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Chevron Corporation
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Re: Sharing the costs of climate change

Pollution from the burning of fossil fuels like coal, oil and gas is the main cause of climate change. Like other communities around the world, the City of Colwood is taking steps to prepare for and respond to the effects of climate change: rising sea levels, drought, wild fires and extreme weather events.

For example, as a coastal community located on Southern Vancouver Island, sea level rise and storm surge events continue to cause considerable erosion that affects our shoreline, roadways, bridges and other structures. The City and its taxpayers bear the costs for the maintenance, repair and replacement of this infrastructure.

Colwood recognizes that our community is part of the fossil fuel economy, and that we need to take responsibility for the resulting costs. If fossil fuel companies, whose products are a major driver of climate change, were to contribute even a fraction of the associated costs, perhaps it would prompt a move toward sustainable alternatives.

The City of Colwood would like to start a dialog about, not only the impacts and costs of climate change, but also the opportunities that could be realized by working together toward alternatives that would reduce costly negative impacts and create more resilient and sustainable economies.

We are committed to promoting alternative energy sources and moving toward more sustainable transportation options, to do our part to minimize the costs and impacts of climate change. We look forward to your confirmation that you will do your part as well.

Sincerely,

Carol Hamilton, Mayor
City of Colwood