

Candidate: Barbara Buchanan

Riding: 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 and the costs are only going up.

- 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 a health and safety specialist and will work to reduce the risk of climate change that will harm the city of Vancouver.

I will look further into the West coast environmental law proposals.

- 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.

- 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?**

Cities and the federal and provincial governments must work together.

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

All avenues of action must be looked at to fund climate costs.

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

Climate Resilience is very important and can be seen as an investment rather than a cost. The costs of being unprotected and unprepared will far exceed going for prevention. The taxpayer is stretched and is paying taxes to all levels of government. I will look to the fossil fuel companies for their contribution.