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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, the identification and tracing of climate change costs are the the first thing we need to do going forward. I however do not have knowledge of such systems and would have to reach out to partners in order to identify future costs.

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?

We are already trying to adapt to climate change, I will work to reduce the cost and harm of climate change. At this time I have no idea how to pay for this. I have been inundated by people wanting money for pickle-ball courts, bike paths, and bag ban's. Although these are worthy causes that are important ...the elephant in the room is the temperature. I feel as though I am being asked to re-arrange the deck chairs on the Titanic.

- 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. This is too big for municipalities to address on their own, we need to have the support of not only the province, but the Federal government as well. At this time I do not see this support coming from the feds...as they have just bought into a major pipe line.

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?

I do not think my community will ever see any accountability for climate cost from fossil fuel companies. Because higher levels of governance are already bought and paid for. We need to finance new clean sources of energy; higher in energy density than oil, there by making oil redundant.

As coal made wood redundant, and oil made coal redundant, new forms of nuclear (Thorium molten salt) based rectors will make oil redundant.

Electricity is " zero point " and one day we will harvest it from the environment, I wish only to live as long as to see the day.