

Candidate: Anthony Manning

Riding: White Rock

- 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!

White Rock's shoreline is its greatest asset. Not only does its iconic pier draw tourists that support Marine Drive businesses, but homes ring the waterfront. It's imperative that our municipal government has a long-term vision to protect this area and take immediate steps to preserve it.

- 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!

Any strategic plan must be mapped out in conjunction with our neighbours, the Semihamoo First Nation, as well as partners in provincial and federal governments. The community of Blaine, WA, with whom Semihamoo Bay is also shared, must also be included.

- 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?**

Letters are a good first step, but they should also be reinforced with bylaws.

- 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?**

To reduce cost and avoid confusion, Harms Laws should have a statute of limitations so that suits don't stretch back to recover damages that, for example, have been 50 years or more in the making. A specific date when awareness of climate change science emerged should be agreed to. Any mitigation not taken after that date should then be considered for litigation.

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

BNSF owns and operates a rail line through the heart of our waterfront. Trains carrying coal pass through this area daily en route to Deltaport. Not only is fossil fuel burned to

transport the coal, but its cargo also contributes to global warming.

Rail relocation has been a hot-button topic in White Rock for many years. If it ever happens, it will take the concerted effort of municipal, provincial and federal governments as well as the Semihamoo First Nation. Until then, BNSF should be subject to carbon offset levies for passing through our community.

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.

The dangers of consuming alcohol and tobacco are known and documented. Purchase of those products is taxed accordingly, to both discourage their use and offset the costs to our health care system by those who continue to use them. Consuming fossil fuels is no different.