

## Candidate: Carrie McLaren

Riding: Burnaby

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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 I commit to making sure there is a system in place for climate change costs, if it is not measured it can't be tracked.

- 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. Will the help of various NGO's, senior levels of Government, we need to inventory what in the community is vulnerable to various climate change events (we already know about earthquake issues in the region). Using research and plans already completed, and examples of adaptations from other parts of the world, we can put in place plans to reduce the harm from climate change events in the community.

- 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?**

Yes

- 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?**

Fossil Fuel companies have known about the damage their industry has caused since the 80's. They benefit their bottom line profits by not paying for any of the external costs their industry causes; from not cleaning up pollution, incomplete remediation of contaminated sites, etc.

Polluter pays legislation should be enacted and enforced!