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- 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?**

I think it is a great idea to get track of it, just like we have been doing on UV Index, and post it at a prominent place as the illuminated school bulletins! University students can build the system and get public school students keep at it. They'll do an amazing job while their parents look at them nervously. Nonetheless, it's for fun for them, not as a job training project, in any part. The job training at schools should be handed over to the city, and I have framed a program I call Volunteer Job Pool Program. This starts with some small jobs but can eventually open the door for the physicians to move on to private health care that will enhance public health care system too, through the Volunteer Job Pool Program.

- 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?**

Absolutely! In good old days, when something new appears needed, we think about using things we already have and simply use it or convert it to different forms and keep figure out until things appear buying is the only choice. Nowadays, more likely, we'll just go out and buy up and return (for whatever the reason), especially the way government has been doing, it goes straight to the table to draw out the plan what to buy and when. this "when" is especially important, thinking it makes more or less costly (and dig up all the streets (for instance) at once, because it is "less costly at the certain period of time, but it is more destructive than having benefits!). Instead, the city needs a plan and new politics to re-adjust the prices of goods and services that keeps going up never comes down. I think of two examples:

1. Back to the transit -- instead keep building, we should add public transit to the single-payer program along with the public health care system and figure out other ways to solve congestion problems, adding more shuttle buses or express buses, which the Translink has started already. And pay attention to its own problems that failed the referendum.

2. Sensitivity self-training -- through decades of job training public education, we have become insensitive and have ruined the nature which turned out to be very fragile. So, we need to train ourselves to return as spiritual beings, starting from our feet so that they'll never step on anything other than concrete side walk or dirt, especially worms, slugs, spiders, screws, dead or alive, and so on even a pebble. It is very effective way to recover our human sensitivity from mental situation. That's the way I myself have come about. Either way it doesn't cost extra, I am sure, and we are back to graceful spiritual human beings. In addition, the earth cannot stand more digging and building, so we must find out some Passive Solutions that will benefit all, rich or poor.

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. The way our parents and their parents have done, it is least costly method of doing things, especially considering the limited resources. Self training to be a sensitive, loving human being is best and fastest way to face this climate change dilemma. We can observe our own behavior and stop doing such adversary way of doing things pollutes environment and after then the upset climate to settle down is just the matter of time.

Things should be done step by step, and we should start from this individual level. The construction of the Site C dam kind of falls here. When human and other creatures come together for help, we help humans first and let the rescued humans to deal with non-human side. The dam must be stopped and use the resources there, including the \$2 million, living quarters the site itself to rescue humanity, starting from the homeless people.

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. This should be easy if the politicians who runs or works together to run the government understand there duties and carry out right. But since it seems not the case, we have to, as you say, press (or fight hard enough if it doesn't listen) the BC government to enforce with the legal matter.

Yet again, we must look into ourselves, to take the 100% responsibility on our part. We all know that the judicial system itself is one of the worst, along with the Transit, considering the matter of corruption. We cannot depend on it, facing the worst problem we have.

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

Yes. In all, we are to deal with corruption either in politics or in our mind and fix the way we educate our children, starting from public education - schools, at all cost, for the best massive timely results. Yet it should not be costly to deliver the right education. From these corrections, the rightness will sprout. We need, especially in Burnaby where one political party has ruled decades, we need different politics which will also work on high ever increasing taxes and goods and services.

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

It is important to have the companies act responsibly. However, as we were all told a few years ago that one out of five of us suffer from mental conditions, and considering social problems we have come a few more years with more intense problems so far (as housing, drugs, addiction, homeless and more), the mental situations must have been gone far beyond by now, then what are we to actually deal with right now? If we try all the best to solve these problems but leave out the school problems, while the main culprit is the education that keeps creating mental illnesses and even maims people, make people emotionally disabled, we are to deal with the education and help those damaged people end in suffering from all those maladies. Without dealing with the heart of the problems, blaming others will keep accumulating issues beyond problems. IT IS EMERGENCY. We are to stop the Site C dam construction and redirect the resources from the companies, to rescue humanity. Please, don't say it is late.