

## FIVE QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CANDIDATES IN BC'S 2024 ELECTION

It's on! British Columbians are heading to the polls on October 19th, and election campaigns are in full swing. Political leaders and candidates across the province are making the rounds – door-knocking, speaking to voters and participating in local debates – presenting unique opportunities for us to hear what they have to say about key issues and policies related to environmental and social justice.

Not sure what to say when your candidates come knocking? Looking for questions to raise at an upcoming debate in your community? Our lawyers have put together a list of five questions for BC election candidates about a few key priorities for nature and communities.

### Questions for candidates:

1. B.C. is not currently on track to meet its near- or long-term legislated greenhouse gas reduction targets to fight climate change.
  - a. If elected, what are the top three things your government would do to meet 2025, 2030 and 2050 GHG reduction targets?
  - b. If your party is not in favour of the carbon tax, will you commit to replacing it with an (at least) equivalent measure, and to meeting our climate targets?
2. How would your government create pathways for supporting Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas (IPCAs) under BC law?
3. Will you enshrine the newly released Coastal Marine Strategy in law? What else will you do to ensure the Coastal Marine Strategy is implemented?
4. Would your government enact a new mineral tenure law that is consistent with *UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* as soon as possible? How would you ensure the public plays a meaningful role in the process of reforming BC's mining laws?
5. If elected, would your government enact a Biodiversity and Ecosystem Health Law to prioritize biodiversity and ecosystem health across all sectors (as recommended by the independent Old Growth Strategic Review)?