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Hello Kim,

I hope this fall is serving to provide you with time to enjoy the beautiful colours, that said, with the fast-approaching swearing-in post-election and subsequent onboarding of newly elected or re-elected council members, I wanted to reach out and offer a valuable training opportunity that could be incorporated into your council's orientation this fall or early winter.

We are offering a session titled "Climate Leadership for Municipal Councils: Introduction to Climate Action" which is specifically designed to equip councils with a working knowledge of climate change, introduce the Community Climate Capacity (CCC) program, and explore how municipalities can integrate climate considerations in decision-making and the day-to-day operations.

This training is intended to achieve several key objectives. First, participants will gain a clear understanding of the CCC program, including its goals, the services it offers—such as access to climate leads and specialists—and examples of how other communities have successfully utilized CCC resources for climate-related initiatives. The session will also cover the basics of climate action, offering a "Climate 101" overview that explains key concepts like greenhouse gas emissions, global warming, and the local impacts of climate change, such as increased flooding or infrastructure vulnerabilities. Additionally, we will delve into how municipalities can incorporate climate considerations into their planning and operations, ensuring that climate action is not seen as an isolated issue but as a core part of municipal business. Finally, the training will focus on empowering council members to act as leaders on climate within their communities, emphasizing the importance of sustainability and resilience in future decision-making.

The session is flexible in length, allowing it to be customized to meet the specific needs of your council. The training can range from a focused three-hour session to a more in-depth half-day or full-day workshop, depending on the level of detail required – please note that shorter sessions may require a reduction in objectives, and we can work with you to find the right fit for your council. The session would follow an in-person format that incorporates interactive workshops and Q&A sessions, providing participants with the opportunity to actively engage with the material and apply it to real-world scenarios. The training will be facilitated by myself, Kaytland Smith, Funding and Engagement Specialist, alongside Teal Burns, your communities Climate Lead.

Participants will leave the training with valuable resources to support ongoing climate action efforts. Each council will receive a CCC thumb drive, which includes a guide to climate-conscious decision-making and a reference document summarizing the key concepts and strategies discussed during the session. In addition, councils will be offered follow-up support through CCC Climate Leads or Specialists, who can assist with next steps or provide additional resources as needed. Councils will also be invited to participate in the CCC Community of Practice (CoP), which provides continued learning opportunities and access to peer-to-peer support from other municipalities engaged in climate action.

Please let me know if this is something you'd be interested in scheduling for your council's onboarding. I'd be happy to discuss available dates and how we can tailor the content to best suit your needs – I look forward to hearing from you.

Take care,
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