

Election 2015 Candidate Survey from GSA : Entry # 247

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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?

1. Divesting Canada's economy's current investment into oil.
2. Establishing informational radio communication channels to facilitate safer sea trade and travel.
3. Restore the coastguard station at English Bay.

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

Clarify the risk of the transportation of oil within our waterways.

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?

Support!
Everyone deserves to give their input in a democracy, but I would prioritize divesting from oil and coast guard/Environment Canada advisory council

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?

Support!
We will work our hardest to prevent the conditions that may result in an oil spill, such as the divestment from oil, and will provide support for catastrophic environmental disasters.

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

Oppose!
It's too risky to have more oil in our waterways. The oil is unprocessed and would be disastrous to the environment in the event of a spill.

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

Industry captured, we should have different organizations within the Canadian government such as Environment Canada appoint members to oversee the process.

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

1. Reducing the amount of waste that we generate
2. The acceleration of the development of renewable energy sources
3. Creating a 21st century environmentally friendly economy

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, I would like such an assessment to look analyze the life cycle of such resources as well as take into consideration unmeasured variables such as the methane emissions entering our atmosphere through fracking.

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

Strong support for safe trade through information networks and coast guards.