

Candidate: Amy Lubik

Riding: Port Moody

- 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 - We can look for best practices elsewhere in BC or other jurisdictions. For example, we could copy the policy of Powell River to instruct staff to examine the impact of climate change on the costs in our asset management planning. We may also look to regional studies to help estimate costs, such as the over \$1.9 million in damages relating to sea-level rise for Port Moody from a 2012 provincial study by DelCan.

- 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 - I have some professional experience in helping municipalities adapt to extreme heat, I and I am currently a volunteer on the Climate Action Committee dedicated to helping design and implement a climate action committee; we will be working to decrease GHG emissions and plan adaptation and mitigation measures. Some of the funds will come from grants from other levels of levels of government. I would also hope to petition the provincial government to include municipal funding and supports in their climate action strategy through the Union of BC Municipalities. From a proactive standpoint, having a plan to adapt and mitigate the impacts of climate change (including the health impacts) would save money in the longrun (example -The Canadian Federation of Municipalities estimates a \$100,000 stormwater structure placed in the right area could save up to \$10 million in flood damage - <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/climate-change-municipalities-unprepared-for-weather-whiplash-warns-meteorologist-1.3200332>)

- 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. I was part of a delegation by WCEL to do that in Port Moody, as two organizations I volunteer for support the campaign because of the health and social costs of climate change.

- 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. I hope we wouldn't have to, but I would be open to it.

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

Municipalities receive 8 cents on the tax dollar but will bear the responsibility for the majority the costs of climate related damages- from police and fire costs to infrastructure damage-this is not fair. Climate change related health costs will also be high for our residents, both monetary and bodily, and hit our most vulnerable residents, such as the homeless and the elderly, hardest; as the closest level of government to the people we have a responsibility to advocate on their behalf.