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The Mayor, Mike Hurley declared a Climate emergency in Burnaby last year.

However I question whether the Mayor and the Environment committee of council are walking the talk.

In a time when we should planting coniferous (fir) trees, we are instead planting deciduous trees.

Case in point: The Kensington Boulevard in Central Valley. What a waste.

This contradicts the steps for an improved environment. Deciduous trees go dormant once the leaves fall off in the autumn. This means virtually no absorption of Carbon Dioxide and Oxygen.

We should be planting coniferous trees which would add to the Oxygen levels all year around.

Now there are certain deciduous trees, like Alder which add to soil composition in prepping the next generation forest of trees.

Taxpayers in Burnaby are required to keep sidewalks and drains cleared, by the congestion caused by deciduous trees. Again...a wasted effort. See the pictures taken east of Holdom to about Kensington. Also adds to a street safety driving risk in wet weather. What about City costs.

Finally I have a question, why are Palm trees being planted west of Willingdon on Lougheed. What an expensive venture at say \$1, 000 for each of the approx. 6 plants. They are not even a native species in our environment. Careless move.

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