

Candidate: Blake MacLeod

Riding: Gibsons

- 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?**

The Town of Gibsons is putting in place measures to value riparian waterways and watersheds as a way to better establish the costs of development on the environment, and to measure and protect these resources.

- 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?**

If elected, I will work in my role as Mayor to raise awareness of the threats from climate change on our community and beyond. Funding for climate adaptation will be considered and determined using a holistic approach, with decisions taken in balance with overall budget demands.

- 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?**

It is important to hold fossil fuel companies accountable for the planet's climate costs, this especially because of the decades of cover-up, efforts to discredit the science on climate change, and the still ongoing lobbying efforts to quash government policy that would have brought about a slowing and reversal in the build-up of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.

There are many other changes required to end our dependency on fossil fuels, including societal and political. Especially important, is a desperately needed change in the way we elect our governments from 'first past the post', to 'proportional representation'. This fundamental flaw in our democracy allows wealthy corporations to exert excessive control over all of our future.