Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

Re: Climate Adaptation in the District of West Vancouver – Your Company’s Responsibility

As you know, fossil fuel pollution from your products is the main cause of climate change. Like other communities around the world, our community is already seeing the harmful effects of climate change, and we are being forced to prepare for progressively more serious impacts. As the elected government of the District of West Vancouver, we have a responsibility to our citizens to ensure that our infrastructure and services are developed and maintained in ways that will be able to withstand the “new normal” that climate scientists have predicted for our region, and that our citizens are well protected from future climate impacts.

We write to inform you that we are committed to the process of preparing for the impacts that our community is projected to experience due to climate change. Climate change – as a result of pollution from your products – is now inevitable, and growing more severe. We know that by planning for and adapting to these measures at an early date, we can minimize future economic and other impacts of climate change.

It is our position that you have played a key role in degrading the global atmosphere and creating a range of threats to our community. Your contribution is readily detectable globally and is therefore considered legally significant and actionable.

It is our responsibility to take action to protect ourselves and our citizens, to the degree possible, from the effects of climate change that you have contributed to.

Accordingly, as we undertake the task of planning for, and building and modifying our infrastructure and services and developing a community that can withstand current and anticipated climate change, we request you to pay your fair share of the resulting costs.
In addition to financially contributing to the mitigation of climate change, we would like to hear what steps you plan to take to reduce or eliminate the future impacts of your company’s products on our community.

We are committed to doing our part to minimize those costs and impacts, and we look forward to your confirmation that you will do your part as well.

Sincerely,

Mary-Ann Booth
Mayor