

Dear Burnaby City Council:

I am a high school student that is part of this community, and I was elated to hear about the Council passing the Climate Emergency resolution on the 9th.

I hope that public transport can be cheaper and more widespread in the future, and I hope that more people working in the oil industry can transition to working in Green Jobs instead such as in Green Food Production, ~~Ren~~ renewable energy jobs, and clean tech. And of course, with more public transit, more people can work in that industry also.

I hope you can invest more into electric cars as well as heating in homes that do not primarily depend on natural gas.

In my apartment, our food waste isn't separated from trash because our building doesn't offer that option. All that food waste creating emissions in landfill could be taken in a green waste truck. My aunt in Vancouver has them, and I hope Burnaby apartment complexes can adapt them too.

Lastly, single-use plastic should be reduced on a greater scale. Packaging companies should use more paper ~~or~~ and make less small packages. At my workplace, we use plastic aprons, and numerous plastic bags on the daily for the purpose of food service sanitation, but if you implement more green food service establishments, we can use cloth for all of it instead.

I want people in hotter regions to have a future and not be victims of climate displacement and widespread food shortage. I also want us to have a future that we can enjoy.

Thanks for reading,

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