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Hello Greta! My apologies for missing the deadline for your survey.

As you know, I have been a champion of environmental issues since birth :) My parents raised me with an awareness of environmental threats and community volunteering and activism was a way of life.

We are lucky to have so many strong environmental organizations, including ARMS, who have worked tirelessly to protect our natural spaces and waterways. I have been privileged to get to know many environmental, community, and business organizations while leading the Earth Day festival planning for the past 15 years. Over my 17 years with Ridge Meadows Recycling Society, I have created many programs, campaigns, events, and initiatives, including the award-winning Maple Ridge Repair Cafes.

Personally, I have also worked to ensure my heritage home is divested of fossil fuels and serves the community as an example of energy retrofitting a home of any age.

I was impressed that the current council faced climate action head-on and developed the Climate Action plan. It was one of the reasons I stepped up to run with A Better Maple Ridge

I agree with setbacks to protect waterways, funding and partnering with non-profit organizations for mutual benefit, and look forward to learning more about and having a voice in proposed developments that encroach on sensitive ecological areas and floodplains.

If elected, will work to ensure environmental concerns and climate action are front and centre and are not afterthoughts. I have seen personally that solutions to these challenges also bring social, economic, and health benefits.

The environment will live on without us. We cannot live without the environment.