

## Candidate: Josh Steffler

**Party: BC Libertarian Party**

**Riding: Esquimalt Metchosin**

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### **1) What is your position on Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain pipeline project?**

I am not opposed to pipelines. They are a safer way to transport our resources than if we used rail. I would demand any corporate welfare for them be ceased, if a spill occurs, then the company needs to be held accountable for the costs to clean it up.

*a) If you oppose the project, what specific steps would you take if elected to ensure the project does not proceed?*

*b) If you support the project, what specific steps would you take if elected to ensure BC's communities, environment and economy are protected?*

The only way the environment can be protected is if we protect people's property rights. If someone who owns land says no pipeline can come through, then that is the final answer. I would eliminate any corporate welfare such as legislation that removes the accountability of the company owning the pipeline. Corporations need to pay the full cost of any damages their property causes.

### **2) In 2016 the *Environmental Management Act* was amended to develop [a new framework for land-based spill preparedness and response in BC](#), which will be implemented through future regulations. What is your view of the proposed framework? What, if any, changes would you make to the framework if you were to form government, and what would be your first priorities?**

Seems reasonable. Polluter pays, Avoiding unnecessary duplication, Opportunities for First Nations, Continuous Improvement. All sound ideas.

*b) How would you propose to work with the federal government to strengthen marine spill planning and response, and to ensure that the provincial and federal regimes are aligned?*

We must keep the communication lines open, and work collaboratively rather than based on combative and partisan political parties.

*c) What specific actions can the provincial government take to ensure that local communities are meaningfully involved in oil spill planning and response?*

Eliminate the Carbon Tax so citizens can have more money in their own pocket to direct to their preferred environmental action group, and can fund their own community response team with their own cash.

*d) For example, would you support provincial recognition of and funding for a Regional Community Advisory Council ([a world-leading tool pioneered in Alaska, see p. 71](#)) as a formal mechanism for local governments, First Nations and coastal community stakeholders to participate in oil spill prevention, preparedness, planning and recovery?*

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

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