

Dear Mayor Mike Hurley and Council members,

I, Skye Non, a new resident of Burnaby am writing to demand that the City of Burnaby take stronger action to mitigate the climate crisis at the local level.

Climate change has been coined by many around the globe as the greatest challenge mankind has yet to face. This issue requires unprecedented massive action in order for us to continue to thrive for generations to come. We can no longer stick to the status quo - the issue of anthropogenic global warming has been known for decades with little action.

Recently, I had moved to the Lower Mainland from Kelowna where I was born and raised, expecting the regional governments to be leaders for climate justice as the area is known to be much more progressive than in the interior. As a student going into their second year at SFU Burnaby, I was shocked to discover that my municipal government was not one of the current 6 other lower mainland municipalities who have stepped up and set science-back greenhouse gas emission reduction targets or declare a climate emergency and at least acknowledge the crisis we are currently in.

Climate change isn't only a far-off issue happening overseas or "somewhere else", but climate change can and will cause a lot of disruption for everyday citizens whether it is an increase in water-borne pests that are potentially disease bearing or property damage due to an increase in frequency and

severity of extreme weather events. The costs associated to adapting to the worst impacts of climate change are astronomical and can be avoided by adopting mitigation strategies.

As a resident of Burnaby and a conscious citizen who knows that climate change disproportionately affects the vulnerable and lower-income, I ask the mayor and council to adopt greenhouse gas emission reduction targets that are, at a minimum, in agreement with the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's special report on 1.5°C of warming. These targets of 45% reduction by 2030, 65% by 2040 and a 100% by 2050 from 2010 levels are truly what should be expected as countries such as Canada are some of the largest emitters per capita and in order to partake in climate equity, would need much higher targets. This is all in accordance to ~~the~~ the UN, which one of Burnaby's very own Kristen Zickfeld, an SFU professor and lead Canadian author of The IPCC report.

I thank you for your time and consideration, and strongly urge you to think of what is at risk when it comes to the climate crisis. I hope Burnaby proceeds to adopt the IPCC targets, declare a climate emergency and continue to measure track and report on emissions in official city documents.

Thank you,

Skye Noh

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