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Riding: SCRD - Area D

- 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'm a strong believer in what gets measured, gets managed. So 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?**

I am planning on improving our wildfire resilience and closely monitoring ocean level rise projections and changing minimum setbacks accordingly. Hopefully we can fund the wildfire resilience as part of our essential infrastructure improvements.

- 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?**

No Answer

- 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?**

I doubt a and c will be within the scope of my mandate unless b is enacted. If somebody creates a petition or class-action suit and there is reasonable chance of success, I will happily be part of it.

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

No Answer

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

I think the only way that fossil fuel companies can be held accountable like the tobacco companies is if it can be proven that the fossil fuel companies knowingly deceived and acted against scientific findings and evidence to diminish the perception of the hazards their products cause. Once that is proven I think there may be a case. I don't believe that municipalities should be the ones funding that lawsuit. That is a matter for the Supreme Court, imho.