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Dear Mayor Murdoch and Municipal Councillors,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak at the council meeting on April 8.

I was impressed and proud to hear the council unanimously support the Capital Regional District's decision to Declare a Climate Change Emergency.

Oak Bay has a history of environmental leadership, and this appears to be a subject around which much of the community can unite.

I hope that we can gather the successes of what has been achieved towards Oak Bay's goals for 2020 and take a moment to celebrate them. This recognition of achievement could be a fantastic motivator towards further work as we seek carbon neutrality in our community.

Perhaps, a public event to announce Oak Bay's new climate goal?

Members of the Victoria Network of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC) include local professionals with expertise in climate change solutions. As chair, I wish to extend our group's support. We would be pleased to provide advice, information, and contacts, and to assist with the Climate Task Force.

At the council meeting, it was unclear when Oak Bay would assemble a Climate Task Force. I urge you to not delay in the formation of this group. Climate change is happening at an alarming pace, and our community with its extensive coastline is geographically vulnerable.

Thank you again for your leadership.

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