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On behalf of the Corporation of the District of Oak Bay it is my honour to request that United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction approves our application to become a role-model for city resilience. It would also be our pleasure to work with UNISDR and its partners in this campaign.

The District has undertaken a complete program review following the UNISDR Campaign: Ten Essentials Guideline and Hyogo Framework for Action “Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters”. Based on an independent review conducted by the University of Royal Roads, Masters in Disaster and Emergency Management students, we feel we have met the requirements.

The Oak Bay Emergency Program is currently working with our neighbouring municipalities sharing our resources and “lessons learned”. We have engaged the expertise of a specialist to assist the program in developing audiovisuals for public information sessions with a view to continue to reduce risk in our local area, as well, we meet monthly with all member municipalities of the Capital Regional District to develop region wide policies regarding emergency planning. Currently the Emergency Program is engaged in locating a similar sized city with the hope that we may “twin-up” and share with them our lessons learned and best practices.

In closing, I look forward to a positive response from UNISDR regarding our request to be officially recognized as a role model city under the guidelines developed by UNISDR.

Respectfully,



Christopher Causton, Mayor