

## Election 2015 Candidate Survey from GSA : Entry # 272

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### Survey Questions

#### 1. In light of the recent Marathassa oil spill in English Bay, what do you see as the top three priorities for improving marine oil spill preparedness and response on BC's west coast?

First, provide the funding to Transport Canada and the Coast Guard so that they can respond quickly to oil spills. Second, expand the Coast Guard so that it has the resources to do so. And third, get tougher on enforcing registration and vessel safety codes, so that these kind of spills don't happen in the first place.

#### 2. What specific actions can the federal government take to ensure that local communities are meaningfully involved in oil spill planning and response?

The federal government should ensure that communities up and down the coast have access to spill preparedness plans and equipment including fire departments, police detachments and local councils. This is especially crucial in more remote communities where there are not Coast Guard facilities and resources in the immediate area. Local communities should have the resources available as first responders in the case of spills and ensure that those community members who respond have access to equipment, training and protective gear for their personal safety. It is natural for community members to want to react and protect their coast and they should have the tools available to do that while a larger response is mounted by the Coast Guard.

#### a) The establishment of a Citizens Advisory Council to facilitate citizen input into and oversight of Canada's marine oil spill preparedness and response regime?

I fully support this proposal. It is critical that all those affected – from municipal and regional governments to First Nations – be involved in this process.

#### b) Federal funding for local governments to ensure that they are adequately prepared to play their part in a coordinated spill response, and manage the impacts of an oil spill on their community?

Transport Canada must be provided with the funding to give local governments on our coast the resources they need to respond quickly to oil spills and clean them up. Federal funding should also be provided to restore and expand our Coast Guard service.

**3. Do you support or oppose Kinder Morgan's proposed TransMountain pipeline expansion project?**

I am unequivocally opposed to the Kinder Morgan pipeline expansion and have been since it was first proposed. I did the first video expose of raw bitumen exports and the Kinder Morgan expansion in 2010 and produced a second short video with Pamela Anderson that went viral and became the first provincial, national and international story about the Kinder Morgan expansion project.

**4. What are your views on the National Energy Board's pipeline review process, including its current TransMountain review?**

The NEB's pipeline review process is totally flawed, and particularly with the TransMountain review. Appointing Steven Kelly to the NEB, an oil industry consultant who has supported the Kinder Morgan proposal, shows a flagrant disregard for the public interest.

**5. What are the three most important steps the federal government should take to tackle climate change?**

First, we need to attend the Paris Climate Summit in December with a solid plan for a binding international agreement on reducing green house gases immediately. Second Canada needs to introduce carbon pricing through a fee and dividend system. Third we need to take immediate action to move to a clean, green energy economy, eliminate the use of thermal coal, stop the expansion of all pipelines exporting raw bitumen from the Alberta oil sands and begin to ramp down our dependence on fossil fuels.

**6. Would you support a cumulative effects assessment to provide information on the combined impacts of all oil, coal and LNG projects currently proposed for the Georgia Strait region?**

Yes. This is the kind of evidence-based information we need to provide governments and the public so they understand that the potential negative consequences of these projects far outweigh any economic benefits.

**7. How should the federal government address the chronic problem of derelict vessels spilling fuel and releasing other contaminants into the marine environment?**

Legislation should be passed that would empower the Canadian Coast Guard to take action when derelict vessels threaten our environment. Registration, insurance and vessel safety codes need to be put in place and enforced. We regulate our highways in this manner and we should regulate our waterways in the same manner. The Green Party believes in the precautionary principle and the principle that the polluter should pay. Funding should be provided for Transport Canada and the Coast Guard so that they can be proactive instead of reactive and take the steps necessary to deal with problem vessels before they cause an environmental disaster and then send the vessel owners a bill.

**8. Do you have any additional comments or activities you would like to share with our supporters?**

I am a filmmaker with a degree in Global Studies and Media Studies. For twenty years I have been making films about social, economic and environmental issues. I have made films about health care, First Nations health and mental health, First Nations culture and residential schools. I have made films about environmental stewardship and protecting community drinking watersheds on Vancouver Island. I have made films about international trade and anti-democratic investor-state agreements.

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I have volunteered and worked closely with a number of environmental and social justice organizations over the decades. Most recently I was the BC-Yukon chapter representative on the national board of the Council of Canadians for three years. I have organized 'Defend our Coast' and 'Defend our Climate' rallies in Nanaimo and hosted town hall

events on a wide variety of issues including the end of the Canada Health Accord, trade and investment treaties (FIPA, CETA, and the SPP), LNG and fracking, salmon farming and the pipeline and oil tanker proposals.