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To: Mayor
Subject: A Vision for Burnaby

Dear Mayor Hurley,

Ever since I first began frequenting my Moscrop Secondary School's environmental club as a 13-year-old, I have recognized the dire threat posed on our existence as a species due to climate change. With every passing day and ominous report, it appears as if the news continues to worsen on the state of the world. However, there is much hope to be found in communities like ours. I love Burnaby. I love our vibrant green spaces, our multiculturalism, and our progressive councils that have put many environmental issues at the forefront when many other cities have lagged behind. Burnaby has always been a leader, and I commend the action this council has taken to address climate change through its comprehensive plans. However, unless we act with urgency in reducing our emissions, I fear we will ultimately lose out on this fight. I implore you to do what the International Panel on Climate Change suggests, which is to reduce community-wide greenhouse gas emissions 45% by 2030 and 100% by 2050. I want our city to continue being at the forefront of this battle, and that means joining the Cities of Vancouver, Richmond, New Westminster, Port Moody, North Vancouver, and the District of North Vancouver in adopting these targets. Our many consecutive years of being debt-free and having great financial management gives us the resources to take this step. What we need, more than simply declaring a climate emergency, is a substantive, time bound plan from staff to aid our transition to becoming an emission-free city. As a university student who realizes that my future and those of people all around this planet are at stake, I hope that you will recognize that it is time to be courageous and take big steps going forward.

Sincerely,

Jovin Khehra
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