

Candidate: Angela Girard

Riding: City of North Vancouver

- 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. I believe it is time to take decisive action on getting a handle of identifying and tracking these costs. I would be interested in seeing a suggested model system that Georgia Strait Alliance would recommend.

- 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. Funding for climate adaptation plans could come from a carbon emissions fee levied against carbon emitters from industry in the municipality for the pollution they produce. This revenue could also be used to minimize pollution by investing it not only into climate adaptation plans, but also into clean air, energy and water initiatives.

- 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 believe it is time to hold major fossil fuel producers accountable. Perhaps, with political pressure, it may force fossil fuel producers to innovate and diversify into green energy with the multi millions they have made in extracting fossil fuels.

- 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?**

Agreed - however, since I am not a legal expert, I am unclear what the consequences would be by not pressing the Province to enact these liability laws.

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

It is worth pursuing since, I believe, there is sufficient evidence that greenhouse gases are directly correlated to the extraction and use of fossil fuels.

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

As indicated in my answer to question 3.c) I believe there is sufficient evidence showing that greenhouse gas emissions are caused by the use of fossil fuels. As such, I would support holding fossil fuel companies accountable for these additional climate adaptation costs, as was done with tobacco producers respecting rising health costs from health related issues proven to be caused by tobacco use.