

Municipal Candidates Climate Accountability Survey

The costs of climate change to our communities are rapidly mounting, both in damages and in infrastructure needed to prevent further damage. Meanwhile 20 fossil fuel companies (including giants like Chevron, Exxon Mobil and Saudi Aramco) are collectively responsible for almost 30% of the human-caused greenhouse gas emissions in the atmosphere today and are making massive profits continuing to develop their oil, gas and coal reserves.

1. Many communities don't know how much climate change is costing them at present, and will cost in the future. Will you commit to putting systems in place to identify and track those costs?
2. Will you work to develop and implement climate adaptation plans to reduce the harm that climate change causes in your community? How will you fund climate adaptation?
3. Will you commit to protecting taxpayers by seeking to recover a fair share of climate costs from the fossil fuel companies who profit from selling products that result in greenhouse gases? Specifically, if elected, would you ask your Council to:
 - a. Send Climate Accountability letters from your community to major fossil fuel producers demanding that they pay their fair share of local climate costs caused by their activities and products?
 - b. Press the province of BC to enact Liability for Climate-related Harms laws to give municipalities and others greater legal certainty, lower costs and timely resolutions if they sue to recover climate damages from fossil fuel companies?
 - c. Explore legal action against fossil fuel companies to recover a share of local climate costs?
4. In your view, why is it important (or not) to hold fossil fuel companies accountable for your community's climate costs?