climate Action Framework (CAF) was adopted unanimously by City Council Monday, after a public hearing.

This significant victory is the result of years of effort, responsible City leadership, ongoing community engagement and a lot of public input. Vancouver is now on an ambitious pathway to becoming a healthier and safer city, with a goal of carbon-neutrality city-wide by 2040. This CAF will speed and strengthen our efforts toward a healthier, safer future for our communities.

Public testimony at the hearing overwhelmingly supported our Mayor and Council adopting the CAF, demonstrating widespread community support for this groundbreaking roadmap to decarbonization and resiliency. Many thanked City staff, citing staff accessibility and responsiveness during the lengthy public engagement process leading up to the adoption of this forward-thinking CAF.

Our Alliance for Community Engagement (ACE) and new partner organizations were represented by in-person testimony, and in ACE's 12-group sign-on letter to the City.



"Vancouver has quickly established itself as a leader among Columbia River communities working to address the disparate impacts of the climate crisis, first by passing a prohibition on new large-scale fossil fuel facilities, and now by approving the Climate Action Framework," said Dan Serres of Columbia Riverkeeper. "The Framework offers tangible steps for improving the health, safety, and resiliency of residents already facing the impacts of climate change."

Washington Environmental Council, which facilitates [ACE's Climate Action Toolkit](#), generated 65 letters to City Council, and Columbia Riverkeeper generated another 30 letters. 19 folks testified in support during the hearing. Thank you to all who testified in the public hearing, facilitated letters, and sent in comments. Our collective efforts achieved this remarkable outcome!

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Via The Columbian:

[Vancouver City Council OKs climate plan to drastically cut greenhouse gas emissions by 2040](#)
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