

From: [Marlys Diamond](#)
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Subject: Sound/Acoustics at Council Meetings
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I attended the May 18 council meeting. As at the April 27 meeting when there was a Public Hearing, I found the acoustics of the Council Chamber extremely poor.

For some reason, the sound of the YouTube conveyance of the April 27 meeting was a write-off, and people who chose to listen were forced to give up on it. Those who attended that meeting in person, and later wanted to review it on YouTube had the same reaction.

It was therefore wonderful to look at the May 18 meeting on YouTube and find the sound to be very clear. Kudos for whatever was done to improve the situation.

The in-person attendance at the May 18 meeting was sparse, with the majority of attendees leaving the meeting after the delegations. The count for viewers on YouTube showed 151 views this morning. I may have been one of them as I wanted to compare the sound quality with the April 27 experience.

The quality of sound and viewing was much superior to the in-Chamber experience. You could hear clearly, and see each councillor. Additionally, any slide presentations were superior to the viewer. As comments at the end of the meeting are no longer accepted, but to be submitted by email within 48 hours, I believe YouTube viewing will be more popular in the future. It's easy, and environmentally friendly for those who might have to drive into town.

Is there anything that could be done to improve chamber acoustics? Additionally, having council speak more directly into their microphones might make for a better listening result!

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Dear Mayor and Council:

Thank you to the Council for taking the presentation on the current climate emergency seriously and proposing action. I think it's important that the Council formally declare a climate emergency. It makes a public commitment, not just a private meeting of minds that can later get distracted by other priorities. It creates awareness of the seriousness of our current climate situation, not only within our community but among other communities. It shows our town's willingness to respond and help in the face of this emergency, which is affecting us all. Forty-eight people on the island dying from the heat dome of the past year is not a small thing.

All best,

Lally Grauer

From: [Weslie Gould](#)
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Subject: Public Comments for May 18, 2022 Council Meeting

Mayor & Council - the following are my comments regarding the May 18th, 2022, Council meeting:

- ❖ **Fridays for the Future** - the presentation called for the Town to declare a climate emergency. This call raises several questions about where the Town is headed. It's now over nine months past the public comments deadline for the Community Climate Change Adaptation Plan (CCCAP) and still no indication where this initiative is heading. Before we head off in another direction on the climate issue maybe someone should look at what the website actually says on this.
- ❖ **Bus Garage Site** - what's planned for the parking garage of this site continues to be a bit of a mystery and considerable information is missing which is needed before an informed public dialogue proceeds. There was supposedly a parking and a traffic study conducted but we've heard nothing about what they say and there's no mention of these studies in the Staff Memorandum. Then there's the cost which leaves a big question mark. The Staff Memorandum notes that *'that underground parking costs have increased dramatically'*. With a tight budget, concerns over property tax increases and other uncertainties is underground parking a top priority?
- ❖ **Community Amenity Contributions (CAC's)** - how Qualicum Beach approaches this matter is another head scratcher, and the Town is clearly out of step with most other B.C. communities. The question is WHY? What's the objective and what will be the impacts? Maybe we should look to the new CAO for some guidance on this matter. She coordinated an updated CAC policy for Oak Bay in 2019 based on *'values reflecting those found within other local municipalities'*. It's also worth looking at the supporting Staff Memorandum 'Re: Community Amenity Contributions Policy - PLP00008' dated April 5, 2019 on the Oak Bay website. Qualicum Beach might learn something.

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