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Mayor Corrigan and Council,
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December 1, 2016

Dear Mayor Corrigan and Council,

My name is Morag Keegan-Henry, and I am a community organizer with Force of Nature, a local environmental group which is working to promote the use of renewable energy in Burnaby. I would like to appear as the designated speaker for a delegation to Burnaby's City Council on December 12th, 2016 in regards to improved policies around solar energy.

Our organization is asking the Mayor and Council to consider the creation of an expedited permitting process for small solar energy projects, which would benefit homeowners and stimulate market uptake of solar technology in Burnaby. This expedited permitting process has already been adopted by other Canadian municipalities, including Toronto, Calgary, and, more locally, Colwood. We are also asking the Mayor and Council to consider the adoption of the NRCAN Solar Ready guidelines, which would require new buildings to be built so that they can easily be outfitted with solar energy installations later. Edmonton, Port Coquitlam, New Westminster, and North Vancouver have all adopted variants of this legislation, and it would be a strong addition to Burnaby's existing leadership around environmental planning. Finally, we would like the City of Burnaby to apply to become the 6th Canadian Solar City.



We have been engaged in community organizing in Burnaby since 2014 and have heard from many residents that taking the lead on solar energy, by implementing policies such as those suggested above, matters greatly to them. We would like to deliver our petition, present a detailed overview of the policies that we are suggesting, and discuss examples of previous implementation by other BC municipalities.

I will be emailing detailed reference information for your review prior to our presentation. Thank you for considering our application, and I look forward to hearing from you at your convenience.

Respectfully,

Morag Keegan-Henry
Field Organizer
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