

Candidate: Chuck Puchmayr

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?**

Yes. We are already engaged in goal setting and reviewing our reduction targets

- 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?**

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- 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. We have already engaged in the Kinder Morgan pipeline dispute as well as processed a court challenge to an attempt to build a thermal coal port across the river from New Westminster

- 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. I would strongly support this.

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

Yes. We are on record of litigating fossil fuel companies whose activities affect the brand of New Westminster.

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

The impacts of global warming and climate change have a direct cost on maintaining our city's infrastructure.

