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### Sample Email

Dear City Manager, General Manager for Parks, Rec and Culture, Mayor Braun and all Councillors,

My name is [BLANK] and I live in so-called [BLANK]

I am emailing you all today to demand that you take urgent action now to make sure people don't die during this heat wave. This is an almost identical emergency response to the last unprecedented heat wave we had at the end of June and we saw nearly 815 people killed in BC due to inadequate planning, a lack of an emergency response, no sense of urgency and racist and discriminatory policies that left those made vulnerable to die.

We need more cooling stations and they need to be open with longer hours and/or 24/7, more trees and shade, air conditioners for people who are disabled, poor and inadequately housed first, masks, air purifiers, water, and so much more. This city needs short term help now but long term, it needs to be overhauled completely because what y'all are doing now is making the entire west end of Abbotsford an urban heat island with over development. There is no shade here and the nights are getting hotter due to the climate crisis so there is no respite for people to cool down. The lack of trees and the abundance of asphalt and buildings leads to the urban heat island effect and it's killing people.

<https://thetyee.ca/News/2021/06/29/Vancouver-Shady-Inequality/>

The motion that was passed by Vancouver City Council on July 21 needs to be implemented here immediately as well. This motion was co-authored by Gabrielle Peters and Amina Yasin from the Vancouver Planning Commission and it is full of life saving recommendations and policies, both short term and long term, that will save peoples lives during heat waves.

<https://council.vancouver.ca/20210720/documents/b5.pdf>

We now have wildfire smoke wafting in from the wildfires all over the province and that is going to make this all so much worse and deadly for folks who are disabled, have breathing issues and underlying health conditions.

<https://www.theprogress.com/news/video-wildfire-smoke-wafting-into-fraser-valley-and-lower-ma inland/>

The emergency response needed to happen weeks ago because you all knew this heat wave was coming and chose to do nothing. I am calling on you all to do your jobs and protect the people of so-called Abbotsford. The province, Fraser Health and the city need to work together to make sure no one dies during this heat wave!

Sincerely,

[NAME]