

Candidate: Joel Gibbs

Riding: Burnaby

- 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?**

Yes

- 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?**

Yes, we need to make Burnaby carbon neutral in less than 2 decades to do our part to minimize the effects of climate change. Adapting to climate change and introducing measures to minimize the effect on our community is important, but we also need to focus on massively reducing our city's emissions. As for funding, I would like to see the majority of tax revenue come from taxing negative externalities, including GHG's and other pollution. I will stongly lobby the province to either implement this at the provincial level, or at least allow cities to tax pollution and other negative externalities. In the absence of that, using business licenses and other permitting fees, linked to the pollution produced by the entity being licensed is something I would like to see implemented.

- 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?**

Yes.

- 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?**

Yes.

- c. Explore legal action against fossil fuel companies to recover a share of local climate costs?**

Yes.

- 4. In your view, why is it important (or not) to hold fossil fuel companies accountable for your community's climate costs?**

Roughly 70 companies globally contribute the majority of GHG emissions driving climate change. We need to hold them accountable for their true costs of businesses instead of subsidizing those.