

Planning Incentives for High Performance Buildings in the Zoning & Development By-law - Support

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| 2025-07-09 | 17:43 | Planning Incentives for High Performance Buildings in the Zoning & Development By-law | Support | <p>As a resident of Vancouver, a professional in the construction industry, and someone actively involved in resilient building practices, I strongly support the motion to include embodied carbon limits as part of the incentive program for builders who want to try new ideas and experiment.</p> <p>This kind of policy sends the right signal to the industry. It encourages innovation while still being grounded in climate responsibility. Giving space for experimentation, especially through incentives, is how we move from theory to real, on-the-ground solutions. It allows builders to test low-carbon materials and design approaches without fear of penalty, while still aligning with our long-term climate goals.</p> <p>Engaging industry stakeholders in developing these limits ensures the approach is practical and achievable. The construction community in Vancouver is ready to lead, but we need frameworks that support bold steps. This collaborative approach promotes innovation and supports the transition to low-carbon construction practices.</p> <p>Implementing embodied carbon limits for smaller buildings is a critical next step. These buildings make up a large share of construction in our city. Including them now as part of an incentive program (with flexibility and support) helps create trust within the construction industry and promotes BC's economy by encouraging investment in local low-carbon materials, supporting green jobs, and positioning our city and Province as leaders in the space.</p> <p>Thank you for considering this motion. It's a smart, forward-looking move that matches the urgency of our climate AND housing commitments.</p> | Elisabeth Baudinaud | Fairview | |