

## Candidate: Bill Irving

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- 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.

- 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, either through budget item or in regional partnerships.

- 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?**

Although I appreciate the 3 options available I believe that another option. I believe government should convene a Climate Change advisory of government, industry, academia and community interests with a mandate to recommend process where an independent study provides a view of the scope of the issues related to Climate Change. These recommendations would be the catalyst for a solution driven process to deal not only with broader issues of reducing hydrocarbon use but also localized impacts on fisheries and agriculture. This may take a few years but the present norm of letter writing and legal action also takes time with limited success. It is time we sat groups down and shifted from conflicting "views" to solutions.

- 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?**

Although I agree that petro-chemical industry has benefitted from "subsidies", in the end the users are just as accountable. We need to share in solutions.