

Candidate: Benny Ogden

Riding: New Westminster

- 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 prefer to focus on the positive aspects. Rather than raising alarms, we should be focussing on offering positive solutions. This can include composting, green roofs, upgrading electric grids to allow people to sell electricity back to grids, etc. I'm also available for anyone who has other positive ideas.v

- 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?**

Part of my platform is to offer tax rebates for people who do something positive for the environment. I'm also planning to make it so that every new apartment building has either a green roof or rooftop garden.

- 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?**

No Answer

- 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?**

The unfortunate part of this issue is that the fossil fuel companies are only in business because people buy the product. I feel that the better priority is to focus on finding solutions. This would include building infrastructure for electric vehicles.