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World Disaster Reduction Campaign 2010-2011
UNISDR Secretariat
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Dear Sir or Madame:

On behalf of the of the District of Saanich it is my honour to request that the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction approves our application to become a role-model city for disaster resilience. Our capacity to make our local government as resilient as possible is a high priority and we continue to seek innovation, partnerships and initiatives that will make Saanich safer and more resilient.

We commit to being a leader for disaster risk reduction implementation at the local level. Based on a thorough and independent review conducted by the University of Royal Roads, Masters in Disaster and Emergency Management program, we believe we meet or exceed the requirements of being nominated as a role model city for disaster resilience. We have developed the following campaign slogan as per the requirements of the role model city nomination:

Saanich, British Columbia – “Role model for community disaster risk reduction”

We will continue to share our learning and experiences through city to city learning and have continued plans to partner with other local governments for joint training initiatives. Saanich also continues to share the experiences of our emergency manager who we sent to Christchurch, New Zealand to learn and help with their response and recovery efforts following their devastating earthquakes. These lessons learned continue to be shared with all levels of government in our country. The Emergency Program is currently engaged in locating a similar size city with the hope that we may “twin up” and share our lessons learned and best practices.

In closing, I look forward to being officially recognized as a role model city under the guidelines developed by UNISDR.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Frank Leonard'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping 'L' at the end.

Frank Leonard
Mayor